

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES  
 300 SCHOOL STREET  
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: October 24, 2023, 7:01 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
	Sally Neiderhiser	Absent
	Mark Tarlecki	Present
	Sarah Whelan	Present
	Mayor Neil McDevitt	Present

Also, in attendance were Alex Turock, Assistant Borough Manager, Gregory Gifford, 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.

### **Discussion: 2024 Preliminary Budget Overview**

Manager Hart thoroughly reviewed the preliminary budget with Council. Member Collins asked who the lost tenant was for the revenue from Room Rentals. Manager Hart responded that it was the church. President Amato asked to clarify the amount in the Capital Equipment Fund. Manager Hart confirmed that it is blank until Council decides on the budget and will be updated depending on what is in the operating account. President Amato asked why contributions are in the recycling fund. Manager Hart responded that these are donations from Tex Mex for Green Initiatives.

Member Fazio asked if Council stipends were up for discussion about an increase and how long it has been since an increase. Solicitor Gifford responded that it has been the same amount since 1986. Manager Hart offered to put it on the next Agenda as a discussion. Assistant Manager Turock commented that he's not sure that stipends can be increased during an election year. Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, asked to confirm the increase for council stipend and an increase in millage, and questioned whether appropriate to do both at the same time. President Amato responded that the increase for Council stipend would be a discussion item and is not being voted on. Greg D'Angelo, 915 E. Montgomery, agreed with Mr. Berenson's comments and also commented that the Pennsylvania Borough Code has a maximum amount

McClure thanked Jane Keyes for the donation and for being a positive example of someone who gives back to the community.

Member Whelan made a motion to accept \$5,000 from Tex Mex Connection for Green Initiatives. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Appointment of Delegates to the Montgomery County Tax Collection Committee**

Manager Hart explained that this is to switch the delegates from the name of the person to the position to make it easier for future personnel changes.

Member Fazio made a motion to Appoint Delegates to the Montgomery County Tax Collection Committee. Member Kohler seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Approval of Disbursements: \$148,031.57**

Manager Hart reviewed the bills list. President Amato asked why there was a lot of police car maintenance. Manager Hart responded that both cars were due for inspection in the same month. Member McClure asked what the Shade Tree Recycling cost was. Manager Hart responded that the Borough is purchasing seven trees to be planted from the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and the recipient would be North Penn School District because they lost several trees due to blight. The trees will be planted along 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, between Summit and the tennis courts. Member McClure asked if these would be native trees. Manager Hart responded yes and thanked Assistant Manager Turock for his work in getting this work done in a short amount of time.

Member McClure made a motion to pay the bills. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Approval of Minutes: October 10, 2023**

Member Kohler made a motion to approve the minutes from October 10, 2023. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

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

No old business at this time.

Manager Hart commented that Parks and Recreation minutes include information on the first annual Jack O' Lantern Crawl this Saturday, October 28. The minutes also recap the Summer Park Tour. Manager Hart also reminded everyone of the importance of staying in-tune to the boards and commissions because they are serving the community and are run by volunteers.

Manager Hart reported that there is a Zoning Application for 515 E. Prospect, which was announced at the meeting on October 10, 2023. There is another Zoning Application for 501 E. Montgomery Avenue which is a triplex that has gone to Zoning previously and they are changing their request, and it will go to Zoning in December.

Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, asked if there would be an executive session tonight. President Amato responded that there would not be an executive session.

### **Adjournment**

Member Whelan made a motion to adjourn. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 9:04 P.M.

Attest:



Christine A. Hart  
Borough Manager