

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
DECEMBER 27, 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 Jon Rheinhardt, Borough Clerk Gabrielle Evangelista, and Attorney George Johnson.

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.

Volunteer Appreciation

Councilman Binkoski presented Resolution R-156-16 Honoring Qualified Members of the Wharton Fire Department.

A motion was made by Councilman Binkoski and was seconded by Councilman Corbett to adopt Resolution R-156-16.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Chegwidden, Council President Norton, and Councilman Binkoski presented the clothing allowance to the qualified volunteers. Congratulations and thanks were offered to all of the volunteers.

Ordinance

Councilman Yeager presented O-20-16, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 315 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 and this Ordinance only.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Yeager and was seconded by Council President Norton to adopt O-20-16 on second and final reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-5 NAY-0 ABSENT-1 ABSTAIN- 0	MOTION CARRIED
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Ordinance

Councilman Binkoski presented O-21-16, “An Ordinance Adding Chapter 227 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 and this Ordinance only.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Binkoski and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-21-16 on second and final reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0	MOTION CARRIED
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Ordinance

Council President Norton presented O-22-16, “An Ordinance Adding Chapter 287 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 and this Ordinance only.

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

A motion was made by Council President Norton and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-22-16 on second and final reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0	MOTION CARRIED
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Ordinance

Councilwoman Hayes presented O-23-16, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 330 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 and 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 Binkoski to adopt O-23-16 on second and final reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0	MOTION CARRIED
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Ordinance

Councilman Corbett presented O-24-16, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 247 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 and this Ordinance only.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Corbett and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt O-24-16 on second and final reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0	MOTION CARRIED
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Ordinance

Councilman Binkoski presented O-25-16, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3 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 and this Ordinance only.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Binkoski and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-25-16 on second and final reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0	MOTION CARRIED
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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 December 12, 2016</p> <p>Resolutions: R-157-16: Approve Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2015-003 R-158-16: Approve Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2014-032</p> <p>A motion was made by Council President Norton and was seconded by Councilman Corbett to approve all of the items listed on the Consent Agenda.</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>
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Correspondence

- 1. Letter from Dover re: Joint Court rec’d December 15th
- 2. Update on Air Products Site rec’d December 19th
- 3. Notice of Grant Award rec’d December 19th

4. Letter from Mr. Gallagher rec'd December 19th
5. Notice of Resolution from Washington Township rec'd December 20th

Mr. Johnson noted the letter from Mr. Gallagher and advised that while Mr. Gallagher does not agree with his assessment of the Ordinance, he believes his assessment is correct. He also spoke with Mr. Moreno about making sure that the fence in question is proper, and it is.

Council Reports

Council President Norton: First, he would like to congratulate Councilman Corbett on the final determination of his win in the November election. Since this is his last meeting, he would like to say what a privilege it has been to serve the citizens of Wharton and to serve on this Council. The entire administration is a really good group. He would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy new year as well.

Councilman Binkoski: We had our first big snow event and he had some discussions with the Police about cars being parked on the roads. For the first snow event, the Police try to give everyone a warning as long as there are not safety concerns, but will be ticketing in the future. He would like to thank Councilman Norton for his service, it has been a pleasure serving with him. Happy New Year to everyone.

Councilman Corbett: He addressed the increase in sewer rates which was passed this evening. It is due to an increase in RVRSA rates caused by both necessary capital projects and the ongoing Jersey City litigation. He thanks Councilman Norton for his three years of fine service. Happy New Year to everyone.

Councilwoman Hayes: She thanks the DPW for the fine job on snow removal. She was on the committee for the House Decorating Contest and would like to thank all of the residents who do a great job decorating for the holidays. She thanks Councilman Norton for his service and thinks we will be seeing him again in the future.

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: Congratulations to Councilman Corbett. Thank you to Councilman Norton, she agrees that we will see more of him in the future. Happy New Year to everyone.

Councilman Yeager: Congratulations to Councilman Corbett. Thank you to Councilman Norton for his service. Happy New Year to everyone.

Mayor Chegwiddden's Report: He attended the recent Planning Board meeting where they discussed the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan. Our Planner did a fine job putting that together. He attended a meeting for JCP&L who was in front of the BPU in order to compliment them on the fine job they have been doing recently. He met with the almost new owners of the property which formally was Whitlock. They are also interested in purchasing some other nearby property and in developing the front of Harry Shupe Boulevard. They were asking what we would be interested in seeing there. More discussion about this followed. He noted the letter from Dover about dissolving the Joint Court in 2018. He was disappointed because he never received a phone call from them about this. However, we are already working on a new plan. He will be forming a committee in the near future to work on this issue and will keep the Council updated as things move along. He congratulates Councilman Corbett, it is always helpful to have his knowledge and guidance. He can't thank Councilman Norton enough for his service both on the Council and in other areas. He will be greatly missed.

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.

Adjournment

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

December 27, 2016

ATTEST:

Gabrielle Evangelista,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR