

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
 300 SCHOOL STREET
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: June 11, 2019 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	Absent
	Sally Neiderhiser	Present
	Daniel O'Connell	Absent
	Eion O'Neill	Present
	Paula Scott	Present
	James Sando	Present
	Mayor Gregory D'Angelo	Absent

Also in attendance were Gregory Gifford, Borough Solicitor and Michael Eves, Chief of Police. Alan Guzzardo, Assistant Borough Manager was absent.

President Sando led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Kathleen Waters, 705 E. Walnut Street, expressed her concerns with regard to the behavior of several residents whom live directly across the street from her property. She stated that she believed the Lamb Foundation was responsible for supervising the individuals who reside there, and, in her opinion, they need to do a better job. Member Scott asked if Ms. Waters if she is contacting the police when incidents occur. Ms. Waters stated she called the police after one incident and she spoke with an officer at the Wawa store after another incident. Member Scott encouraged her as well as any other residents experiencing issues involving safety to always call the police regardless of whom is involved. She then asked Chief Eves to comment on the issue. Chief Eves also encouraged all residents to call 911 when incidents occur.

Eric Maurer, 709 E. Walnut Street, also expressed his concerns with the behavior of the residents residing across the street. He stated that one of them tried to break into his home in the middle of the night and he had video evidence of the incident. He also recalled incidents of harassment and other unruly behavior. He said he had called the police multiple times. However, he feels that nothing has been resolved and he hopes that the police will be able to better address these issues.

Consideration: Preliminary/Final Subdivision: SD-18-01, 215 Church Street, 3-Lot Subdivision

Manager Hart provided an overview of the applicant's proposal and the waivers being requested. Member Amato asked for clarification on maintenance of the proposed stormwater management facilities. Manager Hart explained that an operation and maintenance agreement would be executed to ensure that all future property owners would be responsible for maintaining the facilities. Vice President Cherry then asked Manager Hart how many trees the applicant is

requesting a waiver from planting. Manager Hart stated the applicant is requesting a waiver from planting five trees. Vice President Cherry suggested the Borough should request a donation in-lieu of planting the trees so the Borough can use the funds to plant the trees in the Borough's parks. Manager Hart asked Robert Mortimer, the Applicant, if he was opposed to making a donation for the trees. Mr. Mortimer asked how much of a donation would the Borough be requesting. Manager Hart stated the Borough Engineer has determined a price of \$200.00 per tree, which would be a total of \$1,000.00 for the five trees. Vice President Cherry then suggested the Borough should only request a total of \$400.00-\$600.00 since the Applicant is restoring a historic house.

Member Amato asked if council members need to be informed about stormwater management practices and requirements. Manager Hart stated the Borough Engineer is responsible for ensuring that all of the stormwater management requirements are met. President Sando asked if the stormwater management plans are sufficient. Manager Hart stated there were issues with previous plans. However, the Applicant has revised his plans which have been deemed sufficient by the Borough Engineer. Solicitor Gifford asked the Applicant if he has prepared a financial guarantee for the improvements which the Borough Engineer stated would be required in her review letter, dated May 24, 2019. The Applicant stated he is currently working with his engineer on that. Solicitor Gifford then made the Applicant aware that any approval would be contingent on providing the Borough with a sufficient financial guarantee. The Applicant agreed to this contingency.

Member O'Neill asked Manager Hart for clarification on fees in-lieu of meeting certain requirements. Manager Hart explained that Council may request donations in-lieu of meeting certain requirements. Council deliberated on the requested waivers and on the fees in-lieu of meeting the tree planting and parks and recreation requirements. Solicitor Gifford then stated for the record, the Applicant has agreed to resolve item numbers 6 thru 8 in the Borough Engineer's review letter, dated May 24, 2019, in the section referencing Stormwater Management.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to grant preliminary/final subdivision approval for SD-18-01, 3-lot subdivision at 215 Church Street, with the requested waivers as presented. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: May 28, 2019

Member Scott made a motion to approve the minutes of May 28, 2019. Member Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Old Business/Committee & Board Reports/Zoning Applications

Manager Hart stated the Borough has no pending zoning application. However, the Borough has received a land development application for a six-unit apartment building, to be constructed at 690 E. Walnut Street. The parcel was recently subdivided from 700 E. Walnut Street. She stated the plans are currently under review by staff and she will be providing an update at a future Council meeting.

Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Chief of Police / Manager

Solicitor Gifford stated an executive session will be held following the Council meeting to discuss an update on a legal matter as well as a personnel matter and a real estate matter. He then said that possible action would be taken following the executive session.

President Sando thanked Manager Hart for showing a video prior to the Council meeting which showed members of the PA House of Representatives passing a resolution supporting the Borough's 150th Anniversary. Members of the 150th Anniversary Committee and Borough officials had traveled to Harrisburg to attend the session. President Sando stated he attended the session and it was a great experience. Both Manager Hart and Mr. Sando thanked State Representative Hanbidge for the experience and invitation.

Manager Hart announced the Montgomery Township Board of Supervisors has applied for a DCED Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program Grant for trail projects. She stated it is important because the Borough could possibly construct trails that link into surrounding municipal trails in the future. She then announced that Upper Gwynedd Township has invited the Borough's elected officials to a ceremony on July 22 at Pennbrook Middle School to celebrate some recent personnel promotions within its Police Department. She then reviewed the Delaware Valley Health Trust 2018 Wellness Program Report for Borough employee members. She reviewed the health care incentives that are available for members and encouraged members to take full advantage of the available benefits. Manager Hart also announced the Borough had received a donation from Jenny Dunlap of North Wales National Bank handwritten ledgers and minutes from 1890-1893, that were passed down to her by her Father, Kermit J. Patrick, Jr. which will be placed on display in the Walls of History Museum.

Member Scott made a motion to adjourn. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

The meeting reconvened at 8:22 P.M.

Solicitor Gifford stated Council has reconvened to act on a real estate transfer regarding 599 Elm Avenue, the former North Wales Borough Wastewater Treatment Facility which is currently owned by North Wales Water Authority. Ownership of the property will be transferred back to the Borough.

Member O'Neill made a motion to execute the real estate transfer of 599 Elm Avenue from North Wales Water Authority to North Wales Borough. Vice President Cherry seconded the motion. Motion passed, 7 yes, 0 no.

Member Scott made a motion to adjourn. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Attest: _____
Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager