

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
 300 SCHOOL STREET
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: October 10, 2023, 7:02 P.M., EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Amato.

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

Also, in attendance were John Filice, Esq., Borough Solicitor and David Erenius, Chief of Police.

President Amato led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

Proclamation: John Strobel Day

Mayor McDevitt presented a Proclamation to honor John Strobel, in recognition of his service to the community in various forms including the North Penn Volunteer Fire Company, Borough Council, North Wales Water Authority and North Penn Water Authority. He is currently suffering from primary progressive aphasia and there was a benefit on Saturday, October 7th, 2023, to support Mr. Strobel and his family. Mayor McDevitt proclaimed October 7th to be John Strobel Day.

Mayor McDevitt proceeded to give his mayoral report to Council. Mayor McDevitt asked for a moment of silence to mourn the dead and pray for peace and justice to prevail in the attacks on Israel over the weekend. Mayor McDevitt thanked the volunteers, staff, public works, police and fire company, and everyone who worked to make Community Day such an amazing event. He reported that this month is Fire Prevention Month and it's a great month to take stock of your homes to be fire-safe. He also commented that this weekend, October 14, 2023, is the Chili Cookoff and encouraged everyone to support our local fire company. Mayor McDevitt reported he was at the White House last week to celebrate the 50th and 33rd anniversaries of the Rehabilitation and the Americans with Disabilities Act and enjoyed hearing the President and Vice-President's commitment to equal treatment for all Americans.

Consideration: Acceptance of a Donation from Tex Mex Connection to North Wales Police Department

Jane Keyes presented a donation of \$2,500.00 to the North Wales Police Department. Ms. Keyes also commented that she has another donation of \$5,000.00 for the Borough of North Wales to be used for Green Initiatives that will be on the agenda for the next Borough Council Meeting. Ms. Keyes commented that she feels blessed to be part of this community. President Amato thanked Ms. Keyes for the donation and all that she does for the community. Manager Hart and Chief Erenius thanked Ms. Keyes for being a Class 'A' business owner and for her generosity.

Member McClure made a motion to accept a donation from Tex Mex Connection to North Wales Police Department. Member Groce seconded the motion. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: September 26, 2023

Member McClure made a motion to approve the minutes from September 26, 2023. Member Groce seconded the motion. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no.

Old Business / Committee & Board Reports / Zoning Applications

No old business at this time.

No Committee and Board Reports.

Manager Hart commented that there is a zoning application for 515 East Prospect that will be held on Wednesday, November 15th because Tuesday, November 7th is Election Day.

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

Solicitor Filice commented that after the last Borough Council meeting, Council held an executive session and reconvened to vote to hire a new full time police officer.

Member Kohler thanked everyone involved in Community Day again and was excited to see kids and families walking around the town feeling safe and feeling a sense of community.

Member Groce also thanked everyone involved in Community Day and was glad the weather held out.

Member Tarlecki agreed with Member Kohler and heard a lot of positive comments about the town and how the event was run.

President Amato commented that he's looking forward to the Chili Cookoff and that a lot of the people he met during Community Day were not from North Wales and were visitors who enjoyed the event and the community. President Amato thanked everyone who helped and put effort into Community Day.

Manager Hart especially thanked Public Works for their assistance in helping to run Community Day. Manager Hart also thanked the 41 Sponsors that donated towards Community Day, and the day would not be the same without them.

Manager Hart commented that the only Old/New Business is the 2024 Budget Calendar. There is no date selected yet for finance, but it will be forthcoming. A preliminary budget discussion will be held at the meeting on October 24, 2023.

Adjournment

Member McClure made a motion to adjourn. Member Groce seconded the motion. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 7:19 P.M.

Attest: 
Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager