

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
300 SCHOOL STREET
NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

REMOTE MEETING: September 22, 2020 7:00 PM, EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Sando.

ROLL CALL:	Salvatore Amato	Present
	James Cherry	Present
	Sherwin Collins	Present, joined at 7:02 PM
	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, joined at 7:04 PM

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.

Consideration: Approval of NMCRC Enforcement Procedures

Solicitor Gifford reviewed the Act 101 enforcement procedures and the proposed amendments as established by the Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission. Member O'Neill asked if the new procedures will be shared with the public, so they are informed. Manager Hart explained that the new regulations will be shared on the Borough website once they have been implemented.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to approve the revised Act 101 enforcement procedures as established by the Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Certificates of Appropriateness: 439 Beaver St., 223 S. Main St. & 207 S. Fourth St.

Member O'Neill made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness, as presented for 439 Beaver Street for renovations to an existing front porch. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Member McClure made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness, as presented for 223 South Main Street for a front porch roof replacement. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Member O'Neill made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness, as presented for 207 South Fourth Street to replace the windows and install a deck. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of 2021 Non-Uniform MMO

Member Amato asked what the employer contribution rate is and how it is calculated. Manager Hart stated it is 7 percent and the rate is defined in the Borough's Pension Plan governed by Ordinance and administered by the Pennsylvania Municipal Employee Retirement System (PMERS). It is reviewed by the IRS every seven years and can only be amended by Council. Member McClure made a motion to approve the 2021 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the non-uniform employee's pension plan. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of 2021 Police MMO

Member Amato asked how the rates compare to previous years. Manager Hart explained that the rates were higher this year than previous years due to the hiring of an additional full-time officer and a decline in the performance of the stock market.

Member McClure made a motion to approve the 2021 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Police Pension plan. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Letter of Support for SB 663 & HB 1504

Member McClure expressed support for the proposed legislation to help ensure that PA maintains its Dog Warden Program. Member Amato asked how this would impact our Police Department. Chief Eves explained the importance of the Dog Warden Program and how it helps to lessen the responsibility of the local Police Departments.

Member McClure made a motion to approve letters of support for PA Senate Bill 663 and PA House Bill 1504. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Disbursements: \$56,908.81

Member Amato requested a breakdown of the Borough Engineer's expenses on the next bills list.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$56,908.81. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: September 8, 2020

Member McClure made a motion to approve the minutes of September 8, 2020. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Old Business/Committee & Board Reports/Zoning Applications

Manager Hart announced that a new tab has been created on the Borough website for the Human Relations Commission and that new information has been made available with more to be posted.

Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Chief of Police / Manager

Solicitor Gifford announced that there will be an executive session following the meeting to discuss a personnel matter and he anticipated no action will be taken.

Manager Hart announced that Chief Eves has submitted a budget transfer request as follows:
 \$2,000.00, From: 0141029: Ammo and Related, To: 0141028: Uniforms, Police
 \$5,000.00, From: 0141033: Gasoline, Police, To: 0141018 Overtime Wages, Police
 \$3000.00, From: 0141024: Operating Exp. Police, To: 0141018: Overtime Wages, Police
 \$3000.00, From: 0141050: Training, Police, To: 0141018: Overtime Wages, Police

Member McClure made a motion to approve the requested budget transfer items. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Manager Hart announced the following events: Oktoberfest Takeout Event on September 26, Community Day of Service on October 3 and the North Wales Area Library 5k Run/Walk Event between October 24-31.

Manager Hart asked Council if they would like to continue to hold remote meetings. Council decided to continue to host remote meetings until at least November, the topic will be revisited at that time.

President Sando asked if the Borough should take a position on Halloween Trick-or-Treating. Solicitor Gifford advised that the Borough should not take a position due to the inability to regulate as well as potential liability concerns. Member Tarlecki announced that the CDC has published guidelines on their website for Halloween and other upcoming holidays. President Sando requested that the guidelines be shared on the Borough's website. Manager Hart confirmed they would be shared.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to adjourn. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Attest: _____
 Christine A. Hart
 Borough Manager