

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
 300 SCHOOL STREET
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: October 26, 2021, 7:00 P.M., EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Sando.

ROLL CALL:	Salvatore Amato	Present
	James Cherry	Present
	Sherwin Collins	Present
	Ronald S. Little, Jr.	Present
	Wendy McClure	Present
	Sally Neiderhiser	Present
	Eion O'Neill	Present
	James Sando	Present
	Mark Tarlecki	Present
	Mayor Gregory D'Angelo	Present

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

President Sando led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

James Schiele, 307 East Montgomery Avenue, expressed his concerns with candidates running for Borough Council not attending meetings. A discussion ensued regarding the attendance of candidates running for Council. Mr. Schiele suggested that Council should consider reducing the number of members from nine to seven.

Gregory D'Angelo, 915 East Montgomery Avenue, stated he was offended by Mayoral candidate Neil McDevitt's Facebook post from 2018.

Discussion: 2022 Preliminary Budget Overview

Manager Hart provided an overview of the 2022 Preliminary Budget. Member Tarlecki asked about a shortfall in local services tax collection as a result of the pandemic. Manager Hart explained that we are experiencing unique circumstances and the collection should stabilize as people return to work. Council questioned some of the year-to-date percentages.

Manager Hart then reviewed proposed tax millage increases for each of the accounts. President Sando requested a ten-year overview of the Borough's tax millage rate. Manager Hart provided the requested overview. Member Amato asked how the Borough's rates compare to other municipalities. Manager Hart provided a comparison to other Boroughs across Montgomery County. President Sando then requested Manager Hart to review the budget schedule for the remainder of the year. Manager Hart reviewed the schedule.

Consideration: Resolution Authorizing Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with North Wales Water Authority for Elm Avenue Stormwater Improvements

Member Amato asked if Council would be allowed to review the agreement prior to passage. Manager Hart confirmed the agreement would be prepared and then forwarded to Council for review.

Member McClure made a motion to authorize an intergovernmental cooperation agreement with North Wales Water Authority for Elm Avenue stormwater improvements. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Certificates of Appropriateness: 104 S. Main Street, 308 S. Main Street & 421 S. Main Street

Member Amato made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for a roof replacement project at 104 South Main Street. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Member McClure made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for roof, window and porch railing replacements at 308 South Main Street. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Member McClure made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for a roof replacement at 421 South Main Street. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Disbursements: \$144,810.18

Manager Hart reviewed the bills list for the month of October. Council questioned various bills including a bill for the Borough's contract with the Montgomery County Planning Commission. At the request of President Sando, Manager Hart explained the purpose of the Borough's contract with MCPC.

Member McClure made a motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$144,810.18. Member Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: October 12, 2021

The previous minutes stated this: Mayor D'Angelo announced that he wanted to discuss an e-mail his political opponent had sent to Council. Solicitor Gifford intervened and said it was not an appropriate matter to discuss at Council meeting under the "Mayor's Comment." Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, asked if the Mayor could discuss the matter in his resident capacity. Solicitor Gifford explained that it was a political matter and not appropriate to discuss at an official meeting under the Mayor's Comment. Mayor D'Angelo requested an amendment to the minutes to clarify Solicitor Gifford's response to Andrew Berenson's question under the Mayor's comments. He requested that it be revised to indicate clearly that the Mayor could refer to the matter in his resident capacity, but not his Mayor capacity. Manager Hart stated it would be included in tonight's meeting minutes.

Member Little made a motion to approve the minutes of October 12, 2021. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Old Business / Committee & Board Reports / Zoning Applications

Manager Hart announced the Borough did not have any pending Zoning Hearing Board Applications. Manager Hart then reviewed the following items: draft of the October 6 Planning Commission minutes, the Selfie Scavenger Park Tour, Hess Park Cleanup Day, Arts Alliance Fall-Winter class schedule and the current list of the boards and commissions vacancies.

Member Amato asked who someone that is interested in performing at the North Wales Arts and Cultural Center should speak to. Manager Hart said please have them contact me.

Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Police / Public Works / Manager

Solicitor Gifford announced an executive session was held after the previous meeting to discuss a personnel matter and real estate matter and no action was taken. He then announced that another executive session will be held after tonight's meeting to discuss a personnel matter and no action would be taken.

Mayor D'Angelo announced that he attended a meeting held by Borough business owners to discuss re-establishing the Borough Business Alliance and said he is hopeful that the BBA will return.

Member Tarlecki asked if Soldier's Christmas will be held this year. Manager Hart explained it would not be held this year, however, the collection aspect of the program would still be taking place. Parks & recreation will be accepting donation in person at Borough Hall on the same day as the Tree Lighting Ceremony on Sunday, December 5.

Vice President Cherry stated he agreed with Mr. Schiele's earlier comments regarding the Council candidates, and he hopes that they are running for valid reasons.

Chief Eves announced that the Police Department has hired two new part-time officers and is looking to hire another one soon.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to adjourn. Member Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 P.M.

Attest: _____
Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager