



BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES

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COUNCIL MEETING **Tuesday, March 12, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.**

Salvatore Amato
Sherwin Collins
Anji Fazio
Alexander Groce
Brittany Kohler

Wendy McClure
Sally Neiderhiser
Mark Tarlecki
Sarah Whelan
Neil McDevitt, Mayor

Call to Order, Date and Time

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Public Comment

2. Discussion: Subcommittees of Council

3. Consideration: Approval of Minutes: February 27, 2024

4. Old Business / Committee & Board Reports / Zoning Applications

5. Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Chief / Public Works / Manager

Adjournment

All interested parties may participate on the date and time noted above and when called upon by the Council President. The public may also submit questions or comments prior to the meeting by e-mail to info@northwalesborough.org; these must be received no later than 12 Noon on the day of the meeting. Persons with disabilities who wish to attend the meeting and require auxiliary aid, service, or other accommodation to participate in the meeting should contact North Wales Borough at 215-699-4424 or by e-mail to info@northwalesborough.org.

Mayor's Office Hours:

2nd Tuesdays

5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Monthly Meetings Information:

HARB	3 rd Wednesday of Month
Historic Commission	4 th Thursday of Month
Human Relations Commission	3 rd Thursday of Month
Park & Recreation Board	2 nd Thursday of Month
Planning Commission	1 st Wednesday of Month
Shade Tree Commission	2 nd Thursday of Month
Zoning Hearing Board	1 st Tuesday of Month, as needed.

All the above meetings begin at 7 P.M. at Borough Hall, unless noted otherwise.

North Wales Water Authority	3 rd Wednesday of Month 5:00 P.M., 200 W. Walnut Street
Nor-Gwyn Pool Commission	3 rd Monday of Month 7:30 P.M., 1 Parkside Place

Please note: The meeting is being digitally recorded.

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
300 SCHOOL STREET
NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: February 27, 2024, 7:00 P.M., EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Amato.

ROLL CALL:	Salvatore Amato	Present
	Sherwin Collins	Present
	Anji Fazio	Present
	Alexander Groce	Present
	Brittany Kohler	Present - Absent
	Wendy McClure	Present
	Sally Neiderhiser	Present
	Mark Tarlecki	Present
	Sarah Whelan	Present - Absent
	Mayor Neil McDevitt	Present

Also, in attendance were Gregory Gifford, Borough Solicitor, and Benjamin Raybold, Public Works Supervisor.

President Amato led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Greg D'Angelo, 915 E Montgomery Avenue, thanked the administration for co-hosting the Borough's Association dinner as it was a wonderful event with great speakers from the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs. He also commended the Borough for their work cleaning up the snow and asked that the residents of the town learn where their taxes go and how the small percentage of taxes that the Borough receives affects departments like Public Works.

Consideration: Appointment of North Wales Junior Council Person for the 2023-2024 school year

President Amato gave a brief history of the PSABs Junior Council Person Program and stated how important it is to have a youth voice in a seat around the Council table to represent that portion of the Borough's population. President Amato also clarified that this term would end when the school year ends in June.

Braeden Bussman told council of his accomplishments and his enjoyment of living in the Borough. He stated that he is the class senator at Lansdale Catholic High School, plays various sports, and enjoys going for a daily run in the Borough.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to Appoint Braeden Bussman to the Position of North Wales Borough Junior Council Person for the 2023-2024 school year. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Following the vote, Braeden Bussman took the Junior Council Person pledge.

President Amato welcomed Braeden to Council and encouraged him to speak his mind, ask questions, and learn as much as possible during this term.

Consideration: Approval of Certificates of Appropriateness: 443 Beaver St, 200 W Walnut St, 202 W Montgomery Ave, and 213 S. 2nd St

President Amato asked for a summary of why these need to be issued.

Assistant Manager Turock explained that properties within the Historic District, when they wish to make improvements must first apply for a certificate of appropriateness which is reviewed by the Historical Architecture Review Board and then they make a recommendation to Council about the historic significance of that improvement.

Member Fazio made a motion to Approve the COA for 443 Beaver St. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion.
Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Member McClure made a motion to Approve the COA for 200 W Walnut St. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion.
Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to Approve the COA for 202 W Montgomery Ave. Member McClure seconded the motion.
Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Member Fazio made a motion to Approve the COA for 213 S. Second St. Member McClure seconded the motion.
Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Disbursements: \$96,626.90

Member Fazio asked what the difference is between the two street light bills.

Assistant Manager Turock responded that the PECO bill is for the electricity and Armour and Son does the maintenance and repairs. The bill for Armour and Son was for the replacement of a decorative streetlight at Main and Summit.

Member Collins asked what type of training was provided by Defense Tech.

Assistant Manager Turock said he would ask Chief Erenius to provide an answer to Council.

Member McClure made a motion to pay the bills. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion.
Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: February 13, 2024

Member McClure made a motion to Approve the Minutes of February 13, 2024. Member Groce seconded the motion. The motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Old Business / Committee & Board Reports/ Zoning Applications

Assistant Manager Turock stated that there will be a zoning hearing on April 2nd for 405 School Street, applicant is seeking relief to convert single-family attached home into a split two-unit building, principle and accessory dwelling unit.

Member Tarlecki asked Council to consider sending the Borough Solicitor to represent the Borough at that hearing. He feels it would be prudent to consider this at a March meeting once Council has the recommendation of Planning Commission.

Solicitor Gifford clarified that Council could send him either to support, be neutral, or oppose and that they should state this in their motion if they make one to send him.

Andre Berenson, 439 Washington Ave, asked what the costs to the taxpayers would be if the Board requests the solicitor's presence at the hearing.

Solicitor Gifford explained that it is only for matters of litigation that the solicitor charges an additional hourly rate.

Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Chief / Public Works / Manager

Solicitor Gifford announced that there will be an executive session for two legal matters that will not require reconvening to take any action.

Mayor McDevitt congratulated Braeden on his appointment as Junior Council Person and thanked him for stepping up to take the position. He also highlighted an event he attended in Schwenksville to see an affordable housing development. Lastly, he highlighted the Whole Home Repairs Program and encouraged residents to visit the website for more information about that program.

Member Neiderhiser, Member Fazio, and Member McClure also welcomed Braeden to Council and thanked him for serving.

Vice President Tarlecki asked if we will be able to give Braeden all of the information that Council gets for future meetings.

Assistant Manager Turock answered that Braeden will receive the same packet information as the rest of Council along with a manager's report with the exception of any matters related to executive session which would not be provided to Braeden.

Vice President Tarlecki also asked if the Borough is testing out LED streetlights since the new light at Main and Summit is LED and is much brighter and more energy efficient.

Public Works Supervisor, Ben Raybold, stated that eventually they will all be LED.

Vice President Tarlecki also summarized a bill currently in the state legislature that would allow local police departments to use RADAR similarly to how the State Police utilize it and encouraged people to support that bill.

Assistant Manager Turock highlighted the NWAL Gala celebrating Jayne Blackledge on March 15th and the Montco Roots program which the Historic Commission is hosting to help residents learn about the history of their homes and the Borough on April 13th. He also reminded residents

to join SavvyCitizen to get alerts about road closures, weather emergencies, and community events.

Adjournment

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to adjourn. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

Attest: _____

Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager

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NORTH WALES BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT

300 School Street, North Wales, Pa. 19454

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E-Mail: NWPD@northwalesborough.org

March 6, 2024

Here are February's notable events for the North Wales Borough Police Department:

- Officers completed 578 Incident Reports.
- Officers conducted 152 traffic stops.
- Officers completed their monthly Chris Boyle Legal Updates training.
- Officers continue visiting North Wales Elementary School. Officers have been having scheduled reading time with the different classes once a week.
- Officer Hammerstone and Chief Erenius have completed their mandatory in-service training.

Respectfully,

Tara Claffey
Administrative Assistant to Chief Erenius

**NORTH WALES AREA LIBRARY
PRESENTS...**



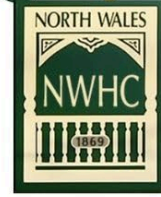
Proceeds benefit the North Wales Area Library,
an American Star Library

**Join us for a festival of flavors as the North Wales Area Library partners with local restaurants, caterers, breweries, pubs, and vineyards to showcase a variety of their tastiest treats and mouthwatering morsels.
Live Music & Raffle Basket Fundraiser!**



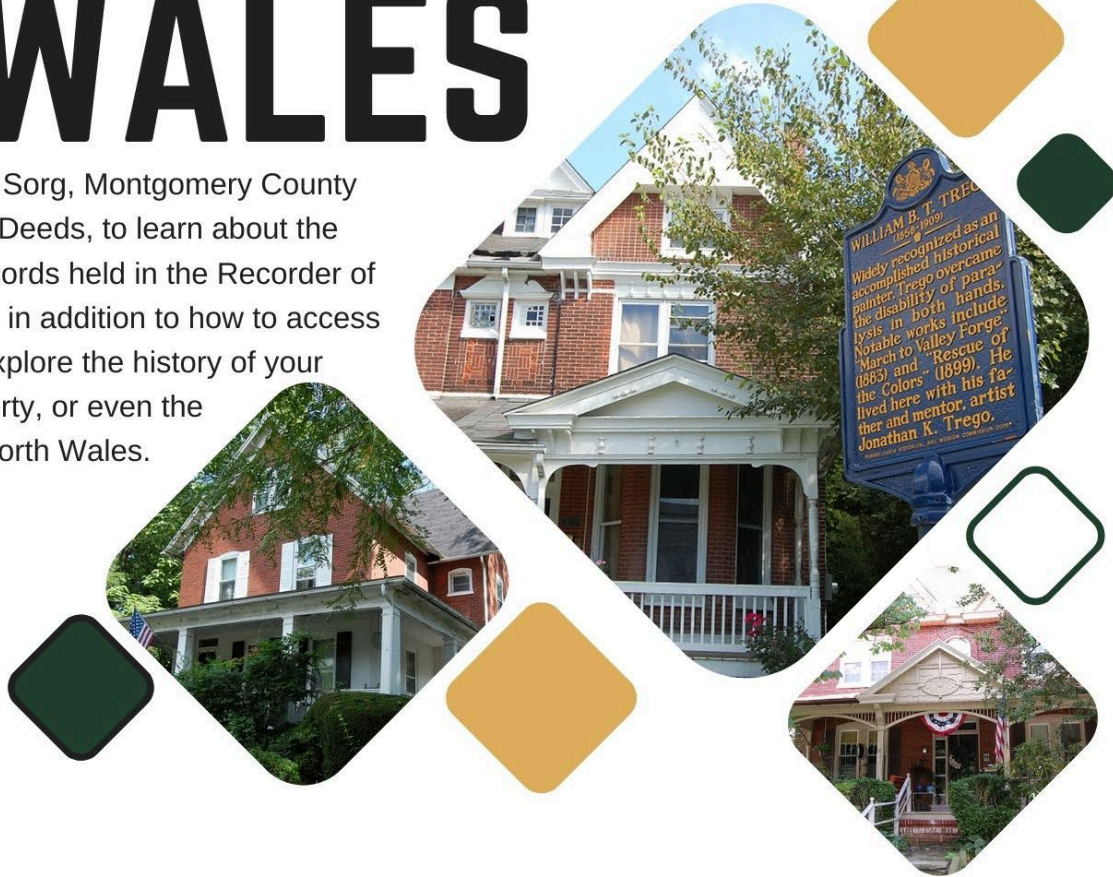
**Thursday, April 11, 2024, from 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Saint Rose of Lima, Parish Hall
428 S Main St, North Wales, PA 19454
Tickets: \$50 online at northwaleslibrary.org
or in person at the library / \$55 at the door**

MONTCO ROOTS NORTH WALES



NORTH WALES
HISTORY
COMMISSION

Join Jeanne Sorg, Montgomery County Recorder of Deeds, to learn about the historical records held in the Recorder of Deeds office in addition to how to access records to explore the history of your home, property, or even the families of North Wales.



North Wales Borough Hall
300 School Street

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10:00AM

\$10 donation encouraged

RSVP: <https://montcoroots.rsvpify.com>

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE EVENT

NORTH WALES BOROUGH



EARTH DAY EXTRAVAGANZA



BOROUGH RESIDENTS ONLY

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024 - 9 AM TO 1 PM

LOCATION: BOROUGH HALL, 300 SCHOOL STREET

- PAPER SHREDDING
- OLD SHOES, BOOTS, SNEAKERS
- TORN OR TATTERED US FLAGS
- SCRAP METAL
- USED EYEGLASSES
- USED CLOTHING AND TEXTILES

Items containing refrigerant; air conditioners, freezers, refrigerators, etc.
E-Recycling ~ Limit ONE (1) TV per household - No Console TV's

LOCATION: POINT SERVICE CENTER, 346 W WALNUT ST

- NEW/USED OIL, COOLANT, CHEMICALS
- USED TIRES - LIMIT (2) PER RESIDENT ONLY
- AUTO PARTS, WHEELS
- CAR BATTERIES

Thank you to our Earth Day Sponsors




NOTE: This is an outdoor event and will be held rain or shine!






Got Shoes?!?



Clean out those closets and donate new or used shoes, boots and sneakers (child or adult) to the Upper Gwynedd township building or Community Center!!



The collected shoes are shipped to micro-entrepreneurs worldwide so they can sell them in their local markets and help themselves out of poverty.

****this is run by the North Penn Elem Schools****



Questions? Email kjnmoretto@gmail.com



SANCTUARY UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH PRESENTS

Community HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR

**Saturday,
April 27th from
10am - 1pm**

Sanctuary United Methodist Church
1346 East Prospect Ave
North Wales, PA 19454

Come to our Free Community Health Fair!

✓ Screenings

✓ Resources

✓ Giveaways

**All from local providers /
healthcare organizations**

For more information visit our website
www.sanctuarychurch.org or call/email
215-699-9331 or info@sanctuarychurch.org

**Get Free
Screenings &
Information**

*Blood pressure
Mental health and
wellness
Dental health
Healthy lifestyles
Nutrition info and demos*

*The Partnership TMA will
be sharing valuable bike
safety resources, including
new free fitted helmets!*

Office of Housing and Community Development

HOME REPAIRS PROGRAM



Allowable repairs include, but are not limited to:

- Lead paint, asbestos, and mold remediation
- Heater system, furnace, and hot water replacement
- Weatherization (for example air sealing, installation of insulation)
- Water damage
- Roofs, floors, ceilings, stairs, and foundation
- Plumbing and electrical
- Septic system
- Accessibility repairs
- And more!

Contact Us

Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services
Office of Housing & Community Development



homerepairs@montgomerycountypa.gov



610-278-3540



montgomerycountypa.gov/homerepairs

More information
including eligibility
and application

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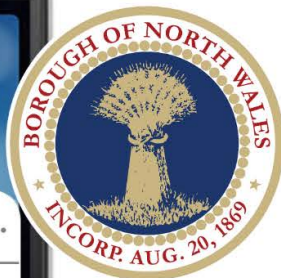


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- Sign-up for **Apple** and **Android** users is simple and free. Become more savvy and receive useful borough updates, community news, and event reminders by downloading today.
- Download the App now!



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