

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES  
 300 SCHOOL STREET  
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: May 28, 2024, 7:02 P.M., EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Amato.

ROLL CALL:	Salvatore Amato	Present
	Sherwin Collins	Present
	Anji Fazio	Present
	Alexander Groce	Present
	Brittany Kohler	Absent
	Wendy McClure	Present
	Sally Neiderhiser	Present
	Mark Tarlecki	Present
	Sarah Whelan	Present - Remote
	Mayor Neil McDevitt	Absent

Also, in attendance were Gregory Gifford, Borough Solicitor, Alex Turock, Assistant Manager, Benjamin Raybold, Public Works Supervisor, and Braeden Bussman, Junior Council Person.

President Amato led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Public Comment**

Beth Anne Sinotte, 703 Church Street, invited Council to join in the NWCPA's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.

Steve Welsh, 901 E Prospect Avenue, thanked public works for leaving a notice at his neighbor's house thanking the property owner for maintaining the property so well. His neighbor mentioned to him how great he thought that was.

Manager Hart explained that this is something Public Works does when they have seen a property consistently well maintained for a significant period of time.

### **Consideration: Acceptance of Donation of a North Wales National Bank \$20 Note**

Manager Hart explained that the Note was donated by Bud and Linda Rhoads. It is a \$20 note from the North Wales National Bank of which Mr. Swartley was president. The bank was on Main Street across from what is now the Running Company. Manager Hart expressed everyone's gratitude to Bud and Linda for donating the item.

Member McClure made a motion to accept the donation of a North Wales National Bank & 20 Note. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Acceptance of Donations for 2024 Summer Kick-Off Fireworks**

Manager Hart thanked the donors for their support of the fireworks celebration this year. Member McClure made a motion to accept the donations for 2024 Summer Kick-Off Fireworks. Member Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

**Discussion: North Wales Arts and Cultural Center Update**

Manager Hart presented a slideshow regarding the potential organizational structure of the Arts and Cultural Center. The presentation outlined the three spaces in the building, the non-profit center, banquet hall, and performing arts center. A potential organizational structure would be for Borough Administration to manage the use of the non-profit center by local organizations, an exclusive caterer to manage the banquet hall, and an arts commission to establish contracts with a non-profit or agency to manage the performing arts center. All of this would leave opportunities for Borough events to be carved out of any schedules created. The next steps would be to select and contract an exclusive caterer and establish tenants for the non-profit center.

Vice President Tarlecki recommended creating a long-term plan for improving parking facilities or creating shared parking options.

Manager Hart responded that we have applied for grant funding to complete the parking lot improvements needed and will work to communicate with local business for shared parking agreements.

Member McClure commented that she has been very impressed with the construction work that has taken place thus far.

Al Tenney, 801 E Walnut Street, suggested that there be language in contracts that would allow for changing exclusive caterers if the Borough is unsatisfied with the services.

Manager Hart explained that the Borough will be interviewing caterers who work in similar historic spaces without onsite kitchen facilities.

Manager Hart also stated that the wood floor in the new bathrooms is being salvaged by Pete Sardaro to fill a space in the banquet hall that was removed during previous renovations. Upon inspection by Ray Tschoepe of the Historical Architectural Review Board and Greg Lorg previous Zoning Hearing Board member, it was recommended that the wood floor must be salvaged because it is such old growth Southern Yellow Pine that it is irreplaceable.

**Consideration: Approval of COA 523 E. Montgomery Ave & 117 N. Main Street**

Member McClure made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 523 E Montgomery Ave. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Member Fazio made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 117 N. Main Street. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Approval of Disbursements: \$329,899.70**

Manager Hart explained that the bills are higher than usual this month due to disbursements to CM3 for the work at the Arts and Cultural Center.

Member McClure made a motion to pay the bills. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

### **Consideration: Approval of Minutes: May 14th, 2024**

Member McClure made a motion to approve the minutes of May 14th, 2024. Member Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

### **Old Business / Committee & Board Reports/ Zoning Applications**

Manager Hart explained that Parks and Rec had a successful Community Garden event and is gearing up for Summer Kick-off.

Solicitor Gifford provided an update from his research on the Zoning Application for 405 School Street. After doing so, Member Neiderhiser made a motion to send a letter from the Solicitor with Council's recommendations to Zoning Hearing Board regarding the application.

Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

### **Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Chief / Public Works / Manager**

Solicitor Gifford stated that Council did not reconvene after last meeting's executive session. He announced two matters for executive session after tonight's meeting, one legal and one real estate.

Member Fazio thanked Parks and Recreation for putting on a great Community Garden Event.

Member Whelan recognized all of those who have fallen in service to our country. She also thanked the donors for the summer kickoff fireworks because it is a highlight of the event.

Member McClure thanked all the property owners who keep their properties maintained and hopes that the Borough can do more to recognize the positives in the community.

Junior Council Person Bussman thanked all of those who serve our country.

Manager Hart highlighted the Borough's honorable mention in Delaware Valley Trust's Risk Management Innovation Awards for the Borough's mandatory training program and health and wellness initiatives program.

Manager Hart summarized the upcoming events in the Borough including Summer Kickoff (June 8<sup>th</sup>), the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, and Community Day (September 28<sup>th</sup>). She also stated that the Borough has mosquito dunks available for residents to manage mosquito populations on their properties.

**Adjournment**

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to adjourn. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 P.M.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Christine A. Hart  
Borough Manager