

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
300 SCHOOL STREET
NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: September 24, 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	Absent
	Wendy McClure	Present
	Sally Neiderhiser	Present
	Mark Tarlecki	Absent
	Sarah Whelan	Present
	Mayor Neil McDevitt	Present

Also, in attendance were Gregory Gifford, Borough Solicitor, Alex Turock, Assistant Manager, Dave Erenius, Chief of Police, Ben Raybold, Public Works Supervisor, and Braeden Bussman, Junior Council Person.

President Amato led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Swearing In: North Wales Police Officer Haylie Brass

Mayor McDevitt swore in Officer Haylie Brass.

Members of Council expressed their appreciation for Haylie joining the Borough Police Department.

Consideration: Appeal of Shade Tree Commission Ruling – 230 S Pennsylvania Ave

John Davis, 230 S Pennsylvania Ave, stated the tree is hollow, has racoons living in it, and is a hazard that needs to be removed.

President Amato asked Mr. Davis if he had any documentation from the arborist or contractor stating the condition of the tree and the need to remove it.

Mr. Davis replied that he did not submit that because the shade tree application did not request it, however he could provide it if required.

Member Fazio made a motion to Approve the appeal of the Shade Tree Commission Ruling for 230 S Pennsylvania Ave contingent upon the property owner submitting an opinion from the

contractor in writing stating that the tree is diseased or dead. Member Whelan 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: Approval of Certificate of Appropriateness: 113 N. Fourth St.

Manager Hart reviewed the Historical Architectural Review Board's recommendation to approve as presented the Certificate of Appropriateness for replacing decking on the porch of 113 N. Fourth St.

Member McClure made a motion to Approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 113 N. Fourth St. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Supporting the Pennsylvania Commission for The United States Semiquincentennial (America250pa)

Manager Hart explained that the Commonwealth is seeking support for the Pennsylvania Commission for The United States Semiquincentennial. They are hoping to receive support from every municipality in the Commonwealth.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to Support the Pennsylvania Commission for The United States Semiquincentennial (America250pa). Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of \$500 Sponsorship Donation to NPVFC

Manager Hart explained that the North Penn Volunteer Fire Company seeks this sponsorship of their Chili Cookoff every year.

Member McClure made a motion to Approve \$500 Sponsorship Donation to the NPVFC. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Disbursements: \$186,821.72

Manager Hart reviewed the bills list highlighting the principal payment for the Borough's debt service which causes the disbursements to be unusually high.

President Amato asked why the expense for IT Services was so high this month. Manager Hart replied that a computer needed to be replaced, hence the new computer set up and the Borough needing to update QuickBooks to a current, supported version which also required IT support for installation at the necessary workstations.

Member McClure asked what work was done by Cherry Tree Service. Manager Hart explained that there were trees at 509 Elm, Public Works storage, which required removal due to it hanging over a neighboring property owner's shed and Cherry Tree Service completed that work.

Member McClure made a motion to Approve Disbursements of \$186,821.72. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: September 10th, 2024

Member Whelan made a motion to Approve the Minutes of September 10th, 2024. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

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

Manager Hart reviewed the minutes from various Boards and Commissions. She highlighted Parks and Recreation's planning for the Jack-O-Lantern Crawl which will take place on October 26th from 5-7 with registration and setup starting at 4pm.

Manager Hart announced two zoning hearing board applications which will be held on October 1st, 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 expressed his excitement for Community Day this weekend and his gratitude for all of the staff and volunteers who make this our signature event every year.

Members of Council also expressed their excitement for Community Day and gratitude to staff and volunteers who make it possible.

Chief Erenius welcomed Haylie Brass to the Borough and stated that he will be seeking more officers to hire as well. He announced the Shop with a Cop program which will provide \$300 per child identified by the school to go shopping with a cop for everything they need around the holidays. North Penn PAL will be working to raise approximately \$15,000 for the program. Anyone who wishes to donate can contact him to arrange a donation.

Member Whelan asked how the Bus Patrol program is going now that school is underway. Chief Erenius explained that there have been very few violations in the Borough.

Ben Raybold shared the Public Works report and emphasized the preparation for Community Day that is ongoing to make sure the Borough is ready for Saturday.

Manager Hart reviewed the record-breaking number of vendors and food trucks registered for Community Day. To accommodate the additional vendors, the festival will extend up Main Street to Washington Avenue.

Manager Hart reviewed a letter from the VMSC about a merger which will bolster their funding without affecting service to the North Penn Region. She encouraged residents to take the Comprehensive Plan Audit Survey and to sign up for Savvy Citizen.

Adjournment

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to adjourn. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.

Attest: _____

Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager