

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
300 SCHOOL STREET
NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: August 14, 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	Absent
	Eion O'Neill	Present
	Paula Scott	Present
	James Sando	Present
	Mayor Gregory D'Angelo	Present

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

President Sando led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation: Eagle Scout Achievement Award

President Sando presented Ryan Voron of local Boy Scout Troop 84 with an Eagle Scout achievement award.

Swearing In: Part-Time Police Officer

Mayor D'Angelo swore in new part-time police officer Kevin Thompson.

Public Comment

President Sando read a statement for the public regarding a Facebook post that involved a person trespassing within the Borough. He advised the public that the Police were notified, and the matter was being reviewed.

Melanie Catanese, 421 W. Walnut Street, expressed her concerns with residents not treating people with special needs in the Borough with the proper respect and care they deserve. She recommended that North Wales Borough designate a person to serve as a community liaison between the Lamb Foundation and the Borough to address issues and concerns.

Erick Myers, 125 W. Montgomery Avenue, recounted the incident at his property that resulted in a Facebook post. He expressed his concerns with the supervision and custodial care duties of the Lamb Foundation and thanked those who came to the meeting to support him.

Ruth Black, 401 S. Main Street, also expressed her concerns regarding how the Lamb Foundation supervises its residents.

Brian Erhardt, 213 S. 10th Street, also expressed his concerns with the Lamb Foundation. He then stated the North Wales Police Department does not have the resources to keep handling issues related to the Lamb Foundation.

Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, expressed his concern with a low hanging branch on Center Street between Shearer Street and Walnut Street.

Shannon Powell, 208 Highland Avenue, recounted an incident that involved a Lamb Foundation resident who came into her back yard and approached her children. She expressed her concerns and hopes that this sort of thing never happens again.

Meghan Smith, 110 Washington Avenue, expressed her concern with nearby Lamb Foundation residents coming onto her property and disturbing her and her family.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: July 24, 2018

Member Scott made a motion to approve the minutes of July 24, 2018. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: H.A.R.B. Appointment, Term Ending 12/31/2019

Vice-President Cherry made a motion to appoint Erick Myers to the Historical Architectural Review Board. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Resignation of Daniel Natale from the Parks & Recreation Board, Shade Tree Commission and Historic Commission

Daniel Natale thanked Council members and Manager Hart for the opportunity to serve.

Vice-President Cherry made a motion to accept the resignation of Daniel Natale from the Parks and Recreation Board, Shade Tree Commission and the Historic Commission. Member Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Resignation of Toni Natale from the Parks & Recreation Board

Toni Natale also thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve. Manager Hart thanked Mr. and Mrs. Natale for their services to the Borough.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to accept the resignation of Toni Natale from the Parks and Recreation Board. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Escrow Release #2 - 432 Shearer Street Subdivision

Manager Hart provided an update on the project and stated the Borough is retaining escrow funds to cover some outstanding items.

Melanie Catanese, 421 W. Walnut Street, expressed her concerns with grading and stormwater management issues at the property site.

Vice-President Cherry expressed his concerns with seeding and mulching. Manager Hart stated the Borough is withholding escrow funds because seeding and mulching efforts are only 70 percent complete.

Member McClure asked for clarification with regard to stormwater management. Manager Hart explained the stormwater managements plans were reviewed and approved by Council.

Loretta Wegner, 430 Shearer Street, expressed her concern with stormwater running into her parking area in the rear of her house.

Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, asked for clarification as to how Engineering expenses are paid for. Manager Hart explained the escrow funds cover Engineering expenses.

Linda McAdoo, 412 Shearer Street, expressed her concern with stormwater runoff affecting adjacent property owners and asked when the developer will be required to fix the handi-cap ramp at the corner of Shearer Street and West Street. Manager Hart stated the Borough could issue a Conditional Use and Occupancy Certificate that provides a compliance date the developer will have to abide by. If it is not taken care of by the compliance date, then the Borough has the option to install the ramp with the remaining escrow funds.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to approve a partial release of escrow in the amount of \$2,535.00 for the 432 Shearer Street Subdivision. Member Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Old Business/Committee & Board Reports/Zoning Applications

Manager Hart provided an overview of the pending Wissahickon Creek Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Strategy and Pollutant Reduction Plan (PRP) for North Wales Borough.

She also announced the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission has agreed to waive the \$5,000.00 letter of intent fee for the Regional Streetlight Procurement Program.

Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Manager

Solicitor Filice announced there was an executive session held to discuss a personnel matter prior to the Council meeting and no action was taken.

Mayor D'Angelo thanked everyone who attended the Council meeting and encouraged them to keep coming back to Council meetings. He also thanked members of the North Penn Volunteer Fire Co. for their service and encouraged people to stop by the Fire Company to see recent renovations that have been completed.

Member O'Neill announced he attended an opioid awareness class held at the North Penn YMCA.

Vice-President Cherry provided an update on the Borough's 150th Anniversary Committee's activities.

Member McClure announced she attended State Representative Kate Harper's "Coffee with Kate" event on August 11, at the Lower Gwynedd Township building.

Melanie Catanese, 421 W. Walnut Street, again expressed her concerns with the Lamb Foundation and asked Council what they planned to do about the issue.

President Sando thanked members of the Community for attending the Council meeting and expressing their concerns. He then stated Council would investigate the issue and address accordingly. He then wished Mayor D'Angelo a Happy Birthday.

Manager Hart announced the following events will take place: The Movies in the Park program will show "Inside Out" on Thursday, August 16, 2018, the Community Day of Service will take place on Saturday, September 22, 2018 and North Wales Community Day will be held on Saturday, September 29.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to adjourn. Member Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 P.M.

Attest: _____

Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager