

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
 300 SCHOOL STREET
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: November 25, 2025, 7:00 P.M., EST

CALL TO ORDER made by Vice-President McClure at 7:00 P.M.

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| ROLL CALL: | Candace Anderson | Present |
| | Sherwin Collins | Absent |
| | Anji Fazio | Present |
| | Alexander Groce | Present |
| | Star Litle | Absent |
| | Wendy McClure | Present |
| | Sally Neiderhiser | Present |
| | Mark Tarlecki | Absent |
| | Sarah Whelan | Absent |
| | Mayor Neil McDevitt | Present |

Also, in attendance were Gregory Gifford, Borough Solicitor, David Erenius, Chief of Police, Danielle Ervin, Assistant Manager, and Junior Council member, Violet Anderson.

Manager Hart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Roseann D'Angelo of 915 E. Montgomery Avenue shared her thoughts on the Borough tax increase. She acknowledged Member McClure concerns about voting for a tax increase but added that everyone has been dealing with the affordability issue for the past four years and that it is not a new concern for most residents. She added that for anyone who is truly struggling, the Borough Council and residents have identified resources where they can seek help, which she thought was very helpful. She continued by saying that she shares Manager Hart's belief that Borough donations derived from taxes should go to the organizations that benefit all residents, such as the Fire Department, the Library, and Volunteer Medical Service Corps (VMSC). She was glad to see that line items were designated to those organizations. She addressed comments by Member Collins explaining why a tax increase was necessary, which she appreciated. Furthermore, she stated that Member Groce's comments on the Finance Committee's work and the importance of the government having a balanced budget. She recognized and appreciated that Junior Council Member Anderson has learned some of the basics of finance and budget in school. As a former high school teacher, she is very aware of the importance of financial education and the long-term repercussions of when it is neglected. She concluded that, as a 20-year resident, it is very important to her that the Borough act as a good tax steward. She realizes that the Borough only receives a small portion of the real estate tax, and as such a one mil tax rate increase seems prudent.

James Schiele of 307 E. Montgomery Avenue pointed out that taxes increase all the time and recognized that it was a difficult choice for the Council to make but expressed concern that over time taxes will be raised to much higher levels. He also pointed out that residents are expecting more from

the government than they did 20-30 years ago. While he did not take a side, he asked everyone to consider the conflict facing Council between raising taxes to higher levels and being able to meet resident expectations more from their governments, not just local but county and above.

Proclamation: Phyllis Byrne Day

Mayor McDevitt summarized the Proclamation for Phyllis Byrne, who served as the predominant historian in the North Wales area and was a well-known author of the local history guidebooks.

Proclamation: St. Peter's Thrift Shop and Joanne Rittenhouse Day

Mayor McDevitt summarized the Proclamation for St. Peter's Thrift Shop and Joanne Rittenhouse. The Thrift Shop has been in service to the Community for 33 years, and this year passed the milestone of donating over \$500,000 to organizations in the area. He also mentioned that Joanne Rittenhouse has served as the volunteer manager at the Thrift Shop for 15 years.

Consideration: Approval of Disbursements: \$85,092.04

Member Fazio made a motion to Approve the Disbursements in the amount of \$85,092.04. Member Groce seconded the motion. Motion passed 5 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: November 18, 2025

Member Fazio made a motion to Approve the Minutes of November 18, 2025. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 5 yes, 0 no.

Old Business / Committee & Board Reports / Zoning Applications

There was no Old Business.

Manager Hart pointed out that the Parks and Recreation Board minutes are included in the packet. She mentioned that they are planning and working on the Summer Kick-off event.

There are no Zoning Applications.

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

Public Works is working on putting up the holiday decorations and will make sure everything is illuminated and ready to go prior to the Tree Lighting Ceremony. They also continue to become familiar with the newly acquired snow removal equipment.

Manager Hart shared the Final Budget Presentation and summarized the key points of the budget along with the accomplishments and goals of each department.

Adjournment

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to adjourn. Member Fazio seconded the motion.
Motion passed 5 yes, 0 no.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Attest: _____
Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager