

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
300 SCHOOL STREET
NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

REMOTE MEETING: January 26, 2021 7:00 PM, EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Sando.

ROLL CALL:	Salvatore Amato	Present
	James Cherry	Present, joined at 7:13 PM
	Sherwin Collins	Present
	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 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.

President Sando led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

Presentation: NPVFC Grant Match Proposal for Firehouse Renovations

Frank Baxter, President of the North Penn Volunteer Fire Company, presented Phases III-IV of the on-going renovations to the Fire Company's facilities, located at 137-141 South Main Street. He announced that the Fire Company had received a \$1,000,000 matching Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program from the State for the proposed renovations. He then requested that the Borough contribute to the matching funds in the amount of \$100,000 to \$150,000.

Council asked the Fire Company why the original proposed showroom for the Bertha antique fire truck had been removed from the proposal. Mr. Baxter explained that the Fire Company did not have enough funding to construct the showroom and funds had to be diverted for a radio room. Council then asked if the Fire Company plans to install a generator to ensure that power remains in times of crisis. Mr. Baxter explained that a generator will be installed for the facilities and will cost roughly between \$30,000 and \$40,000. Council asked Mr. Baxter how quickly they needed a decision on the requested grant match. Mr. Baxter requested an answer within a few months.

Consideration: 2021 Annual Boards & Commissions Appointments

Member Tarlecki made a motion to appoint Robert J. Vincent to the Civil Service Commission, to serve as the alternate member, term ending 12/31/2026. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Member McClure made a motion to appoint Joseph J. Del Ciotto, Jr. to the Historical Architectural Review Board, to serve as the architect member, term ending 12/31/2025. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Manager Hart announced that she did not receive a re-appointment request from Joanne Matthews for the Historic Commission, and she did not receive any letters of interest for the opening. Therefore, she announced it would be added to the list of vacancies.

Member Little made a motion to appoint Collette D'Angelo to the Human Relations Commission, term ending 12/31/2023. Member Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Member Tarlecki made a motion to appoint Vice President Cherry to the Nor-Gwyn Pool Commission, to serve as one of the two required Council members, term ending 12/31/2025. Member Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Member Little made a motion to appoint Jocelyn Tenney to the North Wales Area Library Board, term ending 12/31/2023. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Member Collins made a motion to appoint Member Neiderhiser to the North Wales Water Authority Board, term ending 12/31/2025. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Vice President Cherry made a motion to appoint Lynne Fitzgerald to the Parks and Recreation Board, term ending 12/31/2025. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Manager Hart announced that the Borough has received two letters of interest to fill the remaining vacancies on the Parks and Recreation Board. President Sando requested that Council fill those vacancies first and then continue with the remainder of the appointments.

Vice President Cherry made a motion to appoint Rachel Wise to the Parks and Recreation Board, term ending 12/31/2022. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Member O'Neill made a motion to appoint Sarah Whelan to the Parks and Recreation Board, term ending 12/31/2025. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Member Tarlecki made a motion appoint President Sando to the Pension Committee, to serve as the Council member, term ending 12/31/2021. Member Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Manager Hart announced that Lisa Hollister did not seek re-appointment to the Pension Committee, but she did receive a letter of interest for the opening.

Vice President Cherry made a motion to appoint Kevin Sitoski to the Pension Committee, to serve as the resident member, term ending 12/31/2021. Member Tarlecki seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Member O'Neill made a motion to appoint Lynne Custer to the Pension Committee, to serve as the police officer member, term ending 12/31/2021. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Member O'Neill made a motion to appoint Member Tarlecki to the Planning Commission, term ending 12/31/2024. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Manager Hart announced that she did not receive a re-appointment request from Greta Martin Washington for the Planning Commission, and she did not receive any letters of interest for the opening.

Member Tarlecki said he knows that Ms. Martin Washington does want to continue serving on the Commission and he would follow up with her to make sure she responds to Manager Hart.

Member O'Neill made a motion to appoint Martha Lottes to the Shade Tree Commission, term ending 12/31/2025. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Manager Hart announced that she did not receive a re-appointment request from Michael Greco for the Vacancy Board Chair, but she did receive a letter of interest for the opening.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to appoint Jocelyn Tenney to serve as the Vacancy Board Chair, term ending 12/31/2021. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Member McClure made a motion to appoint Perry Francis to the Zoning Hearing Board, term ending 12/31/2025. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of COAs: 123 S. Fourth St. & 129 Shearer St.

Member Tarlecki made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness, as presented for 123 South Fourth Street. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Member O'Neill made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness, as presented for 129 Shearer Street. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Payment No. 1 for 2020 Paving Project

Manager Hart announced that Delaware Valley Paving is requesting to be paid for 15 ADA ramps that were installed as part of the 2020 Paving Project. However, Boucher & James, Inc. is recommending that the contractor only be paid for 14 of the ADA ramps since there are issues with one of the ramps that need to be corrected.

Member O'Neil made a motion to approve payment No. 1 in the amount of \$47,250 for the 2020 Paving Project. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Acceptance of Donation

Manager Hart announced she received a donation in the amount of \$100 from ACE Cleaners who requested that the money go to a good use. Member McClure suggested that the donation be earmarked for the Historic Commission fund for maintenance for the Walls of History Museum at Borough Hall. Member O'Neill asked Solicitor Filice if there were any potential legal issues with this. Solicitor Filice stated that Council has the authority to accept a donation on behalf of the donation and may earmark it to any fund they wish, as long as the donor did not specifically request the donation be used for a specific purpose.

Member McClure made a motion to approve acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$100 from ACE Cleaners, to be earmarked for the Historic Commission fund. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: 1/12/2021

Member O'Neill made a motion to approve the minutes of January 12, 2021. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Disbursements: \$39,961.10

Council asked Chief Eves about a bill in the amount of \$1,080 for training. Chief Eves explained that it was for a de-escalation training course that is required under Act 59.

Member O’Neill made a motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$39,961.10. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Old Business/Committee & Board Reports/Zoning Applications

Manager Hart announced there are no pending zoning applications. She then announced that a letter will be mailed out with this year’s tax bill, explaining the 0.5 tax millage increase that was approved by Council last year.

Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Chief of Police / Manager

Solicitor Filice announced that an executive session would be held to discuss a personnel matter and potential litigation matter. Then he stated that Council would not reconvene this evening to take a vote on these matters.

Mayor D’Angelo announced he would also reach out to Ms. Martin Washington to verify she would like to be re-appointed to the Planning Commission. He then announced that Joseph Lavallo, Upper Moreland Township Commissioner and Korean War Memorial America-Korea Alliance Peace Park Architect, had passed away due to COVID-19 on January 25. He said that he would send condolences on behalf of the Borough to Mr. Lavallo’s family.

Member Neiderhiser thanked Council for re-appointing her to the North Wales Water Authority Board.

President Sando expressed his concerns with the on-going COVID-19 Pandemic and encouraged everyone to reach out to their loved ones to let them know that you are thinking of them during these tough times.

Chief Eves announced that new-year updates are in progress, annual wellness exams have been scheduled, all officers have received their first vaccination and he commended Officer John Foster for assisting with a house fire rescue that occurred in December.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to adjourn. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Attest: _____
Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager