

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
 300 SCHOOL STREET
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: September 27, 2022, 7:04 P.M., EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Amato.

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
	Mayor Neil McDevitt	Present

Also, in attendance were Gregory Gifford, Borough Solicitor and David Erenius, Chief of Police. Alan Guzzardo, Assistant Borough Manager and Brian Sleicher, Public Works Supervisor were absent from the meeting.

President Amato led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Jocelyn Tenney, 801 E. Walnut Street, thanked the organizers of Community Day and commented that the event was well attended. John Gibbs, 218 Highland Avenue, also commented on Community Day, he stated that it was his first one and that he enjoyed the day very much. Erin Conroy, 121 Shearer Street, commented that the Fall planters located at Main and Walnut Streets are done very nicely and are recognized by residents and visitors alike.

Consideration: Adoption of Ordinance 822: Non-Uniform Pension Plan Amendment

Manager Hart provided a brief overview of the amendment being made to the Non-Uniform Pension Plan and explained it has nothing to do with contributions, but rather length of service relating to vesting options.

Member McClure made a motion to approve the adoption of Ordinance 822, amending the Non-Uniform Pension Plan. Motion seconded by Member Whelan. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of 2023 Police MMO

Manager Hart presented the information related to the 2023 Police Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) which was calculated and prepared by the Borough's actuarial firm, Duda Consulting.

Member McClure made a motion to approve the 2023 Police Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) as presented. Motion seconded by Member Fazio. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Acceptance of Resignation of Michael Szilagyi from the Historic Commission

President Amato requested a motion to accept the resignation of Michael Szilagyi from the North Wales Historic Commission, term ending 12/31/2024. He also asked Manager Hart to send a letter of appreciation on Council's behalf to Mr. Szilagyi. Manager Hart also informed Council that the NWHC was already aware of the resignation and Mike's contributions to the Commission were extremely notable, including his monthly blogs that are posted on their website.

Member McClure made a motion to accept the resignation of Michael Szilagyi from the North Wales Historic Commission, term ending 12/31/2024. Motion seconded by Member Fazio. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Disbursements: \$180,834.46

Manager Hart reviewed the bills list included in the agenda packet and highlighted several of the expenditures for the month of September 2022.

Member McClure made a motion to approve the disbursements in the amount of \$180,834.46. Motion seconded by Member Whelan. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Old Business / Committee & Board Reports / Zoning Applications

Manager Hart thanked all the Community Day Sponsors and the volunteers who assisted in the day's events. She also advised Council that the Human Relations Committee submitted their draft minutes from their last meeting and urged Council to review them.

Manager Hart noted that there are no pending Zoning applications on file as of tonight's meeting.

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

Solicitor Gifford announced that there would be an executive session to discuss one legal matter and one personal matter, no action will be taken this evening.

Mayor McDevitt commented on Community Day and said the day was an amazing event. He thanked all those who took part in making the day a wonderful representation of North Wales Borough and our community.

He announced that the Lansdale Ambulance (VMSC) was deployed to Orlando, Florida in response to Hurricane Ida and reminded residents that when cutting grass and doing yard work, not to deposit clippings into the roadway or near stormwater inlets, as this only worsens the overflow experienced during storms. He also reminded folks to visit <https://vote.gov/register/pa/> or the Montgomery County Board of Elections in regard to election laws, deadlines and voting procedures for the upcoming elections.

All members of Council commented on the Community Day and thanked staff, the fire company, the police department, public works crews, community day volunteers and the vendors for a very successful day. Manager Hart added a special thank you to resident, Jeff Fazio for taking several photographs throughout the day, as well as resident, Justin Copenhaver who designed a QR Code representing a map and vendor information to showcase the event digitally.

Member Whelan reminded residents to do their research involving candidate views on gun violence and other important issues involving the upcoming elections on November 8, 2022.

Member O'Neill thanked the Partnership TMA for participating in the Bike Rodeo on Community Day and said that many parents appreciated the helmet giveaways. Member McClure complimented Mr. Guzzardo's work on converting Borough Ordinances to an electronic platform (E-360) and while testing the link and using the application to navigate, she found it very user friendly. She also commented on the word "chain" versus leach being referred to in the Animal Ordinance.

Member Fazio provided an update on the Communications Committee's work related to the Communications Survey that is available online, as well as was published in the 2022 Fall Newsletter. Responses are due by October 31, 2022, and she encouraged all residents to participate in the survey. She also noted that several surveys were completed during Community Day and two winners of Chili Cook-off tickets were drawn from those who participated.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to adjourn. Member Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 P.M.

Attest: _____
Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager