

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
 300 SCHOOL STREET
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: September 13, 2022, 7:03 P.M., EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Amato.

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| ROLL CALL: | Salvatore Amato | Present |
| | Sherwin Collins | Present |
| | Anji Fazio | Present |
| | Alexander Groce | Present |
| | Wendy McClure | Present |
| | Sally Neiderhiser | Present |
| | Eion O'Neill | Present |
| | Mark Tarlecki | Present |
| | Sarah Whelan | Present, joined 7:20 pm |
| | Mayor Neil McDevitt | Present |

Also, in attendance were John Filice, Borough Solicitor, David Erenius, Chief of Police, and Brian Sleicher, Public Works Supervisor.

President Amato led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

There was none at this time.

Consideration: Adoption of Ordinance 821 – Stormwater Management Updates

Manager Hart introduced Scott Russell from the Borough's engineering firm, McMahon and Associates, who reviewed the comments and minor changes made to the advertised Ordinance being proposed. Mr. Russell elaborated on the benefits of adopting this model Ordinance and explained to Council many of the DEP's requirements.

Member McClure made a motion to approve Ordinance #821. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of 2023 Non-Uniform MMO

Manager Hart reviewed the 2023 Non-Uniformed MMO calculations along with a detailed memorandum explain the requirements and details relating the Borough's Pension obligation for active and retired members of the Borough Non-Uniformed Pension Plan.

Member McClure made a motion to approve the 2023 Non-Uniformed Minimum Municipal Obligation. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval to Advertise Non-Uniformed Pension Amendment

Manager Hart reiterated and explained the amendments to the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan.

Member McClure made a motion to approve the amendments. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Acceptance of Nor-Gwyn Pool Commissions Member Resignation

Manager Hart announced that included in the packet was a letter of resignation, effective immediately, from pool commission member Wendy McClure.

Member Fazio made a motion to accept the letter of resignation for the term expiring 12/31/2023 from the Nor-Gwyn Pool Commission. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of \$500 Sponsorship Donation to NPVFCO

The North Penn Volunteer Fire Company is seeking community partners and sponsors to host a community Chili Cook-Off on October 15, 2022, the Public Safety Committee along with the members of the fire company had spoke about this event earlier in the year and felt that it was only fitting for the Borough to help sponsor this event.

Member McClure made a motion to sponsor \$500. Member Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: August 23, 2022

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to approve the minutes of August 23, 2022.

Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Discussion: 2023 Annual Budget Calendar

Manager Hart reviewed the upcoming 2023 Budget Calendar and tasks associated with same. She requested President Amato and members of the Finance Committee to discuss upcoming dates after the 30th of September to discuss potential projects and budgetary items for 2023. An itemized list of tasks and goal sates was reviewed and discussed.

Old Business / Committee & Board Reports / Zoning Applications

Manager Hart announced that the Borough's 2022 Fall-Winter newsletters were delivered to homes within the Borough and that many preparations have been underway for the upcoming

Community Day on September 24, 2022. She informed Council and the public, that there are currently no pending Zoning Applications, and the three applications heard on September 6, 2022, were approved.

Manager Hart highlighted the Board and Commissions reports included in the packet, HRC, Planning Commission, and Parks and Recreation updates were reviewed.

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

Solicitor Filice announced that there will be an executive session after tonight's meeting regarding matters related to personnel, no action will be taken.

Mayor McDevitt welcomed Paddy Cakes bakery to the Borough and recommended tasting the Peanut Butter Indulgence cupcake, he indicated that it certainly lives up to its name! He had the pleasure of visiting a new business in town and said it was wonderful to talk with owner Krista who is a first-generation immigrant and opened the bake shop to fulfill a promise to her daughter who passed away a few years ago.

Mayor McDevitt also recognized the hardworking staff of the Borough - from the patrol officers and our new crossing guard to the admin staff and the public works crews. He said everyone is connected to the mission of making our Borough a wonderful place to live and visit. In addition, he mentioned looking forward to a training program he will be taking through PA State Association of Boroughs focusing on the roles and functions of the office of Mayor.

Lastly, the Mayor announced that today is the 10th anniversary of the death of Officer Brad Fox from Plymouth Township PD who was killed in the line of duty. "Please, in your own way, take a moment today to recognize the commitment our public servants, emergency responders, and peace officers bring to the jobs they do every day!"

Member Whelan recognized September 11th and the history surrounding the tragic day in our nation's history and asked everyone to reflect on the lives of those we lost and the families of those left behind. Member O'Neill thanked North Wales Baptist Church for ringing the bells to the song, "America, the Beautiful" in honor of the day. Mr. O'Neill said it was a very nice tribute and appreciated their efforts. Member McClure also made light of the sentiments surrounding 9-11, and reminded Council and residents that the Dawn Redwood Tree planted in Weingartner was planted as a 9-11 tribute.

Member Fazio thanked staff and the Borough Summer Intern, Ry Stratton, for the wonderful work done on the QR Code for the Communication Survey and was glad to see the newsletter arriving in homes and ready for Community Day. Member Neiderhiser and Member Tarlecki hoped everyone had a happy and safe Labor Day and agreed with the remarks of fellow Council members regarding September 11 and the importance of the memories and sacrifices made during that period in history.

President Amato specifically recognized the men and women who serve the Volunteer Medical Service Corps (VMSC), and said it is important not to take for granted the services relating to emergency responders, not only in fire services and police, but also in the medical field.

Chief Erenius reviewed results from last month's speed tracking records from several locations in the Borough, primarily S. Tenth Street, Walnut Street, S. Main Street, and Prospect Avenue. He informed Council that speed details would be assigned as necessary.

Public Works Supervisor Sleicher updated Council on work orders and task completed, inlets cleaning, inlet repairs and maintenance taking place, sealing of roads with crack master supplies, Community Day preparations and fall plantings were just a few of the items he touched upon.

Manager Hart made the following announcements: Community Day and NWPD Bike Rodeo on Saturday, September 24, Tuesday Morning Kid's Club, After-School Art Club, Chamber of Commerce events and the Boards and Commissions Vacancies.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to adjourn. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 P.M.

Attest: _____
Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager