

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES  
 300 SCHOOL STREET  
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: November 12, 2024, 7:03 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	Present
	Wendy McClure	Present – Arrived 7:26
	Sally Neiderhiser	Absent
	Mark Tarlecki	Present
	Sarah Whelan	Present – Arrived 7:05
	Mayor Neil McDevitt	Present

Also, in attendance were Greg Gifford, Borough Solicitor, Alex Turock, Assistant Manager, David Erenius, Chief of Police, and Braeden Bussman, Junior Council Person.

President Amato led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Proclamation: Michael McAdoo Day**

Mayor McDevitt proclaimed November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Michael McAdoo Day in honor of his service to the Borough and impact on its residents as a Council Member from 1975 to 1991.

Frank Baxter, President of North Penn Volunteer Fire Company, expressed his gratitude for the McAdoo's support of the fire company over the years.

President Amato expressed his appreciation for all that Michael McAdoo did to serve the community, many organizations of the Borough, and our country.

### **Public Comment**

Erin Thompson, Children's Librarian at North Wales Area Library, gave a report on upcoming events at the library and also expressed her gratitude for the McAdoo's generous support of the library as well.

Colette D'Angelo, 921 E. Prospect Ave., thanked those who helped the resident who had a medical episode on Election Day at one of the Borough's polling places.

### **Consideration: Authorize Advertisement of 2025 Budget**

Manager Hart reviewed changes to the budget since the presentation at the last meeting.

Member Kohler made a motion to Authorize Advertisement of 2025 Budget. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Authorize Payment of \$12,426.87 for the 9<sup>th</sup> St. Park Project**

Manager Hart reviewed the engineer's letter recommending payment.

Member McClure made a motion to Authorize Payment of \$12,426.87 for the 9<sup>th</sup> St. Park Project. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Certification of Qualified Volunteers List for EIT Credit**

Member McClure made a motion to Certify the Qualified Volunteers List for EIT Credit. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

**Presentation: NWACC Committee Update**

Assistant Manager Turock presented an update on the development of an organizational structure for the North Wales Arts and Cultural Center. With two aspects established, the non-profit center and banquet hall/conference center, the last aspect that Council will need to determine is the management of the performing arts center. An Arts Commission and a non-profit organization were both presented as options vetted by the subcommittee. The subcommittee expressed its recommendation of establishing or partnering with a nonprofit organization to maximize opportunities for grants, memberships, sponsorships, and other revenue sources that may be unavailable to an arts commission.

President Amato asked that the subcommittee further research the nonprofit options and return to Council with a process to be approved.

**Consideration: Approval of Minutes: October 22nd, 2024**

Member McClure made a motion to Approve the Minutes of October 22nd, 2024. Member Kohler seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

**Old Business / Committee & Board Reports / Zoning Applications / Parking Lot**

Vice President Tarlecki reviewed Planning Commission's ongoing work on the SALDO rewrite.

President Amato reviewed the process for discussing the Parking Lot at meetings.

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

Solicitor Gifford announced an executive session will be held after the meeting to discuss two matters of potential litigation and update Council on one matter of past litigation.

Mayor McDevitt reminded residents that they can speak up and stand for what's right. He thanked all veterans for their service. He also reminded residents that the burn ban is still in place due to the extremely dry conditions for the foreseeable future.

Member Whelan thanked all veterans for their service.

Member Kohler also thanked all veterans and thanked all of the poll workers. She reiterated that regardless of national politics, we are all members of the same community that work together, live together, and play together.

Vice President Tarlecki expressed his appreciation for residents who turned out to vote citing an 83% polling rate.

President Amato expressed his appreciation for all of the young voters who he saw voting for the first time.

Manager Hart stated that PECO's infrastructure upgrade has been delayed. She also reviewed upcoming events including the Montgomery County Borough's Association Dinner and several library events. She encouraged residents and business owners to complete the Comprehensive Plan Audit Survey.

### **Adjournment**

Member Fazio made a motion to adjourn. Member Kohler seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

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

Christine A. Hart  
Borough Manager