

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES  
 300 SCHOOL STREET  
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: September 10, 2024, 7:02 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	Present
	Mark Tarlecki	Present
	Sarah Whelan	Present
	Mayor Neil McDevitt	Present

Also, in attendance were Gregory Gifford, Borough Solicitor, Alex Turock, Assistant Manager, and Braeden Bussman, Junior Council Person

President Amato led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Consideration: Appointment of Junior Council Person 2024-2025 Term**

Manager Hart reminded Council that Braeden was appointed in the Spring term of last school year and therefore Council at the time had offered to extend him a second term if he wished to continue after the first one.

President Amato thanked Braeden for his great participation at Council through his first term.

Member Fazio made a motion to Appoint Braeden Bussman of Junior Council Person 2024-2025 Term. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

### **Consideration: Approval to Advertise Municipal Waste Collection and Recycling Ordinance**

Manager Hart explained that the Borough is a member of the Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission. The commission recently analyzed members' ordinances relating to waste collection and recycling and prepared language to update members' ordinances for compliance with current DEP regulations.

Mayor McDevitt asked if this new ordinance would address food waste in household compost.

Manager Hart said she will ask the commission's solicitor, but that she believes that it would need to be addressed under a separate ordinance specific to each municipality.

Member Fazio made a motion to Approve advertisement of the Municipal Waste Collection and Recycling Ordinance. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Approval of 2025 Non-Uniform MMO**

Manager Hart reviewed the Borough's financial obligations for the non-uniform pension in 2025.

Member McClure made a motion to Approve the 2025 Non-Uniform MMO. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Acceptance of Resignation: Gina Calhoun Parks and Recreation Board**

Manager Hart thanked Gina for her work on the Parks and Recreation Board, specifically in obtaining food vendors for Summer Kickoff.

Member Whelan asked if we could reach out to Gina to see if she would still make flyers for Parks and Rec events as she always made great flyers. Manager Hart responded that she would reach out and ask.

Member Kohler made a motion to Accept the Resignation of Gina Calhoun from Parks and Recreation Board. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Approval of Minutes: August 27th, 2024**

Member McClure made a motion to Approve the Minutes of August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Member Kohler seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

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

Vice President Tarlecki recapped Planning Commission's discussion of the design standards for the SALDO review.

Manager Hart announced two zoning hearing board applications which will be held on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. 708 E. Montgomery Avenue will be seeking a special exception for a detached garage and 690 E. Walnut Street will be seeking a variance to install a freestanding sign.

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

Mayor McDevitt stated that he had the honor to introduce President Joe Biden at the White House's celebration for the Americans with Disabilities Act, Disability Pride, and Deaf Awareness Month. The President was very welcoming and asked many questions about our community. He thanked the residents of the Borough for giving him the opportunity to represent our community. Manager Hart played the video of the Mayor introducing President Biden.

Everyone congratulated Mayor McDevitt on the honor.

Mayor McDevitt also stated that tonight's debate is a reminder that democracy isn't a spectator sport. It requires work. While some may scowl at the mailers, ads, and signs - they represent

someone's investment in the political process. If you disagree with them - put the mailers in the recycling, block the ads on your computer, and leave the signs alone!

He reminded residents that the ultimate expression of the political process is your vote on November 5th or earlier by mail. You can go to [vote.pa.gov](http://vote.pa.gov) to get information about your registration status, polling place, and apply for a mail-in ballot if needed.

He also stated that tomorrow is September 11th, the 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the terrorist attacks on our country. In those days after, we shared a deep sense of sorrow for the lives lost, a sense of pride for the amazing emergency responders who ran to help, and the strong sense of what it means to be American. He requested a moment of silence to honor those ideals today.

Lastly Mayor McDevitt announced that we have so many amazing events coming up! This is one of the best times of year in North Wales Borough between Community Day, autumn festivals, library events, NPVFC chili cookoff, etc. Enjoy and support the organizations that make these possible!

Members of Council remembered their experiences of September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001, and asked the community to remember the unity in response to that tragic day. Member McClure presented flags to be placed on the Dawn Redwood that was planted in memory of 9/11 at Weingartner Park.

Member Fazio asked for an update on the number of responses for the Comprehensive Plan Audit Survey. Manager Hart explained that the survey is through our County Planner, and we will reach out to him for an update.

Manager Hart reviewed the budget calendar. She encouraged everyone to attend Community Day on September 28<sup>th</sup> which has a record number of sponsors and vendors this year.

President Amato reviewed the role of the Finance Committee and announced that the Finance Committee consists of Member Groce and Member Fazio.

Manager Hart reviewed the work done to date on the 9<sup>th</sup> Street Park Rehabilitation Project which is expected to be complete by the end of the month.

### **Adjournment**

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to adjourn. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.

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