

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**SEPTEMBER 12, 2016**

**Opening Items**

Mayor Chegwidden called the Meeting to Order.

Mayor Chegwidden read the Open Public Meeting Statement.

**Roll Call**

Mayor Chegwidden requested Roll Call:

Council President Norton – Present  
Councilman Binkoski – Present  
Councilman Corbett – Present  
Councilwoman Hayes- Present  
Councilwoman Wickenheisser- Present  
Councilman Yeager- Present

Also in attendance were Administrator/CFO Jon Rheinhardt, Borough Clerk Gabrielle Evangelista, and Attorney Bill Johnson.

Mayor Chegwidden asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of September 11th.

**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, the Mayor or Council President shall have the discretion to terminate any 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.

**Resolution**

Councilman Corbett introduced R-118-16, “Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Not Exceeding \$2,142,000 Bond Anticipation Notes of the Borough of Wharton, in the County of Morris, New Jersey.”

A motion was made by Councilman Corbett and was seconded by Councilman Binkoski to approve R-118-16.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>
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Mr. Rheinhardt advised that the above Resolution refers to utility debt for water and sewer. We make our last payment for our general obligation debt this month and will be debt free in general obligation debt.

### 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 8/15/16

**Resolutions:** R-119-16: Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation  
R-120-16: Authorize Purchase through Morris County Cooperative Purchasing Program  
R-121-16: Renew Membership Joint Insurance Fund  
R-122-16: Approve Alliance Contract with Speaker  
R-123-16: Appoint Professionals for Morris Canal Lock 2 East  
R-124-16: Accept Grant-Regional Transportation Alternatives Program  
~~R-125-16: Authorize DPW Vehicles Purchase~~  
R-126-16: Authorize Change Fund for Color Run  
R-127-16: Authorize Alliance Contract with KV Carriage LLC

**Approve Jr. Fire Fighter Application for Justin Vita**

**Approve Blue Light Permit for Edward J. Nunn**

**Councilwoman Hayes requested that R-125-16 be tabled until a future meeting.**

**Council President Norton made a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda with the exemption of R-125-16, the motion was seconded by Councilman Yeager.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

### Correspondence

1. Notice from NJDOT rec'd 9/9/16
2. Letter from Morris County Freeholders rec'd 8/29/16
3. RVRSA Meeting Minutes
4. Monthly Report Clerk and Construction
5. Notice of Resolution from Boonton rec'd 9/8/16
6. Notice of Resolution from Denville rec'd 9/8/16
7. Notice of Resolution from East Hanover rec'd 9/8/16

### Council Reports

**Council President Norton:** He would like to recognize the great job that John Manna, the DPW, and everyone else who was involved did with Canal Day. It ran very smoothly. The fireworks were also great, our opening round is a lot better than a lot of grand finales he has seen.

**Councilman Binkoski:** He agrees with Council President Norton's sentiments about Canal Day. He would also like to recognize our bus driver Veronica Skewes for her excellent work. It was really nice to see the Police and DPW doing a great job as

well. There are a few items upcoming for the Fire Department. He also met with the Chief and Lieutenant to go over a few items.

**Councilman Corbett:** He also agrees with Council President Norton’s sentiments about Canal Day. He was at the Fireworks for a short time and it was very well attended. On September 9<sup>th</sup> he attended the Fire Department Parade in Boonton, our Department didn’t do as well as they have in the past, but the Wharton American Legion Color Guard did take First Place. He attended multiple meetings of the RVRSA. The main sewer line in Boonton suffered a major break which is now under repair, but in repairing the break they have identified other issues that need to be fixed. Fortunately, the break repair should mainly be covered by insurance, but the other issues are not. They are taking an emergency loan from the State Infrastructure Trust Fund to finance the other necessary repairs. On September 10<sup>th</sup> he attended the “Rock the Pine” fundraiser event at the Knotty Pine. Mr. Hill always steps up for those kind of events. The Wharton American Legion is having a miniature golf tournament fundraiser in October.

**Councilwoman Hayes:** No Report

**Councilwoman Wickenheisser:** She also agrees with Council President Norton’s sentiments about Canal Day. She attended the St. Clare’s Advisory Board meeting. They are really looking to get involved with the local towns. Flu Shots are also going to be available from the Town Nurse shortly, she is hosting a clinic on September 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Councilman Yeager:** No Report

**Mayor Chegwiddden’s Report:** He would also like to thank John Manna and everyone involved in Canal Day. He would also like to thank our bus driver Veronica Skewes, she always steps up when she needs to. He would also like to thank the County for allowing us to use their vans for the event. On Sunday, there was a problem with the electric and he’d like to recognize how different JCP&L is now. They immediately informed him of the problem and gave him an estimate of when it will be fixed. Recently, he has been approached by many residents to thank him for the work that has been done on the roadways throughout town. More work is planned for next spring and summer. He received a call from Mr. Crimi asking him to name the two new streets that will be in Wharton Woods. They are private streets. After a lot of thought he would like to suggest naming them after two residents who have done a lot for the Borough over the years- Charlotte Kelly and Tom Beirne.

Councilman Binkoski made a motion to approve the suggestions which was seconded by Council President Norton

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He then brought up an ongoing issue with the recycling center. Because it is open all of the time there are residents of our town and others who are dumping all kinds of things that they are not supposed to there. It is creating a ton of work for our DPW to clean it out constantly. His suggestion is to start closing it at night to see if that helps to address the issue. Everyone agreed with the suggestion. Mr. Rheinhardt will talk with Mr. Hutchins and the Police Chief about what hours will work for someone to be available to open and close the center.

**Open to the Public**

Mayor Chegwiddden opened the meeting to the public.

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

**Closed Session**

Council President Norton introduced and made a motion to approve R-128-16, to close the meeting to the public for discussion on Potential Litigation and Contract Negotiations which was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Corbett made a motion to return to open session which was seconded by Councilman Yeager. This motion was approved by a voice vote.

Councilman Corbett introduced O-17-16, “An Ordinance Providing for the Implementation in the Borough of Wharton of the ‘Five Year Tax Exemption and Abatement Law’ Pursuant to the N.J.S.A. 40A:21-1 Et Seq.” on first reading by title only.

A motion was made by Councilman Corbett and seconded by Councilman Binksoki to adopt O-17-16 on first reading.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Chegwiddden set the date of September 26, 2016 for second and final reading.

**Adjournment**

No further business to attend to this evening, Councilman Binkoski made a motion to adjourn this meeting. This was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes. This motion was approved by a voice vote.

September 12, 2016

ATTEST:

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Gabrielle Evangelista,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

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WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,  
MAYOR