

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
 300 SCHOOL STREET
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: September 25, 2018 7:00 PM, EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Sando.

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

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

President Sando led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Simon Hinke, 317 Washington Avenue, expressed his support for the Safe Routes to School Project. However, he is not in support of an oak tree that has to be cut down on his property as a result of the construction project. He stated he did not have the opportunity to express his concerns during the planning phase in 2013. He requested that the Borough grant a variance to allow the tree to remain or provide compensation if the tree cannot be saved. Manager Hart stated the Borough did administer the review period as required by law for the program. She stated the tree would be compromised and is in the Borough's legal right-a-way.

Herbert Schlegel, 301 W. Montgomery Avenue, thanked Council and those who supported him and his family regarding the loss of his son, Kenneth Schlegel.

Member Amato asked Manager Hart when the review process was completed for the Safe Routes to School Project. Manager Hart stated the review period was completed in 2013, which happened to be the same year Mr. Hinke purchased the property. Member McClure asked if the Borough could construct the sidewalk around the tree and the property owner could remove the tree if it becomes an issue. President Sando stated the review process has already concluded and the Borough can't revise the plans to save the tree.

Consideration: Extend Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for Water Quality Improvement Plan (WQIP) for the Wissahickon Creek

Gail Farmer from the Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association provided an overview of the Wissahickon Clean Water Partnership's (WCWP) role and responsibilities.

A discussion ensued regarding the costs of WCWP's activities and concern with it taking longer than expected to formulate a Water Quality Improvement Plan (WQIP) for the Wissahickon Creek.

Member McClure expressed her support for the WCWP and the importance of improving water quality in the Wissahickon Watershed area.

Laura McCarthy from the Friends of the Wissahickon Association expressed her support for the WCWP and presented the Borough with an award for being a member of the WCWP.

Member McClure made a motion to extend the Intergovernmental Agreement for the water quality improvement plan for the Wissahickon Creek for a cost not too exceed an additional \$15,000.00. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: North Wales Borough 2040 Comprehensive Plan

Margaret Dobbs, Community Planner, provided an overview of the North Wales Borough 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

Member O'Neill asked what will happen to the Steering Committee after the Plan is adopted. Planner Dobbs stated the Steering Committee was formed to formulate the Plan and the Committee will now be disbanded. Manager Hart recommended Council consider the creation of an implementation committee so that the plan stays active and continues to meet the needs of the Borough and its residents.

Member McClure made a motion to adopt the 2040 North Wales Borough Comprehensive Plan. Member Amato seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Historic Commission Appointment, Term Ending 12/31/2019

Vice President Cherry made a motion to appoint Michael Szilagyi to the Historic Commission, term ending 12/31/2019. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Appointment of Chief of Police

Manager Hart welcomed Michael E. Eves to the Borough and introduced him as the Borough's new Chief of Police. Chief Eves thanked Council for the opportunity to serve.

Member Scott made a motion to appoint Michael E. Eves to serve as Chief of Police. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Appointment of Labor Counsel

Member Amato made a motion to appoint Christopher Gerber of the Siana Bellwoar law firm to serve as Labor Counsel. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: 2019 Minimum Municipal Obligation for Non-Uniform Pension Plan

Member Amato made a motion to approve the 2019 minimum municipal obligation for the non-uniform pension plan. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Certificate of Appropriateness: 121 N. 4th Street

Member McClure made a motion to approve a certificate of appropriateness for 121 N. 4th Street. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Disbursements: \$63,935.74

Manager Hart reviewed the bills listing. A discussion ensued regarding some of the bills.

Member Scott made a motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$63,935.74. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: September 11, 2018

Member Amato made a motion to approve the minutes of September 11, 2018. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Old Business/Committee & Board Reports/Zoning Applications

Manager Hart requested that the Finance Subcommittee meet with Borough staff for a pre-budget meeting.

Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Manager

Solicitor Gifford announced an executive session was held prior to the last Council meeting to discuss two legal updates and the police chief job search. He then stated no action was taken on any of those items following the session. Solicitor Gifford then announced an executive session will be held after the Council meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

Member Amato asked Manager Hart to have a risk assessment performed on the oak tree at 317 Washington Avenue to see if the tree removal could be excluded from the construction. Manager Hart stated she would have the assessment performed.

Member McClure thanked Mr. Smeal for all his hard work in finding the Borough's new Chief of Police.

Member Scott made a motion to adjourn. Member Amato seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

Attest: _____
Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager