

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
 300 SCHOOL STREET
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: April 24, 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	Present

Also in attendance were Gregory Gifford, Borough Solicitor, Donald Fantry, Chief of Police and Alan Guzzardo, Assistant Borough Manager.

President Sando led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Loretta Weigner, 430 Shearer Street, asked if a silt fence will be reinstalled at the 432 Shearer Street subdivision site until the construction is completed. She is also concerned with standing water on the property, the trees not being properly replaced and the handicap ramp at the corner of Shearer Street and West Street not being constructed properly. Manager Hart stated the Borough is in contact with the Developer regarding these issues. She then stated the Borough will withhold issuing Use and Occupancy Certificates for the houses until all the punch list items have been addressed.

Linda McAdoo, 412 Shearer Street, asked how long the Borough will wait for the Developer to re-install the silt fence and fix the handicap ramp. Solicitor Gifford stated he was waiting for clarification from the Borough Engineer to determine if the Developer has satisfied the requirements for removing the silt fence. He then stated the Borough Engineer has provided the Developer with a notice to fix the handicap ramp issue which means the Developer would ultimately be held liable if an accident occurred.

Frank Krider, 602 Spruce Street, informed Council that he has been having drainage and stormwater issues on his street which he contributes to his neighbor's driveway apron. Manager Hart explained that initially the driveway apron was modified several years ago without a permit and since has been inspected and permitted. She also informed Mr. Krider and Council that the Borough has visited Spruce Street and there are several other issues affecting stormwater drainage, primarily due to broken curbs and overgrown street trees. Manager Hart then stated that the 2040 Comprehensive Plan will address street tree issues.

Mr. Krider then stated he was concerned with traffic at the Main Street railroad crossing. He then stated he witnessed vehicles stopping on the tracks as well as others driving around the barriers. Chief Fantry stated SEPTA is currently working on the railroad line in the Borough. As a result, the barriers were left down for longer than normal which caused drivers to go around the barriers. He then stated the Police Department is citing drivers who drive around the barriers. Manager Hart announced SEPTA will be closing roadways in the Borough to repair the Borough's railroad crossings over the summer.

John Davis, 230 S. Pennsylvania Avenue, stated the 2040 Comprehensive Plan does not require the Borough to solve curbing and sidewalk issues in the Borough. He requested the Borough to perform a sidewalk inventory, so the Borough can mark all sidewalk areas that must be replaced by property owners.

Joanne Matthews, 421 Shearer Street, provided the history of North Wales Borough's connection to the Titanic. More documentation is on display in the Borough's Walls of History museum.

Liz Ann Iacovetti, 346 W. Walnut Street, thanked Manager Hart, Assistant Manager Guzzardo and the Public Works Department for all their hard work and making the Borough's third annual Earth Day Celebration a success.

Consideration: Disbursements \$98,543.17

Manager Hart reviewed the bills listing.

Member O'Neill made a motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$98,543.17. Member Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Old Business/Committee & Board Reports/Zoning Applications

Manager Hart reviewed the Parks and Recreation Board and Shade Tree Commission minutes for a meeting held on April 12, 2018. Vice-President Cherry stated the Shade Tree Commission approved a shade tree permit for Susan Manning, 117 N. 4th Street. As part of that approval they allowed the stump to remain due to issues with a nearby gas line and metal that is in the stump. Susan Manning, 117 N. 4th Street, stated she spoke to Assistant Manager Guzzardo after the Shade Tree Commission meeting who informed her the Borough's Shade Tree Ordinance requires shade tree stumps to be removed after the tree is cut down. Manager Hart stated the Shade Tree Commission does not have the authority to allow shade tree stumps to remain after the tree is cut down. Manager Hart stated the contractor must file a PA-One-Call to determine the exact location of the utility lines in relation to the tree. If the stump can't be removed safely as a result of its close proximity to utility lines, then the Borough could allow the stump to remain. However, Manager Hart then stated the Borough would not be held responsible if an injuries related to the stump were to occur if the Borough were to allow the stump to remain.

Vice-President Cherry requested the Borough to implement a tree replanting program. He stated the Commission could perform a study of the Borough's parks to determine where there is a need for trees. Nancy Powell, 353 S. 8th Street, suggested the Borough contact Temple University to see if students enrolled at the Temple Ambler campus are interested in assisting the Borough with this project.

Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Manager

Solicitor Gifford stated there is one personnel matter for executive session, requiring no action at this time.

Mayor D'Angelo also thanked the Borough staff for their efforts with the Earth Day Celebration.

Chief Fantry announced he received a letter from the Pennsylvania Court Judges' Commission which stated the Borough is in full compliance with state and federal juvenile regulations.

Member Amato announced he attended the History Commission's presentation held on April 17, 2018 on the history of Elm Avenue and said he really enjoyed the presentation.

Vice-President Cherry requested that the Borough repave 10th Street as soon as possible. Manager Hart stated the Borough is currently working on a road paving analysis and 10th Street is included as one of the roads to be repaved.

Member Scott also thanked the Borough staff for their efforts with the Earth Day Celebration.

Member O'Neill asked for an update on the Borough's plans for 125 N. Main Street. Manager Hart stated she and President Sando will be meeting with a commercial real estate agent this week to determine what options are available for the property.

Manager Hart reviewed the results of the Borough's third annual Earth Day Celebration. She announced that the Borough will be holding a Drug Take Back Day event at Borough Hall on Saturday, April 28th. She then announced the Borough will be holding an open house event at Borough Hall for the 2040 Comprehensive Plan on Thursday, May 3rd. She then announced the Borough will be holding a public meeting on Thursday, May 10th to discuss the Borough's 150 Anniversary Celebration. She also announced the Borough is hosting the Yoga in the Yard program at Borough Hall during the month of June and encouraged residents to register for the program.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 P.M.

Attest: _____

Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager