

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
 300 SCHOOL STREET
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: September 11, 2018 7:23 PM, EST

CALL TO ORDER made by Vice President Cherry.

ROLL CALL:	Salvatore Amato	Present
	James Cherry	Present
	Ronald S. Little, Jr.	Present
	Wendy McClure	Present
	Sally Neiderhiser	Absent
	Daniel O'Connell	Absent
	Eion O'Neill	Present
	Paula Scott	Absent
	James Sando	Absent
	Mayor Gregory D'Angelo	Present

Also in attendance were Gregory Gifford, Borough Solicitor, W. Ronald Smeal, Interim Administrative Chief of Police and Alan Guzzardo, Assistant Borough Manager.

Vice President Cherry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Manager Hart announced a public hearing was held prior to the Council meeting, regarding the North Wales Borough 2040 Comprehensive Plan. She then stated a moment of silence was taken in remembrance of those who lost their lives in the 9/11 attacks.

Public Comment

John Davis, 230 S. Pennsylvania Avenue, asked for an update on the sound system issues and the Sunlight of the Spirit House case. Manager Hart stated the sound system issue was looked into and the sound system was not being used properly on our end, staff has advised members of proper procedures and the system has been working better. Solicitor Gifford stated there is no court date yet scheduled for the Sunlight of the Spirit House case. Member Amato asked if Manager Hart had investigated a proposed alternate sound system. Manager Hart stated she was waiting for more information on the alternate system and would revisit the issue with the Technology Committee.

Discussion: Wissahickon Clean Water Partnership Update

Manager Hart provided an overview of the Wissahickon Clean Water Partnership's actions that have been completed to date and goals moving forward. Member Amato asked how the Partnership has spent the funds that have been distributed to them. Manager Hart stated she would provide Council with detailed reports to show those expenditures. Member McClure requested that a member of the Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association (WVWA) provide an overview of the Partnership's role. Manager Hart stated she would contact the WVWA to see if someone could come to the following Council meeting to provide more information on the Partnership's role.

Discussion: Police Pre-Employment Medical Examination Program

Manager Hart provided an overview of the Borough's participation in the Delaware Valley Health Trust (DVHT) association. She then explained that DVHT can provide the Borough with pre-employment medical examinations for potential police candidates. Manager Hart asked for a motion to approve the DVHT police pre-employment medical examination program.

John Davis, 230 S. Pennsylvania Avenue, asked if the test will be required on an annual basis. Manager Hart stated the program is currently only available for pre-employment candidates. He then asked who the Borough uses for annual physicals. Manager Hart stated the collective bargaining agreement specifies what routine tests are required and how they are administered.

Member McClure made a motion to approve using DVHT Police Pre-Employment Medical Examination Program. Member Amato seconded the motion. Motion passed 5 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: 2019 Minimum Municipal Obligation for Police Pension Plan

Manager Hart provided an overview of the Minimum Municipal Obligation requirements for the Police Pension Plan.

Member Amato made a motion to approve the 2019 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Police Pension Plan. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 5 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: August 28, 2018

Member McClure made a motion to approve the minutes of August 28, 2018. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 5 yes, 0 no.

Old Business/Committee & Board Reports/Zoning Applications

Manager Hart announced the Borough will be implementing the 2015 International Code Series updates on October 1, 2018 that have been adopted by the State. Manager Hart then announced a notice to proceed has been issued for the Safe Routes to School program. Member McClure asked if the program construction will interfere with the 2018 Road Paving Project. Manager Hart stated the two construction projects would not interfere with each other.

Manager Hart then announced the following events would be taking place: The Borough Association Dinner on September 27, 2018 and the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing on September 20, 2018. She then reviewed events that will be hosted by The Partnership TMA of Montgomery County and Cardinal Hollow Winery.

Manager Hart then announced the "Safe Routes to Transit" grant opportunity from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission. She suggested if awarded, the grant funds be used to install sidewalks around the Wawa Triangle area to improve walkability to and from the North Wales Train Station. Council agreed the Borough should pursue the grant opportunity.

Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Manager

Solicitor Gifford announced there will be an executive session to discuss the Station Place Appeal as well as the Police Chief hiring and matter involving real estate.

Mayor D'Angelo thanked Manager Hart for her efforts with the Safe Routes to School Program.

Member McClure announced a Dawn Redwood tree is in Weingartner Park to honor those who have been lost and encouraged people to go see the tree. Member Amato asked if Council could review the solicitation permit requirements. He then announced that he, Mayor D'Angelo and Vice President Cherry are looking into implementing a process for helping first time drug offenders within the Borough. Collette D'Angelo, 921 E. Prospect Avenue announced Montgomery County does have a drug court and encouraged those in need to seek information through County programs already in place.

Manager Hart announced the Borough 150th Anniversary Committee is still meeting on the fourth Wednesday of the month and informed the public of upcoming celebration events. She then announced the following events that will be taking place: Community Day of Service on September 22, 2018 and North Wales Community Day on September 29, 2018.

Vice President Cherry informed the public that 9/11 victims are still suffering, and several has passed away from the debris as a result of the terror attacks according to a recent news story.

Member McClure made a motion to adjourn. Member Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 5 yes, 0 no.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Attest: _____

Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager