

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
 300 SCHOOL STREET
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

REMOTE MEETING: June 23, 2020 7:00 PM, EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Sando.

ROLL CALL:	Salvatore Amato	Present
	James Cherry	Present
	Sherwin Collins	Absent
	Ronald S. Little, Jr.	Present
	Wendy McClure	Present
	Sally Neiderhiser	Present
	Eion O'Neill	Present
	James Sando	Present
	Mark Tarlecki	Present
	Mayor Gregory D'Angelo	Present

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

This meeting was held remotely via Zoom due to COVID-19 restrictions.

President Sando led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

There was none.

Discussion: Joint UCC Appeals Board Agreement and Resolution

Manager Hart reviewed a proposed Resolution and Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with Upper Gwynedd Township to create a Joint Uniform Construction Code (UCC) Board of Appeals.

President Sando asked what would currently happen if someone filed an appeal. Manager Hart stated that the Borough would have to reach out the PA Department of Labor and Industry since the Borough has been unable to fill its existing UCC Board of Appeals.

President Sando asked how appeals would be paid for and opposed that the proposed agreement indicates members of the UCC Appeal Board would be compensated. Assistant Manager Guzzardo stated that applicants would pay fees in accordance with the Borough's Fee Schedule and by removing the compensation clause relating to the members would be consistent with other Boards and Commissions who do not receive compensation.

Member O'Neill suggested that compensation could be used to find suitable candidates to serve. Assistant Manager Guzzardo explained the Borough's unsuccessful attempts to fill its UCC Board of Appeals were primarily due to the larger number of members needed to fill the Board

as well as the several specific qualifications required of the members. He explained that the Borough would only need to find two qualified people to serve if this agreement is passed and the Borough could have non-residents serve if they are still unable to fill the two seats.

Member Amato asked if the Borough is seeking approval tonight. Manager Hart stated it is only for discussion tonight and encouraged members to let her know if they have any questions and/or suggestions relating to the proposed Resolution and Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with Upper Gwynedd Township.

Consideration: June 2020 Disbursements: \$48,659.37

Member McClure asked for clarification on a bill for Richard Hagy. Manager Hart explained that Mr. Hagy receives a stipend to oversee and tend to 125 North Main Street. Member Amato asked if the Borough pays a discounted municipal rate for PECO, as the invoices seemed lower this past month. Manager Hart explained that PECO bills are lower this month because some of the usual bills had not yet been received and are not on this bills list.

Member McClure made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$48,659.37. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote was taken. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Old Business/Committee & Board Reports/Zoning Applications

Assistant Manager Guzzardo reminded everyone that there will be a Zoning Hearing conducted via Zoom on Tuesday, July 7. He stated that in addition to the zoning application, regarding 623 East Walnut Street, he received another zoning application, regarding a minor home occupation at 304 West Walnut Street.

Manager Hart announced that the Employee Relations Committee is meeting this Thursday, June 25th to discuss the status of the Police Department Feasibility Study.

Mayor D'Angelo reviewed a draft of the Planning Commission minutes from their last meeting, held on Wednesday, June 3rd.

Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Chief of Police / Manager

Solicitor Gifford announced an executive session will be held regarding a matter of litigation and a personnel matter.

Mayor D'Angelo stated Chief Eves will be discussing an issue relating to speeding complaints in the Borough.

Member Tarlecki asked for a year-to-date revenue and expense update. Manager Hart stated she will be sending out a comprehensive report after she meets with the Finance Committee.

Member Cherry announced that the Nor-Gwyn Pool will be opening on Wednesday, July 1, but only members who have had at least three consecutive years of membership will be able to use the pool this year. President Sando asked why only those with three consecutive years of membership or more will be able to use the pool. Member O'Neill explained that it largely had to do with contact tracing, and he suggested that people contact Ginny Oldt, Nor-Gwyn Pool Commission Chair, if they need more clarification.

Chief Eves reported that the Police Department is increasing traffic enforcement efforts and he stated that officers have completed their taser and firearms qualifications. He then stated their year-to-date budget is on track and they are in the process of reviewing all their equipment. He stated he received more complaints regarding speeding on South Tenth Street and the Department will be conducting more traffic enforcement in that area of town. Lastly, he stated that the Department will need to hire some more part-time officers because two existing officers are moving on to full-time positions elsewhere.

Manager Hart announced that North Wales Water Authority has released their 2019 Water Quality Report which is available on their website. She also announced that Montgomery County has launched "Talk They Hear You" program, which focuses on addressing adolescent underage drinking and drug use. Manager Hart announced that the Partnership TMA of Montgomery County and our Police Department held a successful free bike helmet giveaway and they are planning to hold similar events throughout COVID-19 in other local areas to promote helmet use and bicycle safety. Lastly, she announced that a bridge in Ninth Street Park has been temporarily closed due to an issue with the structural supports and she is currently looking into having the walking bridge and landing repaired.

President Sando asked if there has been any update this year on the Spotted Lantern Fly. Manager Hart stated she has not received any new information. Member McClure suggested that people check out the Penn State Extension website for more information.

Jocelyn Tenney, North Wales Area Library Board member, announced that the Taste of Montco Event has been cancelled. However, there will likely be a silent auction for items that had already been set aside for the event. A date for that event will be determined in the near future.

President Sando stated that the next meeting will be held via Zoom and requested that Council discuss the possibility of hosting in-person meetings at that time depending on the status of the pandemic.

President Sando asked if there is any other public comment or anything else to come before Council. There was none.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 P.M.

Attest: _____
Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager