

MINUTES
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OCTOBER 7, 2019

Mayor Chegwidden Called the Meeting to Order

Mayor Chegwidden read the Open Public Meeting Statement

Mayor Chegwidden requested Roll Call:

Council President Corbett
Councilman Binkoski
Councilwoman Hayes
Councilwoman Veres
Councilwoman Wickenheisser
Councilman Yeager

Flag Salute

Mayor Chegwidden led those in attendance with the salute to the American Flag.

Open to the Public

In accordance with Local Ordinance O-18-03, “Persons making public comment at the first public portion shall be limited to five (5) minutes. During the second public portion repetitive, irrelevant or excessive public comment in the interest of permitting all members of the public time to speak on any governmental issue and completing the public business within a reasonable period of time”.

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public.

Bill Burns, 20 Third Street, asked the Mayor and Council if they were preparing for the 2020 Census. He stated that he had gone to a training by the U.S. Census Bureau and had some suggestions for Wharton to get prepared. The Mayor stated that he would check with the Clerks Office and see what plans have been initiated. The Mayor mentioned that the U.S. Census Bureau attended our Job Fair looking to hire.

Chief Young stated that he and the Police Commissioner walked some of the streets in town that were having parking and speeding issues. The Chief had some recommendations for the Council on some no parking sites and speed traps.

Mayor Chegwidden closed the meeting to the public.

Ordinance

Council President Corbett introduced O-15-19, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 40, Article I, Section 9 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey,” on first reading, by title only.

Motion by Council President Corbett and seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-15-19 on first reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA:6	NAY: 0	ABSENT:0	ABSTAIN:0
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Mayor Chegwidden set the date of October 21, 2019 for second and final reading.

Ordinance

Councilwoman Hayes introduced O-16-19, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 213, Section 4 G-4 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey,” on first reading, by title only.

Motion by Councilwoman Hayes and seconded by Council President Corbett to adopt O-16-19 on first reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA:6 NAY: 0 ABSENT:0 ABSTAIN:0

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Discussion

- **Best Practices Inventory – Jon Rheinhardt, Borough Administrator, stated that he has completed the Best Practices checklist.
A Voice Resolution was held: All in favor.**

Consent Agenda

The following items are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Mayor and Council and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a council member or citizen so requests, in which case, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in a normal sequence on the agenda.

<p>Approval of Bills: All bills referred to the finance committee to be paid if found correct.</p> <p>Approval of Minutes from 9/23/19</p> <p>Resolutions: R-144-19: Resolution Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation NJS 40A:4-87- NJDCA Alcohol Education and Rehab Fund R-145-19: Approve Change Order 1 for Improvements to East Sterling Street R-146-19: Award Bid Crack Sealer Melter R-147-19: Cancel Taxes for Block 1704 Lot 2 R-148-19: Refund Water Overpayment</p> <p>Appoint Clifford Rollins School Crossing Guard to fill the remainder of an unexpired term to expire 12/31/19.</p> <p>Approve Participation in update to Morris County Multi-Jurisdictional Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan</p> <p>Motion by Council President Corbett and seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to approve all items listed on the Consent Agenda.</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA:6 NAY: 0 ABSENT:0 ABSTAIN:_0</p>

Correspondence

- **Morris County Planning Board Minutes**
- **Notice of Resolution from Borough of Tinton Falls**
- **Letter re: “Choose to Reuse” Campaign – Councilwoman Veres stated that there is another municipality that is banning one time use shopping bags in their grocery stores. She asked if we could look into doing the same.**
- **Monthly Reports Clerk and Construction**

Council Reports

Council President Corbett stated that he attended the RVRSA Finance Committee meeting. They are close to finishing their budget. The RVRSA budget has gone up \$400,000 or 4.85%

Councilman Binkoski stated that he had walked some of the streets in town with the Chief identifying traffic issues. He said they have identified some issues and are working on solutions. He said it was good to get out and talk with the residents. He stated that there was an early morning fire last week at a residence here in town and the Fire Department did an incredible job handling it.

Councilwoman Hayes stated that she attended the NJ Natural Gas reception. She spoke with some of the NJ Natural gas representatives and they would like to attend our Job Fair next year. She stated that October 11th is the Wharton Kids First Trivia Night and that there are tickets still available. She asked the Council to look at the hours that the dog park is open at night, being that Daylight Savings Time changes the times of dusk .

Councilwoman Veres stated that the Library Gala will be on October 19th. This is a great fundraiser for the library and a fun event to attend. There are tickets still available.

Councilwoman Wickenheisser stated that she attended the Septembers Morris County Freeholders meeting. At the meeting our Municipal Alliance was recognized and presented with a proclamation for their efforts. She attended a follow up meeting with the Summer Recreation Director. She stated that the Alliance and the Police Department will be holding a community assessment of needs on October 9th. HalloWharton will be held on October 26th.

Councilman Yeager stated he attended the Wharton Police Department's Coffee with a Cop. It was a great event and had a good turnout of residents. He attended the Tenancy Review Committee meeting in Town Hall. He also attended the Morris Hills Cheerleaders breakfast fundraiser.

Mayor Chegwiddden's Report stated that he had attended the Alliance Fall Run Ride Race. It did not get as many participates and they would have liked. He suggested we look into ways of better advertising. He stated that the mail is an issue as things we put into the Mayors newsletter reminding residents of news and events does not get consistently delivered. He was pleased that our Alliance received the proclamation from the Morris County Freeholders. He attended the Wharton Police Departments Coffee with a Cop. He congratulated the Police Department on holding the event for the community and their efforts. He stated that while he was at the Coffee with a Cop event he received numerous compliments regarding the Council and the work being done in town.

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Closed Session

Council President Corbett to introduce R-149-19 to close the meeting to the public for discussion on Contract Negotiations.

Motion by Council President Corbett and seconded by Councilman Binkoski to approve R-149-19.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA:6 NAY:0 ABSENT:0 ABSTAIN:0
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Motion by Council President Corbett and seconded by Councilman Yeager to return to open session.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA:6 NAY: 0 ABSENT:0 ABSTAIN:0

Adjournment

Motion by Council President Corbett seconded by Councilman Yeager to close this meeting.

October 7, 2019

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

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WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR**

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Robin Ghebreal,
Deputy Borough Clerk**