

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
 300 SCHOOL STREET
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: September 14, 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 John Filice, 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.

President Sando asked for a moment of silence for the victims of 9/11. He also asked for a moment of silence for Joanne Matthews, who passed away and served on several of the Boards and Commissions. He then requested that residents provide donations/assistance to those affected by Hurricane Ida.

Public Comment

Neil McDevitt, 327 South Ninth Street, requested the Borough allow in their Social Media policy being discussed to provide timely information during emergencies on other sites than the Borough's page.

Lisa Vogel, 329 South Fourth Street, thanked those who flew the flag for 9/11. She then requested if the Borough could provide a list of individuals who may have been impacted by Hurricane Ida.

Consideration: Approval of 2022 Non-Uniform MMO

Manager Hart reviewed the report contributions as presented. Member Tarlecki asked Manager Hart to explain how the funds are invested. Manager Hart explained that they are invested through the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System.

Member Tarlecki made a motion to approve the 2022 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the non-uniform employee's pension plan. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Police Pension Plan Interest Rate Adjustment

Member Amato made a motion to approve the Police Pension Plan interest rate adjustment as presented at 6.5%. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Acceptance of D.A.R.E. Program Donation

Member McClure made a motion to accept a donation from Tex-Mex Connection in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the D.A.R.E. program. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Member O'Neill thanked Jane Keyes for her generosity. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Adoption of NMCRC Disposal Violation Procedures

Council asked for clarification on the violation procedures. Vice President Cherry expressed concerns with neighbors reporting violations against one another. Member McClure asked if the Borough could collect yard waste and trimmings from residents. Manager Hart explained that special approvals would be required and the Borough does not have enough resources to handle that responsibility.

Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, asked for the purpose of procedures. Solicitor Filice explained the procedures allow for better enforcement by the member municipalities.

Member McClure made a motion to approve the NMCRC Disposal Violation Procedures. Member Amato seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Discussion: Social Media Policy

Manager Hart suggested people should follow the Borough's Facebook page for official updates and information on Borough matters of concern. Council requested that the policy be condensed and reviewed by labor counsel. Manager Hart agreed to have both lawyers review it and would present at another meeting for future consideration.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: August 24, 2021

Member McClure made a motion to approve the minutes for August 24, 2021. Member Collins 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 announced a grand opening ceremony for Girls Fix It, LLC on September 19, 2021, and indicated all of Council and the public were invited to attend. Manager Hart then reviewed upcoming events in the Borough and reminded everyone about Community Day being held on September 25, 2021. She then announced that Hurricane Ida assistance information is available online at the County, State and Federal levels.

Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Chief of Police / Manager

Solicitor Filice announced an executive session will be held to discuss a personnel matter and no action would be taken.

Mayor D'Angelo announced he attended the Blue Mass at St. Rose of Lima Church over the weekend. He then announced that last Tuesday night, he spoke with the Scouts at the Scout Center.

Member Little announced that curbside pick-up for compost materials is available and suggested residents should look into it.

Member Tarlecki stated that the added stormwater management improvements on Ninth Street helped to control stormwater runoff during Hurricane Ida. He then reminded everyone of the sacrifices that first responders make, especially during 9/11.

Vice President Cherry requested the Borough should review its sign regulations, especially those related to large flag banners and advertising signage is oversized.

Member McClure requested a discussion on alleyways to be presented by the solicitors office so residents have a better understating of them. She then asked everyone to honor their local firefighters.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to adjourn. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 P.M.

Attest: _____
Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager