BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES 300 SCHOOL STREET NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: June 12, 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 and Alan Guzzardo, Assistant Borough Manager.

President Sando led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Public Comment**

John Davis, 221 S. Pennsylvania Avenue, asked why there is no public comment at the end of Borough Council meetings and requested that there be public comment at the end of each meeting. President Sando informed Mr. Davis that the words "public comment" do not appear prior to adjournment on the agenda, however, Mr. Sando does ask the public for input prior to seeking motions for closure of the meetings.

Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, asked for a status update on the Safe Routes to School project. Manager Hart explained the project will go out to bid in July and hopefully commence in late August/early September. He then asked if the Borough has secured the right-of-way agreements along the project route. Manager Hart replied, yes, the rights-of-ways have been secured.

## **Discussion: 2018 Road Paving Project**

Manager Hart reviewed the proposed road paving project list. Pat Graeme, 324 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, stated she was concerned that a section of Spruce Street near 8<sup>th</sup> Street is not being paved. Manager Hart stated that much of Spruce Street needs a total redesign which is made mention of in the new Comprehensive Plan.

Member Scott made a motion to advertise the 2018 Road Paving Project with an estimated cost of \$271,377.00. Vice President Cherry seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

#### **Consideration: Police Consulting Agreement**

Manager Hart reviewed a police consulting agreement between North Wales Borough, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania and W. Ronald Smeal, W. R. Smeal Police Management Consultant, Centre County, Pennsylvania.

Rosemary Schlegel, 301 W. Montgomery Avenue, asked who is currently in charge of the Police Department. Manager Hart stated that Officer Terry Hammerstone is serving as Officer in Charge of the Department.

John Davis, 230 S. Pennsylvania Avenue, asked what the Borough's strategy is for finding a new police chief after the consulting agreement is executed. President Sando explained a decision would not be made until they have a chance to examine the department's needs.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to approve a police consulting agreement between North Wales Borough, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania and W. Ronald Smeal, W. R. Smeal Police Management Consultant, Centre County, Pennsylvania. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

# Consideration: Certificate of Appropriateness: 311 E. Montgomery Avenue and 116 School Street

Member Scott made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness as presented for 311 E. Montgomery Avenue. Member Amato seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Member Scott made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness as presented for 116 School Street. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

## Consideration: H.A.R.B. Appointment, Term Ending 12/31/2022

James Schiele, 307 E. Montgomery Avenue, expressed his interest in serving on the Historical Architectural Review Board. Joanne Matthews, 421 Shearer Street, thanked Mr. Schiele for volunteering to serve on the Board.

Member Scott made a motion to appoint James Schiele to the Historical Architectural Review Board, term ending December 31, 2022. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

## Consideration: Approval of Minutes: May 22, 2018

Member Scott made a motion to approve the minutes of May 22, 2018. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

## **Old Business/Committee & Board Reports/Zoning Applications**

Manager Hart announced that the "Movies in the Park" series will be taking place on the third Thursday of June, July and August in Weingartner Park. Assistant Manager Guzzardo stated the first movie that will be shown on Thursday, June 21st is Despicable 3. She then announced that North Wales Community Day will be held on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 4 pm. She stated there will be an area set aside on Main Street for a beer garden, live music and food trucks.

She then announced the North Wales Community Project Alliance will be holdings its Annual Fourth of July Parade and Picnic this year on Main Street. Finally, she announced that SEPTA will be working on the railroad crossings at Walnut, Main, Second and Third Streets over the next month. She stated there will be detours setup during the construction and she said the Borough has uploaded information related to the construction on the Borough website and Facebook page.

## Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Manager

Solicitor Gifford announced there was an executive session prior to the Council meeting to discuss personnel matters involving the police consulting agreement.

Member McClure announced that the annual Tex Mex 5K Race will be held on Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Member Neiderhiser thanked James Schiele for his willingness to serve on Historical Architectural Review Board.

Manager Hart passed out the 2018 YTD Profit and Loss Statement and reviewed stated how much the Borough has budgeted for Capital Improvements. John Davis, 230 S. Pennsylvania Avenue, asked if the document was available online. Manager Hart stated it would be uploaded on the Borough website as an addendum to the agenda documents.

President Sando asked when the clock tower would be installed on the North Penn Volunteer Fire Company. Manager Hart stated the clock tower will be installed this summer.

Pat Graeme, 324 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, asked if people are allowed to leave toys on their front lawns. Manager Hart explained the Borough enforces the 2009 International Property Maintenance Code. She explained the Code has a provision that prohibits the accumulation of rubbish. However, items that people use such as toys are not considered rubbish.

James Schiele, 307 E. Montgomery Avenue, provided an update on the Borough's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee activities. He encouraged people to offer their ideas for the celebration and participate if possible.

John Davis, 230 S. Pennsylvania Avenue, announced that the property at 501 E. Walnut Street has not been maintained and requested the Borough follow up on the matter with the property owner.

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

Meetin	g adjourned at /:5 / P.M.
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Attest:	Christine A. Hart
	Borough Manager