

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
 300 SCHOOL STREET
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: October 11, 2022, 7:00 P.M., EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Amato.

ROLL CALL:	Salvatore Amato	Present
	Sherwin Collins	Present
	Anji Fazio	Absent
	Alexander Groce	Present
	Wendy McClure	Present
	Sally Neiderhiser	Absent
	Eion O'Neill	Absent
	Mark Tarlecki	Present, participated remotely
	Sarah Whelan	Present
	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.

Public Comment

Loretta Weigner, 430 Shearer Street, reported that the light at Shearer and West has been out for four months now. Mr. Sleicher stated the light was taken down and it's covered under warranty by the Streetlight Procurement Program. He estimated that it will be replaced by the end of October. Manager Hart added that all the lights have been on back-order with the vendor.

Chief Matt Traynor provided a public service announcement on the following items: smoke detectors, fire escape plans, kitchen safety and calling 911 when emergencies occur. He added that October is Fire Prevention Month, and the Fire Company has been visiting schools to educate children on those items. President Amato reminded everyone that heat from fire rises and can cause death even if there are no flames. Member McClure asked about code requirements for Carbon Monoxide detectors. Chief Traynor stated one is required on each floor of a building.

Chief Traynor reminded everyone about the NPVFC Chili Cookoff Event this Saturday, October 15, 2022, from noon to 4 pm at the fire house. He reminded those in attendance that tickets can still be purchased at the door on Saturday if anyone was interested in attending. Mayor McDevitt and Member Whelan thanked Chief Traynor for visiting the schools and educating children on fire safety.

Consideration: Selection of Energy Services Company

President Amato asked what the purpose of the RFQ was for and asked for clarification on the process. Mark Fennell, CM3 Building Solutions, reviewed the Upper Dublin Library Project and used that project as an example of how the Borough will benefit from the process being discussed. President Amato asked about the work order process and Mark explained how this process will provide a risk transfer. Mark explained how he would be tasked with developing a work scope and come back to Borough Council with a definitive proposal. Manager Hart explained that Mark's company will vet out the proposal. Mark stated there are no costs associated with the project at this time until a proposal has been developed.

Member McClure made a motion to select CM3 Building Solutions to facilitate the Guaranteed Energy Services Act renovations project for the North Wales Arts and Cultural Center. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Council Member Communications Document

President Amato announced that the document was created to define and clarify communication channels between Borough officials. Member McClure thanked President Amato for creating this document for everyone on Council and new members coming onboard in the future.

Member McClure made a motion to approve a Council Member Communications Documents. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: September 13, 2022

Member McClure made a motion to approve the minutes of September 13, 2022. Member Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no.

Old Business / Committee & Board Reports / Zoning Applications

Manager Hart announced that included in the packet is a set of minutes from the Planning Commission for a meeting held on Wednesday, October 5. Manager Hart reminded everyone to stay in tuned to the Planning Commission's activities.

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

Solicitor Gifford announced that there will be an executive session tonight to update the Borough on a legal matter and there will be no action following the executive session.

Mayor McDevitt stated he is thankful that despite 6" of rain throughout the remnants of Hurricane Ian, the impact to the Borough was relatively minor. He thanked emergency responders, public works, and Borough staff who kept their eyes and ears open for any impacts. He then reported that he had the pleasure of being part of a vigil against violence on October 2nd at St. Peter's Church. He added that the event was arranged by Borough residents, and it was a very constructive and intentional response to the violence we see in the world around us. He

thanked Pastor Wagner, Pastor Ragwan from North Wales Baptist Church, Victim Services Center of Montgomery County, the volunteers, and speakers of the event. He said he learned how violence is often a cycle and hopefully, shared critical information on how people can break the cycle. He then thanked Borough Resident Tiffany Donato who did much of the work bringing these amazing people together. Lastly, he said he is thankful for the opportunity to sponsor the NPVFC's Chili Cookout on Saturday. He added that it's a great way to celebrate an organization that does so much for our community.

Member Collins announced that there are some good Halloween decorations around town, especially on Shearer Street and encouraged residents to check them out.

Member Whelan encouraged everyone to do their research before voting on candidates regarding gun violence and safety in schools.

Mr. Sleicher encouraged residents to “light the way” for trickier treaters and thanked Loretta Weigner for her concern related to streetlights being illuminated.

Manager Hart announced that a new lending library was installed at the Eighth Street Park. She thanked the residents and The Reporter Newspaper for donating the box, their time, and resources that enabled the addition of the lending library. She then announced the upcoming Chamber of Commerce events for October and November. Lastly, she reviewed the 2023 Annual Budget calendar. President Amato announced the Finance Committee will be meeting soon.

Member McClure a motion to adjourn. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 P.M.

Attest: _____
Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager