

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
300 SCHOOL STREET
NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

REMOTE MEETING: October 27, 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	Absent
	Sally Neiderhiser	Present
	Eion O'Neill	Present
	James Sando	Present
	Mark Tarlecki	Present, joined at 7:04 PM
	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

Jessica Grinspan, a resident of Upper Gwynedd Township, announced her running campaign called, "Propel the Vote" which she will be running on Saturday, October 31st. Her goal is to run up and down every street in the Borough and encourage all residents she meets along the way to vote in the upcoming election and all future elections. Council members thanked Jessica and wished her luck with her venture. Manager Hart stated she would provide Jessica with North Wales 150th Anniversary Commemorative items and would share information about her initiative on the Borough's Facebook page.

Discussion: 2021 Preliminary Budget Overview

Manager Hart provided an overview of the 2021 Preliminary Budget and reviewed the year-to-date Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual Financial Report. Council members asked Manager Hart for clarification on several budget items, to which Manager Hart answered.

Consideration: Acceptance of DARE Program Donation

Manager Hart thanked Jane Keyes for her generous contribution to the DARE program, especially this year given the hardships of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 from Tex-Mex Connection, to be deposited into the DARE Program Fund. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Zoning Hearing Board Appointment, Term Ending 12/31/2022

Amanda Combs' letter was presented to Council asking for consideration to be appointed to the Zoning Hearing Board. Amanda was present via Zoom and thanked Council for the opportunity to serve and indicated if appointed, she looks forward to her new position.

Member Collins made a motion to appoint Amanda Combs to the Zoning Hearing Board as an alternate member, term ending 12/31/2022. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: UCC Board of Appeals Appointment, Term Ending 12/31/2024

Vice President Cherry made a motion to appoint James Schiele to the Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals, term ending 12/31/2024. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: COA(s): 417 E. Montgomery Ave. & 402 E. Montgomery Ave.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness, as presented for a roof replacement project at 417 East Montgomery Avenue. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness, as presented for stucco repairs and a porch replacement project at 402 East Montgomery Avenue. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Disbursements: \$137,949.06

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$137,949.06. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Minutes: September 22, 2020 & October 13, 2020

Member O'Neill made a motion to approve the minutes of September 22, 2020. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to approve the minutes of October 13, 2020. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Old Business/Committee & Board Reports/Zoning Applications

Manager Hart announced that the previous sound system equipment has been posted for bidding on Municibid until Thursday, November 19 and Council would likely award the bid at the following meeting on Tuesday, November 24. She then announced that the Borough has established a Municipay account so the Borough can now accept card payments.

Assistant Manager Guzzardo confirmed that there are no pending zoning appeals.

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 as well as a legal matter relating to Station Place. He anticipated no action will be taken.

Vice President Cherry praised Dan Sokil, of the Reporter, for his recent article titled, “North Wales Councilman Draws on Past to Call for Calm,” published on October 15. He then requested input from Council in the future related to establishing term limits for Council members.

Member O’Neill requested that information be posted on Halloween celebrations and alerted everyone of a scam operation with people claiming to be employees of the North Wales Water Authority.

Chief Eves announced that the “Back the Blue” campaign, organized by Mark Smith, 442 South Eighth Street, has raised \$1,400.00 in donations, \$1,000.00 of which has been provided to the Fraternal Order of Police organization and the remaining \$400.00 will be donated to the DARE Program Fund. Manager Hart requested that Council formally accept the donation.

Vice President Cherry made a motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$400.00 from the Back the Blue campaign, to be deposited into the DARE Program fund. Member O’Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Chief Eves then announced that school is back in session and officers are attending newly required annual training.

Manager Hart announced that signs will be posted at the Borough’s parks and grounds to solicit volunteers for the Parks and Recreation Board and thanked Member O’Neill for suggesting the idea.

President Sando asked for Council input on returning to in-person Council meetings. Council agreed to continue virtual meetings until conditions improve.

Jessica Grinspan thanked Council for their support, and said she hopes to attend more Council meetings in the future.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to adjourn. Member Amato seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 P.M.

Attest: _____
Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager