

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OCTOBER 21, 2019

Mayor Chegwidden Called the Meeting to Order

Mayor Chegwidden read the Open Public Meeting Statement

Mayor Chegwidden requested Roll Call:

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

Also in attendance were Administrator Jon Rheinhardt, Borough Clerk Gabrielle Evangelista, and Attorney Roman Hirniak.

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.

No one wishing to be heard, Mayor Chegwidden closed the meeting to the public.

Ordinance

Council President Corbett presented 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 second reading, by title only.

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on this ordinance only.

No one wishing to be heard, Mayor Chegwidden closed the meeting to the public.

A motion was made by Council President Corbett and was seconded by Councilman Binkoski to adopt O-15-19 on second and final reading.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance

Councilwoman Hayes presented 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 second reading, by title only.

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on this ordinance only.

No one wishing to be heard, Mayor Chegwidden closed the meeting to the public.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Hayes and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-16-19 on second and final reading.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance

Councilwoman Wickenheisser introduced O-17-19, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 213, Section 2A of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey,” on first reading, by title only.

Councilwoman Hayes advised that the current sign says dusk, but the ordinance will say 9:30 p.m. She thinks this is okay because dusk is before 9:30 p.m. After a short discussion it was decided that if there is an issue, they can always change the signs in the future.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wickenheisser and was seconded by Councilman Binkoski to adopt O-17-19 on first reading.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Chegwidden set the date of November 18, 2019 for second and final reading.

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.

Approval of Bills: All bills referred to the Finance Committee to be paid if found correct.

Approval of Minutes from 10/7/19

Resolutions: R-150-19: Award Bid Wharton Library Public Bathrooms Renovation

R-151-19: Authorize Change Order 1- 2019 Watermain Improvements

R-152-19: Purchase Bleachers

Council President Corbett asked to amend a typo in R-150-19, which will be done.

A motion was made by Council President Corbett and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to approve all items listed on the Consent Agenda.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence

- Letter from MUA re: Water Rate Hearing
- Notice of Ordinance from Randolph
- Notice of Resolution from Garwood
- RVRSA Meeting Minutes
- Monthly Report Treasurer

Council Reports

Council President Corbett: On 10/10 he attended the Infrastructure and Regular meetings of the RVRSA. They discussed the ongoing litigation with Jersey City. Some good things have happened recently, Jersey City's experts have conceded that some of the projects in question are operations and maintenance and not expansion of the plant. But we're still a long way away from getting anywhere with this.

Councilman Binkoski: He attended the Wharton Kids First Foundation fundraiser which was well attended and a lot of fun.

Councilwoman Hayes: She thanks everyone who put together and attended the Wharton Kids First trivia night. They did well very and raised a lot of money. She especially thanks Theresa Yeager for all of her work in putting that event together. The Splash Pad Committee is meeting this Thursday. She attended the coffee with the Mayor at Langdon Park. They received a lot of great suggestions including having summer rec up there, lighting, benches, garbage cans, keeping the basketball court, newer swings, a crosswalk, etc. There was discussion about moving the fire alarm that is there. One of the Fire Department members was there and explained that it is critical to have in the area, but they will look and see if it can be moved somewhere nearby.

Councilwoman Veres: She attended the Library Board meeting. She attended the Library Gala, which was a great event. She also attended the coffee with the Mayor at Langdon Park.

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: She attended the Wharton Kids First Foundation trivia night, which was a nice event. The Halloween House Decorating contest judging will be on Tuesday evening 10/29. She wants to congratulate the Mayor on being selected for the Alex DeCroce Public Leadership Award from the Morris County Chamber of Commerce. Everyone else offered their congratulations as well.

Councilman Yeager: He attended the Wharton Kids First Foundation trivia night, which was a great event.

Mayor Chegwidden's Report: The new lights outside of Borough Hall look great. He thanks the DPW and Brian O'Malley for putting them in. He was happy to see so many people come out to discuss Langdon Park with him. It's always nice to get feedback and ideas. The Morris County MUA has advised us that they are raising the water rate 4% for next year, which we will have to do as well.

Open to the Public

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public.

No one wishing to be heard, Mayor Chegwidden closed the meeting to the public.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Council President Corbett and was seconded by Councilman Binkoski to close this meeting.

October 21, 2019

ATTEST:

Gabrielle Evangelista,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR