

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES  
 300 SCHOOL STREET  
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: October 8th, 2024, 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 - Remote
	Sarah Whelan	Absent
	Mayor Neil McDevitt	Present

Also, in attendance were John Filice, Borough Solicitor, Alex Turock, Assistant Manager, Dave Erenius, Chief of Police, and Braeden Bussman, Junior Council Person.

President Amato led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Public Comment**

Jocelyn Tenney, 801 E Walnut St, asked if Council could provide an update on the Community Center Construction.

Manager Hart responded that construction is on schedule and set to be complete by December 31, 2024 per the contract approved by Council. She also commended the committee working on the oversight structure for the space for having two of the three phases of oversight established already with the tenant lease for the nonprofit center approved by Council and an exclusive caterer contract for the banquet hall approved by Council. They are still working to finalize the details of how performing arts events will be governed whether by a commission or nonprofit or both. Those discussions are ongoing, and everyone is hopeful to have performances in the second half of 2025 or early 2026.

Tim Clark, 502 E Prospect Ave, complimented the Borough on the infill project at 515 E Prospect Ave. He sees it as a good project for the Borough and appreciates that the Borough has taken measures to ensure it is not causing disruption to neighbors.

Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Ave, thanked Public Works and the Police Department for their work on Community Day.

Robert Gibbs, 218 Highland Ave, expressed concerns about someone taking pictures of him while waiting for the bus and that people appear to be trying to track him down and determine where he lives.

Chief Erenius stated that it is legal for someone to take pictures of someone in public and encouraged Mr. Gibbs to call the police while the people are at or near his house if he feels unsafe.

**Consideration: Ordinance #825 Repealing And Replacing Chapter 178 Of The North Wales Borough Code And Approving The Amended And Restated Northern Montgomery Recycling Commission Intermunicipal Agreement-2024**

Manager Hart reviewed the process for passing an ordinance and confirmed that the draft ordinance was advertised as required by Borough Code.

Member McClure made a motion to Approve Ordinance #825 Repealing and Replacing Chapter 178 of the North Wales Borough Code and Approving the Amended and Restated Northern Montgomery Recycling Commission Intermunicipal Agreement-2024. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Acceptance of Donation from Tex Mex Connection**

Member Kohler made a motion to Accept the \$2,500 Donation from Tex Mex Connection for the Police Department. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Approval of 2025 Police MMO**

Manager Hart reviewed the Borough's financial obligations for the police pension in 2025.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to Approve the 2025 Police MMO. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Appointment to Zoning Hearing Board - Term Expiring 12/31/2024**

Manager Hart reviewed the letter from Colin Beatty expressing his interest in filling the vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board

Member Fazio made a motion to Appoint Colin Beatty to the Zoning Hearing Board – Term Expiring 12/31/2024. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Authorize Payment of \$85,440.63 for the 9<sup>th</sup> St. Park Project**

Manager Hart reviewed the letter from the Borough Engineer recommending payment. She also stated that since this invoice the rest of the work had been completed including the punch list walkthrough and DCNR final inspection therefore this will be invoice one of two for this project and the DCNR grant will be closed out for reimbursement.

Member Kohler made a motion to Authorize Payment of \$58,440.63 for the 9<sup>th</sup> St. Park Project. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Approval of Minutes: September 24th, 2024**

Member McClure made a motion to Approve the Minutes of September 24th, 2024. Member Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

### **Old Business / Committee & Board Reports/ Zoning Applications/Parking Lot**

Manager Hart reviewed a memo explaining the Montgomery County Consortium Salt Bid. Riverside Construction Materials won the bid and the cost decreased from last year.

Manager Hart reviewed a letter of support issued to the Montgomery County Planning Commission for their Affordable Housing Grant.

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

Mayor McDevitt reminded residents that the best time to prepare for severe weather or other emergencies is when skies are blue and encouraged everyone to go to ready.gov to learn how best to prepare. He thanked everyone for their hard work that led to the success of Community Day. He also welcomed the Laurel House to their newly renovated transitional housing in the Borough.

Member Fazio summarized multiple great events coming up at the library.

Members of Council thanked everyone who was involved in Community Day and expressed appreciation for their perseverance through the weather that day. It is a day that shows the best of our Borough.

Members of Council expressed their thoughts and prayers for those in the path of the recent and upcoming hurricanes.

President Amato reminded Council to complete their NIMS training. He commended Assistant Manager Turock for completing it and asked if his guidance documents were still up to date. Assistant Manager Turock responded that there were no issues with the instructions provided.

Chief Erenius thanked Jane Keyes for her generous donation to the Police Department. He also reviewed the Shop with a Cop program and encouraged everyone to distribute the QR code for donations to the program.

Manager Hart thanked Public Works, North Penn Volunteer Fire Company, and the Police Department for all of their assistance on Community Day.

Manager Hart reviewed the upcoming events at the library including Thoughtful Thursdays which take place on the second Thursday of every month, the DIY Craft and Sip on October 24<sup>th</sup>, and the Paranormal Experience on November 8<sup>th</sup>. She also reminded everyone that the Fire Company's Chili Cookoff will take place on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Lastly, she highlighted Parks and Recreation's Jack-O-Lantern Crawl which will take place on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

Manager Hart reminded Council of the budget calendar and to expect the preliminary budget within the week to be discussed at the next meeting.

Lastly, Manager Hart reviewed the paving assessment that the Borough Engineer has begun as budgeted for this year so that the Borough will know how to prioritize and budget for paving projects in the coming years.

**Adjournment**

Member McClure made a motion to adjourn. Member Kohler seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Christine A. Hart  
Borough Manager