

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES  
 300 SCHOOL STREET  
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: September 28, 2021, 7:00 P.M., 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	Absent
	Eion O'Neill	Present
	James Sando	Present
	Mark Tarlecki	Absent
	Mayor Gregory D'Angelo	Present

Also, in attendance were Gregory Gifford, Borough Solicitor, Alan Guzzardo, Assistant Borough Manager, Michael Eves, Chief of Police and Brian Sleicher, Public Works Supervisor.

President Sando led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Public Comment**

Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, thanked the Police and Public Works Departments for their assistance with Community Day.

Liz Ann Iacovetti, 346 West Walnut Street, thanked all the Borough employees for their assistance with Community Day.

Manager Hart thanked all the volunteers for assisting with Community Day and all the sponsors who supported and sponsored the event.

### **Discussion: Ordinance Prohibiting Brake Retarders**

Chief Eves reviewed a draft ordinance prohibiting the use of brake retarders within the Borough. Member Amato asked about using them during an emergency. Chief Eves replied that the prohibition would not apply in the case of an emergency.

Member Collins asked if signage would be posted so truck drivers are aware. Chief Eves confirmed signage would be posted where applicable.

Manager Hart announced that advertisement of the draft ordinance would be considered at the next Council meeting.

**Consideration: Appointment of Historic Comm Member, Term Ending 12/31/2025**

Member McClure made a motion to appoint Christopher Harper to the Historic Commission, term ending 12/31/2025. Member O’Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Approval of 2022 Police MMO**

Member McClure made a motion to approve the 2022 Police Department Minimum Municipal Obligation in the amount of \$51,704.00. Member Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Authorization of Borough Manager to Execute PDE Documents**

Member Amato made a motion to authorize the Borough Manager to execute contracts with the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Approval of COAs: 416/418 E Montgomery Ave & 112 S Main St**

Member McClure made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for 416/418 East Montgomery Avenue. Vice President Cherry seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Vice President Cherry asked what style shingle the replacement roof would be utilizing. Manager Hart explained that the roof will be replaced with three-dimensional shingles. Member McClure added that the retaining wall in the front of the property needs to be repaired. Manager Hart explained that the property is currently undergoing renovations and the retaining wall will be required to be repaired prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.

Member McClure made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for 112 South Main Street. Member Amato seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Approval of Change Order #5, 2021 Paving Project**

Member McClure asked if the asphalt price escalation rate was negotiable. Manager Hart explained that the rate is set by PennDOT and is non-negotiable.

Member McClure made a motion to approve Change Order No. 5 in the amount of \$7,235.00. Member Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Advertisement of TOD Zoning Text Amendment**

Member Amato made a motion to approve advertisement of the Transit Oriented Development zoning text amendments. Member O’Neill seconded the motion.

Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, asked for confirmation that the amendments would not be able to be approved if there were substantial changes to the proposed amendments during the hearing process. Solicitor Gifford confirmed that the amendments would need to be readvertised if there were substantial changes.

A discussion ensued regarding the procedure of adopting the amendments. Manager Hart suggested tabling the advertisement until the following meeting so Council would have more time to review, and if any substantial changes to the amendment were found prior to the next process, they could be made prior to advertisement.

Member Amato made a motion to table advertisement of the Transit Oriented Development zoning text amendments. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Approval of Disbursements: \$178,358.61**

Manager Hart reviewed the bills list. Member McClure made a motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$178,358.61. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Approval of Minutes: September 14, 2021**

Member McClure made a motion to approve the minutes for September 14, 2021. Member Amato seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

**Old Business / Committee & Board Reports / Zoning Applications**

Manager Hart announced the Borough did not have any pending Zoning Hearing Board Applications. Manager Hart then discussed with Council recommendations relating to what the Borough could spend its American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. She proposed that part of the funds be used for broadband infrastructure improvements for the Borough's facilities and the rest to go towards stormwater management improvements, particularly along Elm Avenue in conjunction with sewer upgrades that are scheduled to occur in Spring 2022. A discussion ensued regarding the proposed improvements and Council did not object to proposed improvements.

**Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Police / Public Works / Manager**

Solicitor Gifford announced an executive session will be held to discuss a personnel matter and no action would be taken. He then announced that the Borough attended a Board of Assessment hearing regarding 304 South Main Street and the appeal was denied.

Mayor D'Angelo thanked everyone for their efforts with Community Day. He then announced that he went to the grand opening of a new business in town, called Girls Fix-It, located at 115 West Montgomery Avenue on September 26. Mr. Sando was also in attendance for the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Council thanked the Borough staff and volunteers for assisting with Community Day.

Chief Eves made the following announcements: there were no issues on Community Day, the Department conducted over 300 traffic stops over the past month and Officer Alex Sloss resigned, effective September 25, 2021.

Mr. Sleicher thanked volunteers, residents, businesses, Upper Gwynedd Township and North Wales Water Authority for assisting with Community Day.

Manager Hart made the following announcements: the 2021-2022 Salt Bid agreement was awarded to Morton Salt and saw a significant increase, Community Day blow-out sale of items left from 2019's celebrations, Selfie Scavenger Park Tour, Hess Park Clean-up Day on November 13, After School Art Club at the Cultural Center, Community Day of Service on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, Liberty Bell Trail Open House on October 7<sup>th</sup> and the Boards and Commission vacancies.

Member McClure made a motion to adjourn. Member Amato seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Christine A. Hart  
Borough Manager