

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
 300 SCHOOL STREET
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

REMOTE MEETING: May 25, 2021, 7:00 P.M., EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Sando.

ROLL CALL:	Salvatore Amato	Absent
	James Cherry	Present
	Sherwin Collins	Present, joined at 7:03 P.M.
	Ronald S. Little, Jr.	Present
	Wendy McClure	Absent
	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, Michael Eves, Chief of Police and Brian Sleicher, Public Works Supervisor.

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

President Sando led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Kelly Welch, 113 South Tenth Street, asked if the Borough would be doing anything to celebrate Pride Month (June), including raising the Rainbow flag on Borough grounds. She added that other municipalities such as Norristown and Lansdale have already pledged to raise the flag. Council members expressed support for raising the flag. President Sando asked Solicitor Filice if there were any potential legal issues with this practice. Solicitor Filice stated the Borough could raise the flag, but Council should first pass a resolution. Vice President Cherry asked if the Borough would need to raise flags for other causes to be fair. Solicitor Filice answered no and added that Council can choose which flags it wishes to raise. Council asked where they can obtain the flag from. Member Little offered to provide the flag.

Member O'Neill made a motion to approve the raising of the Rainbow flag in honor of Pride Month. Member Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Discussion: Parks and Recreation Donation Program Guidelines and Procedures

Manager Hart reviewed the Parks and Recreation Program Guidelines and Procedures and requested Council's input. Member Neiderhiser asked if the donor would be provided with a certificate or something that identifies where the item will be used. Manager Hart stated a certificate with an identification number or location would be provided to the donor. Member O'Neill suggested providing donated items alternatives for the Cemetery property on East Walnut Street to beautify it. Manager Hart stated that there are preservation restrictions, but she

would research it. Member Collins asked if transportation, labor, and other costs would be included in the item amount. Manager Hart confirmed they would be. Council members asked about item warranty and maintenance of donated items. Manger Hart stated there would be no warranty, but the Borough will maintain donated items. President Sando asked Solicitor Filice what legal step the Borough would need to take to adopt the program. Solicitor Filice answered all the Borough would need to do is pass a resolution.

Consideration: Return to In-Person Meetings beginning in June 2021

Manager Hart asked for Council's input on returning to in-person meetings give the CDC's new guidelines. Member Tarlecki asked if Council were allowed to return to in-person meetings give that PA is lifting restrictions after May 31. Solicitor Filice confirmed that the Borough can return to in-person meetings. Council members expressed their opinion on returning to in-person meetings, most of which were not in favor of retuning to in-person meetings until September.

Manager Hart asked if municipalities would be required to have in-person meetings since PA's emergency declaration is being lifted. Solicitor Filice stated he was not certain but will investigate the matter. Member Tarlecki requested the Borough to poll other municipalities on how they are conducting meetings. Manager Hart stated she would and report back to Council.

Consideration: Approval of COA: 100 S. Main St.

Member O'Neill made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness as presented for 100 South Main Street. Member Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Disbursements: \$439,726.87

Vice President Cherry asked for clarification on an invoice which was marked as "other tax collection" services. Manager Hart explained that the fee covers the cost of tax bill distribution including printing and stuffing the annual real estate tax bills. President Sando asked for a cost breakdown for the 2020 Paving Project. Manager Hart reviewed each of the bills relating to the project and the amounts that were allocated and disbursed Liquid Fuels, Highway Aide and Capital Improvement funds.

Member O'Neill made a motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$439,726.87. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: 5/11/2021

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to approve the minutes of May 11, 2021. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Old Business/Committee & Board Reports/Zoning Applications

Assistant Manager Guzzardo announced that Zoning Application #Z-21-03, regarding 417 Fairview Avenue is scheduled for a hearing on Tuesday, June 1.

Manager Hart reviewed the following items: Parks and Recreation Board minutes of May 13, 2021, a proposal to repair the Ninth Street Park Bridge, the newly established Fourth Street Park

Community Garden, the Compost Bin and Rain Barrel Sale on Saturday, June 5 and the list of boards and commission vacancies.

Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Chief of Police / Manager

Solicitor Gifford announced an executive session will be held to discuss a personnel matter and no action would be taken afterwards.

Mayor D'Angelo announced that he attended William Martino's funeral arrangements. Mr. Martino had resided within the Borough the past 31 years and he expressed his condolences to the Martino family. He then announced he was co-hosting the Together in Harmony event with Senator Collette on Saturday, June 5 at Weingartner Park from 11 am to 2 pm.

Vice President Cherry suggested posting lawn signs about the boards and commissions vacancies. Member O'Neill added that there is a bulletin board at Walnut Square where the vacancies could be posted. Manager Hart confirmed signs would be posted and information will be posted to the bulletin board.

Council encouraged everyone to honor those who have been killed in the line of duty on Memorial Day. President Sando added that it would be nice for the Borough to post flags on the graves of those who have served in St. Luke's Cemetery. Mr. Sleicher said the flags would be put out this week.

President Sando thanked Jane Keyes for caring and maintaining Walnut Square Park and he added that the Borough needs to address the Archway which has fallen into disrepair. Manager Hart stated the Borough has investigated it and determined the Archway needs to be demolished due to its condition, the Borough will investigate installing something in place of it.

Manager Hart announced the Fourth of July Parade and Community Picnic will be taking place this year along with Community Day on Saturday, September 25. Manager Hart also paid tribute to those who have lost their lives to preserve our freedom.

Member O'Neill made a motion to adjourn. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 P.M.

Attest: _____
Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager