

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES  
300 SCHOOL STREET  
NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA 19454

MEETING: July 28, 2009 7:00 PM, DST

ROLL CALL: Austin Armstrong Present  
Justin Jewell Present  
Margaret Michie Present  
Wendy McClure Present  
Daniel O'Connell Present  
Christine Schiele Present  
Mark Tarlecki Present  
Jocelyn Tenney Present  
William Van Sant Present

President Tarlecki called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call found nine Council members present. Also in attendance were Solicitor Vincent Magyar, Mayor Douglas Ross and Borough Manager Susan Patton.

President Tarlecki announced Council met in Executive Session following last meeting regarding personnel matters.

Public Comment

Earl Wampole, 700 E. Walnut Street, addressed Council commenting that E. Walnut Street has been done. Only thing, called Mrs. Patton today, they still have to come back and fix driveway and Authority still needs to fix yard and Mrs. Patton called into engineer and said it would be taken care of.

Donna Mengel commented on lack of maintenance at SEPTA planting areas at the Station noting weeds are overtaking and there are some trees that have been damaged.

Mrs. Patton noted she contacted SEPTA today after Mr. O'Connell emailed her and SEPTA responded they do have maintenance plan in place and they would take care of getting the area properly maintained. Have a long-term maintenance plan. Copied Mr. O'Connell with email from SEPTA.

Member McClure commented SEPTA should be sure to replace whatever trees they need to.

Minutes: 6/23 and 7/14/09

Member Jewell moved to approve the minutes of 6/23/09 and 7/14/09, seconded by Member McClure.

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Poll of Council: 9 yes, 0 no.

Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Disbursements

Member Van Sant moved to approve disbursements for the month of July in the total amount of \$353,737.26 all funds, seconded by Member Jewell.

Mrs. Patton highlighted some of the invoices.

Member Armstrong questioned payment for Staffing Plus, to which Mrs. Patton responded that was for police laptop 49-3 which had a software problem. They had to recover and resave.

Member Schiele questioned payment to the Authority for stone asking what that was for, to which Mrs. Patton responded that was used at the Tot Lot when installing the new play equipment and we will get 80% reimbursed through Open Space Grant.

Member Schiele noted Manager commented on payment to Library's contractor and questioned if we had received payment from the Library, to which Mrs. Patton responded we did.

Member Schiele asked what payment to Selective insurance was for, to which Mrs. Patton responded it is for workers' compensation.

Poll of Council: 8 yes, 1 no vote cast by Member Schiele

Motion passed 8 yes, 1 no.

Hearing: Ordinance Authorizing Membership in Intergovernmental Agreement  
Relating to Stormwater Management

Member Van Sant moved to adopt Ordinance 768 authorizing the Borough's membership in the Intergovernmental Agreement relative to stormwater management, seconded by Member Tenney.

Member O'Connell commented in looking over Agreement there is budget of 15,500 and says that will be divided up 50% from the Consortium and then whatever is left is on Schedule A but there isn't a Schedule A.

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Mrs. Patton responded she just received a breakout of what everyone will be paying. There are currently 28 participants with three more wanting to participate. Shares are based on population and our share is \$154.79. The \$15,500 is a fixed amount. If for some reason there is another phase, then that is new and you either opt in or out. It is the individual municipality's choice.

Member O'Connell suggested then motion be amended that the amount paid is limited to the amount shown in grant.

Member Van Sant amended his motion to include that the amount payable is limited to the amount shown in the Agreement and Member Tenney accepted amendment with her second.

Member Armstrong questioned if our engineer's bills are included in this, to which Mrs. Patton responded they are not.

Poll of Council: 9 yes, 0 no.

Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Award of Bid: Hess Park Development

President Tarlecki commented we had Planner working on this and discussed the project and bids were sent out. Bids are in two parts, one is general construction and one is electrical. Our Planner is recommending awarding bid for the general construction to Think Green in the amount of \$215,019.00 and the second part which is electric to Lederah Electric Inc. In the amount of \$15,500. Understand there was another bidder for the electric who would have been recommended but they did not complete the required submittals with the bid, therefore, have to be disqualified.

Member Tenney moved to award bid for the general construction to Think Green in the amount of \$215,019, seconded by Member McClure.

Member O'Connell questioned what three deduct alternates were, to which Mrs. Patton responded one was for water drinking fountain and grill in amount of \$10,000; second was for site amenities if the contractor did not install the benches and trash receptacles in the amount of \$600; and third was for horseshoe pits in the amount of \$475.

Member O'Connell commented motion is not to deduct anything, to which Mrs. Patton responded that would be correct, the \$215,019 includes everything.

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Poll of Council: 7 yes, 2 no votes cast by Members Schiele and O'Connell

Motion passed 7 yes, 2 no.

Member Tenney moved to award bid for the Electric to Lederach Electric n the total amount of \$15,500, seconded by Member McClure

Member Schiele questioned what engineering fees would be, to which Mrs. Patton responded, after checking budget figures, the engineer estimated at the outside \$3500.

Poll of Council: 7 yes, 2 no votes cast by Members Schiele and O'Connell.

Motion passed 7 yes, 2 no.

Joanne Matthews sometime ago we were talking about rights to maintain area behind school as open space and wondered if that ever happened, to which President Tarlecki responded it did not. The tennis courts are what we own up by the school.

Herb Schlegel questioned why there isn't water to Weingartner Park, to which President Tarlecki responded he figures is just never came up.

Mr. Wampole commented somebody said with the school construction the tennis courts may be gone.

President Tarlecki responded that is not going to happen. Tennis courts have nothing to do with school construction.

Resolution: Green Region Grant / Center Street Basin Retrofit

Member Tenney moved to approve Resolution 2009-05 authorizing submission of the Grant Application, seconded by Member McClure.

Mrs. Patton commented we have been trying to secure funding for this project for some time. Applied to Merck and we along with everyone else except Upper Gwynedd, did not get any funding. This application is to try to get project done. Property owners are still very much in favor of this and PEC has \$20,000 earmarked for the project. This application would be for \$15,000 and remainder would be made up by volunteers, donations of plantings and some by our Borough Crew.

Member O'Connell wanted to clarify it is not to buy plants.

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Member Schiele commented there will be other attachments to the grant, the easement and agreement between property owner and the Borough. She wanted to make sure that if the current property owner sells the property the new owner would not have problem with arrangement

Solicitor Magyar commented the easement would give Borough right to enter basin.

Member Schiele commented easement is for the cleanouts, not for the bulk of the property.

Member O'Connell commented problem is maintenance if there is new owner.

Member Tenney commented she understands there isn't high maintenance, it is something that gets mowed down usually at the end of the year and then comes back in the spring.

Mrs. Patton supplied Solicitor with easement and agreement which he would have to review since Mr. Truelove had originally reviewed.

Mrs. Patton commented this could wait until the August 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. It is not due until after that date.

Further discussion took place on maintenance, plantings, deed restriction, easement and what it grants, following which Member Tenney withdrew her motion and Member McClure withdrew her second.

Solicitor will review and it will be back on agenda for August 18.

Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Manager

Mayor Ross noted CopFast Grants were announced and funding was being provided for 93 officers in Pennsylvania. North Wales did not get grant. Only one close to us is Norristown. Everything was fairly evaluated and there will probably be carry-over of programs in the following years.

Mayor Ross commented on various incidents that the Police have handled which is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

Member Michie commented on lack of coverage in the paper which was brought up before noting if there is robbery in her neighborhood, she would want to know.

Mayor Ross commented he would look into this, knows the Department has been sending to the paper.

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Member Michie commented on raingardnes in Weingartner Park noting it looks like something is going on there.

Member McClure noted it is being corrected and we have gotten some good plantings donated.

Member Tenney commented if anyone else who does have plants that would be suitable if they would also volunteer that would help out. Have a list of appropriate plantings from the State. She was talking about it at work and one of her co-workers's mother has plantings that she is going to donate.

Member McClure noted there is move in Weingartner Park this Friday at dusk. Movie is Happy Feet.

Member Schiele asked if we had gotten response from auditor after posting had been made and commented on payroll fund being out of balance, to which Mrs. Patton responded it has been out of balance for long time. Auditor isn't concerned about payroll fund. We did get response after postings with a few issues for us to take care of which has been done. Will get copy for everyone.

Member Schiele commented on deposit to Capital Improvement fund in the amount of \$142,863.36 and assume some is for the Library.

Mrs. Patton responded it is for the Library and the CDBG project.

Member Schiele commented on payroll total receipts of \$73,602.51 noting usually it is around \$50,000. Usually run payroll and pull out what you need.

Mrs. Patton noted there were three pays in July will check to see if one fell into June.

Member Schiele questioned if everything had come over to Uninvest from Rochdale which was slated for July 1, to which Mrs. Patton responded it has.

Member Schiele asked why retired officers were paid from Rochdale for July, to which Mrs. Patton responded transfers were being done and so that there would not be any delay in getting them their pension checks Rochdale paid them out in July. Uninvest will begin forwarding their pension checks in August.

Member Armstrong reported the Personnel Committee did meet and are working on re-writing employee handbook and are about half way through. Then will moved on getting draft finished for review by the Solicitor.

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Member O'Connell reported the Emergency Management Committee did meet and reviewed Emergency Management Plan update which will be presented to Council shortly.

President Tarlecki noted we talked about August meetings and it has been suggested by Mrs. Patton because of light load in August to have one meeting, and move up the 8/25 meeting to 8/18. We can do payables, and workshop with department heads.

Member Schiele questioned if department heads are coming, to which Mrs. Patton responded they are.

Member McClure moved to change August meeting to August 18, 2009 in place of the August 11 and August 25, 2009 meetings, seconded by Member Tenney.

Member Michie commented if we are going to do the 18<sup>th</sup> and department heads are coming should we invite people who are interested in stop intersections.

Member Schiele commented might be premature. Know when they wanted to come before wanted to complain.

Mayor Ross commented we could move that to September.

Member Schiele commented she would like to discuss with Chief Hackert on the 18<sup>th</sup> and can then discuss and act on in September.

Mrs. Patton suggested discussing at next meeting and let people who are interested know if you want to that they don't need to come and complain, the Council is seriously looking at the stop intersections and wanted input from police department.

Member O'Connell commented about working on budget, to which Mrs. Patton responded the Finance Committee is working on budget and with the department heads on their budgets.

Poll of Council: 8 yes, 1 no vote cast by Member Armstrong

Motion passed 8 yes, 1 no.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Susan Patton, Secretary



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# North Wales Borough Police Department

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Barry J. Hackert  
Chief of Police

**To: Mayor Doug Ross  
Members of Borough Council**

**From: Chief Barry J. Hackert**

**Date: July 28, 2009**

**In regard to the 4 way stop signs, I have been in touch with Larry Bucci of Penn Dot Traffic Control Studies Unit. Mr. Bucci has provided information regarding the use of 4 way stop signs. Currently, the police department is conducting studies at two separate locations and will report the findings to Council once completed.**

**On June 10 and 11, one of our officers completed their annual in-service training**

**On June 12 North Wales Police stopped a motor vehicle near Main St. and Beaver St., after one of our officers observed the operator smoking marijuana while he was driving. During the stop, the officer discovered the operator had been smoking marijuana and was under the influence of another narcotic. The operator was arrested and charged with driving Under the Influence.**

**On June 17 and 18, another one of our officers completed their annual in-service training**

**On June 20 at approximately 01:20 hrs., the North Wales Borough garage had an attempted burglary. Subject(s) had used a large rock to smash one of the windows out to gain entry. It is believed that once inside, the alarm system (motion sensor) activated and the subject(s) opened the garage door off the Elm Ave. side to exit the building. A search of the building indicated no one was inside and nothing had been taken. This incident is still under investigation.**

**On June 20 at approximately 03:30 hrs., it was discovered that two parked vehicles near the Borough garage had been entered. The glove boxes were found open and the vehicle's documents were thrown around the interior of the vehicles. Both vehicles had been left unlocked and nothing was found to be missing.**

**On June 24 and 25, another officer completed their annual in-service training**

**On July 23, North Wales Police responded for a report of a burglary that had just occurred on S. Sixth St. While responding to the call, our officer observed a subject matching the description of the actor, who had just fled the scene. After confirming the burglary had occurred, North Wales Officers stopped the subject and proceeded to question him. It turned out the subject was indeed involved in the residential burglary. The subject was subsequently arrested and was charged with Burglary and related charges. He is currently incarcerated at the Montgomery County Correctional Facility, awaiting his preliminary hearing.**

**On July 24, North Wales Police responded to a medical emergency off of Elm Ave. This was an accidental work related injury, requiring the subject to be Medivaced. The subject was transported via ambulance with our officer's assistance to park Side Place for the Helicopter transport.**

**On July 25, at approximately 02:50 hrs., North Wales Police stopped a vehicle after observing a traffic law violation. During the stop, the officer found the operator to have been drinking. After further investigation, the operator was transported to the DUI Fast Track Center at Towamencin P.D. for processing. North Wales Police received the BAC results today, 7/28/09, which indicated the operator was over the legal limit and will be charged with DUI.**

**On June 27 at approximately 06:55 hrs., North Wales Police were summoned to the North Wales Train Station for a suspicious device found in the parking lot. Initial investigations led police to believe this device was a blasting cap. The Montgomery County Bomb Squad was called in and the area was secured. The device was transported by the Bomb Unit to an undisclosed location for further investigation. On 7/28/09, North Wales Police were informed that the device found was not an explosive device**