

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
300 SCHOOL STREET
NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

REMOTE MEETING: August 25, 2020 7:00 PM, EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Sando.

ROLL CALL:	Salvatore Amato	Present
	James Cherry	Present
	Sherwin Collins	Present
	Ronald S. Little, Jr.	Present
	Wendy McClure	Present
	Sally Neiderhiser	Present
	Eion O'Neill	Present
	James Sando	Absent
	Mark Tarlecki	Present, joined at 7:06 PM
	Mayor Gregory D'Angelo	Present

Also in attendance were John Filice, 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.

Vice President Cherry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

There was none.

Consideration: Approval of COAs: 402 School St., 223 S. Main St. & 409 S. Main St

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness, as presented for 402 School Street. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Vice President Cherry asked why work had already started at 223 South Main Street since they did not have HARB approval prior to the meeting date. Manager Hart explained that due to structural issues, they were only given approval to start on the foundation, which is not subject to historical review.

Member McClure made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness, as presented for 223 South Main Street. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Member McClure made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness, as presented for 409 South Main Street. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Award 2020 Paving Project Bid

Council members asked questions regarding the bid process and what safeguards are in place, should the contractor not complete the work in accordance with the contract. Manager Hart

explained that the Borough can pull the contractor's Performance and Surety Bond if they are not meeting the listed requirements. This would then allow the Borough to select another contractor to finish the project.

Member Collins made a motion to award the 2020 Paving Project to Delaware Valley Paving in the following phases, Priority A in the amount of \$187,113.18, Alternative B in the amount of \$146,918.28 and Alternative C in the amount of \$146,946.75. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Advertisement for General Obligation Note, 2020 Series

Council members deliberated the loan options available regarding amounts and terms. They asked for clarification on possible needed tax increases. Manager Hart recommended the \$2,000,000 option for a period of 20 years. She then explained that a 0.25 tax millage increase to the Debt Service Millage would be needed in 2021 so the Borough could be in a better position to pay off the debt and keep up with the rising costs of operations and improvements to infrastructure.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to approve advertisement of Ordinance 816, General Obligation Note, 2020 Series in the amount of \$2,000,000 for a term of 20 years. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: August 11, 2020

Member McClure made a motion to approve the minutes of August 11, 2020. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Disbursements: \$90,499.85

Member McClure made a motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$90,499.85. Member Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Joint UCC Board of Appeals

Member Amato asked how each municipality would be responsible for its own appeals. Solicitor Filice explained that each municipality would bear the cost of the appeal and the Borough would offset the cost by charging an application fee, similar to a Zoning Hearing Board application.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to approve an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with Upper Gwynedd Township to create a Joint Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: DVIT Worker's Comp Resolution

Manager Hart reviewed the agreement and benefits of joining the Delaware Valley Health Trust. Chief Eves stated that his former employer was a member of the program and he said the program provides a lot of valuable benefits for both the organization and the employees.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to approve participation of the Borough in the Delaware Valley Workers' Compensation Trust in accordance with the Pennsylvania Workers'

Compensation Act and the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Law. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Old Business/Committee & Board Reports/Zoning Applications

Assistant Manager Guzzardo announced two Zoning Hearings scheduled for Sept. 1, 2020. One property is located at 136-138 S. Main Street requesting a use variance and the other property is located at 401 W. Walnut Street requesting a special exception along with variances.

Manager Hart announced the Borough is currently reviewing proposals received for the Traffic Engineer position and she hopes that Council will be able to select an applicant at the September 22 Council meeting. She then announced that she is looking into alternative options for the newsletter and she would report back to Council.

Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Chief of Police / Manager

Mayor D'Angelo announced that the Borough received a thank you letter from Chief Duffey, Upper Gwynedd Township for mutual aid that the Borough provided for a shooting incident on August 23 in Upper Gwynedd Township. He then announced that Alex Sansone, a former Borough police officer who is now serving with Falls Township, rescued a 4-year-old child from drowning. He added that he is proud of both Alex's accomplishments and that the Borough had provided valuable training to Alex during his time with the Borough.

Vice President Cherry encouraged residents to pick up after themselves when using the Borough's parks and grounds.

Chief Eves announced that testing for the Montgomery County Consortium of Communities, on behalf of their respective Civil Service Commissions or Municipalities, will be conducting a written examination for Police Officer on Saturday October 10, 2020 at Hatboro Horsham High School. He then thanked Manager Hart for acquiring a speed enforcement trailer and for a flashing stop sign that was installed at the South Tenth Street and East Prospect Avenue intersection.

Manager Hart announced that the Borough will be installing a new sound system for the main meeting room as soon as the supplies come through. Member Amato asked if the Borough will be able to recoup any of the costs associated with the previous sound system. Assistant Manager Guzzardo stated that the Borough will be listing the old equipment on Municibid and they would report back on how much it was sold for. She then asked Council members if they would like to continue remote meetings. Jocelyn Tenney, 801 East Walnut Street, stated she supported continuing remote meetings give an increase in COVID case numbers. Council decided to continue remote meetings until further notice.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to adjourn. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 P.M.

Attest: _____
Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager