

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
 300 SCHOOL STREET
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: September 9, 2025, 7:02 P.M., EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Tarlecki

ROLL CALL:	Candace Anderson	Absent
	Sherwin Collins	Present
	Anji Fazio	Present
	Alexander Groce	Present
	Vacant	
	Wendy McClure	Present
	Sally Neiderhiser	Present
	Mark Tarlecki	Present
	Sarah Whelan	Absent
	Mayor Neil McDevitt	Absent

Also, in attendance was Gregory Gifford, Borough Solicitor.

Manager Hart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

None.

Consideration: Nomination and Election of Vice President

Nominations were opened for the position of Vice President. Member Fazio nominated Wendy McClure. There were no further nominations. The nominations were closed. A vote was held, and Wendy McClure was elected Vice President. 6 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Nomination and Election of President Pro Tempore

Nominations were opened for the position of President Pro Tempore. Member Groce nominated himself. Member McClure nominated Member Fazio. There were no further nominations. The nominations were closed. A vote was held for Alex Groce. Member Collins, Member Fazio, Member Neiderhiser, and Vice President McClure voted no. A vote was held for Member Fazio, and she was elected President Pro Tempore. 4 yes, 2 no.. Member Groce and President Tarlecki voted no.

Greg D'Angelo of 915 E. Montgomery Avenue raised the question as to whether the Mayor asked former President Amato to become acting mayor in his absence. If not, then the swearing in on August 26, 2025, of Member Anderson would be void. Manager Hart indicated that she had not received anything in writing from the Mayor, indicating that he was transferring his role

to anyone on Council. President Tarlecki and Solicitor Gifford said they would look into the matter and make any necessary corrections by the next meeting.

Consideration: Approval of 2026 Police MMO

Manager Hart reviewed the MMO calculations and explained the reduction in the interest rate in comparison to previous years, where asset smoothing was utilized. Member Groce made a motion to Approve the 2026 Police MMO. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: August 26th, 2025

Member McClure made a motion to Approve the Minutes of August 26th, 2025. Member Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Resolution Approval of \$500 Sponsorship Donation to NPVFC

Member Hart explained that the Borough typically donates money to the North Wales Area Library and the North Penn Volunteer Fire Company, and that \$500 had been allocated in the Budget accordingly. Member Fazio made a motion to Approve the \$500 Sponsorship Donation to NPVFC. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Resolution Establishing Police Guidelines Authorizing an Arrest without a Warrant in Accordance with Act 25 of 1995

Solicitor Gifford explained that this is an order that is required to be adopted by law enforcement agencies to become accredited. It limits arrest authorization without a warrant to a specific list of summary offenses. Member Neiderhiser made a motion to approve the Establishing Police Guidelines Authorizing an Arrest without a Warrant in Accordance with Act 25 of 1995. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no.

Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, asked for clarification on why purchasing alcohol was included in the Guidelines. Solicitor Gifford explained that the Guidelines include a reference to a statute that specifically applies to underage individuals. Manager Hart indicated that the Borough would add the language specifying underage drinking to the references in the Guidelines about the underage purchase and consumption of alcohol.

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

There were no Old Business, Zoning Applications, or Parking Lot items. Manager Hart mentioned that the Parks and Recreation Board met with a representative of Bird Town and discussed taking on the responsibilities of Bird Town. While they support the idea, they do not believe they can manage or implement the program at this time. Manager Hart also mentioned the Park Scavenger Hunt Tour and Jack O' Lantern Crawl sponsored by Parks and Recreation. Lastly, she indicated that the Community Day Committee continues to work towards the event and thanked all the sponsors for their generous support.

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

Solicitor Gifford announced that there will be an executive session after the meeting to give an update on a personnel matter, but did not anticipate any action being taken.

Member McClure thanked Parks and Recreation for hosting the Bird Town discussion; however, she recommended that it be put on hold, which Council and Manager Hart agreed upon.

There was no Mayor's report.

Manager Hart reviewed the monthly Police Department report submitted by Chief Erenius.

Manager Hart mentioned that there has been an increase in street light outages due to blown drivers and power surges, which could be related to the PECO upgrades and replacement of poles that have been taking place recently.

Manager Hart informed Council that she met with Linda McAdoo, who will be donating funds to purchase flags and/or banners for the downtown to be hung on our decorative and/or overhead light poles.

Additionally, she met with Jane Keyes, who is working with a design landscaper to redesign Walnut Square. Jane will be donating this gift to the Borough once she has worked out the final details. Manager Hart reviewed the plans and talked about matching the proposal with a future professional maintenance plan to keep Walnut Square looking its best.

Manager Hart also provided an update regarding the North Wales Arts and Cultural Center.

Adjournment

Member McClure made a motion to adjourn. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Attest: _____
Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager