

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES  
 300 SCHOOL STREET  
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: November 22, 2022, 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
	Wendy McClure	Present
	Sally Neiderhiser	Present
	Eion O'Neill	Present, participated remotely
	Mark Tarlecki	Present
	Sarah Whelan	Absent
	Mayor Neil McDevitt	Present

Also, in attendance were Gregory Gifford, Borough Solicitor, David Erenius, Chief of Police, Brian Sleicher, Public Works Supervisor, and Alan Guzzardo, Assistant Borough Manager

President Amato led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Presentation: RACP Grant for the Community and Non-Profit Center Project**

State Representative Liz Hanbidge presented the Borough with a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program Grant Check in the amount of \$1 million for the North Wales Borough Community and Non-Profit Center Project.

President Amato thanked Representative Hanbidge and Borough staff for all their efforts with securing the RACP grant. Manager Hart thanked all the elected officials for providing their support and announced that the Borough will move forward with the \$2.7 million dollar project.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment at this time.

### **Consideration: Acceptance of RACP Grant**

Member McClure made a motion to accept a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program Grant in the amount of \$1 million for the North Wales Borough Community and Non-Profit Center Project. Member Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Approval to Advertise 2023 Annual Budget**

Manager Hart highlighted some revisions to the Preliminary 2023 Annual Budget including, adding Council expenditures, and adding Admin and Police training courses. She then reviewed county-wide millage comparison charts.

President Amato announced that the budget format is new, detailed and he encouraged residents to review the budget and reach out if they have any questions.

Member Fazio made a motion to approve advertisement of the 2023 Annual Budget. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Appointment of Shade Tree Commission Member, Term Ending December 31, 2026**

Elliot Sadlon introduced himself and Council welcomed Elliot to the Shade Tree Commission.

Member O'Neill made a motion to appoint Elliot Sadlon to the Shade Tree Commission, term ending 12/31/2026. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Approval of Certificate of Appropriateness: 131 Shearer Street**

Member McClure made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness as presented for a roof replacement project at 131 Shearer Street. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Approval of Payment #1 (\$137,700.00): North Wales Area Library Roof Replacement Project**

Manager Hart explained that the contractor is waiting for some materials to finish the project and the final payment will be issued upon completion.

Member Fazio made a motion to approve payment #1 in the amount of \$137,700.00 for the North Wales Area Library Roof Replacement Project. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Approval of 2023 Media Proposal**

Member Collins presented the 2023 Media Proposal. He explained that Daniel Natale would provide social media services including Instagram and LinkedIn, in addition to Facebook. Member Collins said they are looking for approval from Council in the amount of \$3,150.00 for the social media contract.

Member Fazio reviewed the Digital Newsletter proposal in the amount of \$1,200.00. She added that over 70% of survey respondents indicated they wanted to have electronic newsletters.

Manager Hart explained the benefits of the proposal. President Amato mentioned that it would save the Borough staff time and resources.

Member O'Neill expressed concerns with social media monitoring. A discussion ensued regarding social media monitoring.

Member McClure made a motion to approve the 2023 Media Proposal as presented in the total amount of \$4,350.00. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

### **Consideration: Approval of Minutes: November 15, 2022**

Member McClure made a motion to approve the minutes of November 15, 2022. Member Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

### **Consideration: Approval of Disbursements: \$253,324.59**

Member McClure made a motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$253,324.59. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

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

Manager Hart announced that included in the packet are sets of draft minutes from the Human Relations Commission from their November 17 meeting.

Assistant Manager Guzzardo announced that he received a Zoning Hearing Board Application (#22-08), regarding a Minor Home Occupation at 501 E. Prospect Avenue and reviewed the legal notice. He added that the hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 6.

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

Solicitor Gifford announced there will be an executive session for a matter of potential litigation following the meeting and he anticipated no action will be taken following the session.

Mayor McDevitt announced that last week at Council, he spoke briefly about Trans Awareness Week and the sad need for a Trans Day of Remembrance and just over the weekend a shooting occurred at a gay nightclub in Colorado Springs, killing 5 and wounding 17 others. As Mayor, he said he is committed to making sure our Borough remains a welcoming place for everyone and he knows many Council members share that commitment as well. He then announced he had the pleasure of visiting the Library's Holiday Bazaar on Saturday and his son was part of the cleanup crew at Hess Park. He added that events like those show the vitality and excitement of being in North Wales this time of year. He then reminded everyone as we enter the retail period of Black Friday, that we have many small businesses right here in the Borough who can benefit from your dollars way more than Amazon or Walmart will. He added that Small Business Saturday is a great way to support our local businesses. Lastly, he said he stated he wanted to express his gratitude on this Thanksgiving week for everyone who makes North Wales an amazing community to live in - from our police officers, EMS crews, volunteer firefighters at North Penn Volunteer Fire Co who are all on duty 24/7/365 as we celebrate with our families - to the staff,

elected, and appointed officials in the Borough who provide the absolutely necessary but oftentimes unseen, unnoticed, and unappreciated work of government.

Member Collins thanked Manager Hart for securing the grants and Member Fazio for creating the 2023 Media Proposal and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Member Groce and Member Neiderhiser echoed the same comments.

Vice President Tarlecki thanked Mr. Sleicher for hanging all the holiday decorations.

President Amato said that this Borough gives us a lot to be thankful for.

Chief Erenius announced that the Borough was able to secure 11 ballistic helmets and vests to protect the officers in an active shooter event. He then presented a helmet and vest to Council.

Public Works Supervisor Sleicher announced that they are working on the holiday decorations and lights. He added they are working on the tree at the North Penn Volunteer Fire Company. He then reviewed the Hess Park Clean-up Event, took two truckloads of materials out and he said he is thankful for everyone who helped out.

Manager Hart announced the following events: Family COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic on November 30<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 P.M., Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 P.M. and the Soldier's Christmas Collection taking place until December 12<sup>th</sup>.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to adjourn. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Christine A. Hart  
Borough Manager