

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 22, 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 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.

Ordinance

Council President Norton presented O-03-16, “An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Certain Real Property by 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 Norton and was seconded by Councilman Corbett to adopt O-03-16 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-04-16, “An Ordinance to Provide for General Capital Projects Enumerated Within for the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey and to Provide the Funding Thereof,” 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 Councilman Corbett and was seconded by Councilman Binkoski to adopt O-04-16 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 introduced O-05-16, “Bond Ordinance Providing for the Improvement of the Water Supply and Distribution System (Church Street) in and by the Borough of Wharton, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Appropriating \$350,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$270,215 Bonds or Notes of the Borough for Financing Such Appropriation,” on first reading by title only.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Hayes and was seconded by Councilman Corbett to adopt O-05-16 on first reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0	MOTION CARRIED
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Mayor Chegwidden set the date of March 7, 2016 for second and final reading.

Ordinance

Councilman Yeager introduced O-06-16, “Ordinance Providing for the Acquisition of a Dump Truck by the Borough of Wharton, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Appropriating \$213,638.27 Therefor, Constituting Proceeds of Obligations of the Borough Heretofore Issued,” on first reading by title only.

A motion was made by Councilman Yeager and was seconded by Councilman Corbett to adopt O-06-16 on first reading.

Mr. Rheinhardt advised that the funding for this Ordinance is re-appropriations from Ordinances that have already been approved.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0	MOTION CARRIED
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Mayor Chegwidden set the date of March 7, 2016 for second and final reading.

Ordinance

Council President Norton introduced O-07-16, “An Ordinance Fixing the Salary of Certain Officers and Employees of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey,” on first reading by title only.

A motion was made by Council President Norton and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-07-16 on first reading.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Chegwiddden set the date of March 7, 2016 for second and final reading.

Ordinance

Councilwoman Hayes introduced O-08-16, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 330, Section 20 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey,” on first reading by title only.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Hayes and was seconded by Councilman Corbett to adopt O-08-16 on first reading.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Chegwiddden set the date of March 7, 2016 for second and final reading

Mayor Chegwiddden noted that Jeff Mayhew from the Water Department brought to our attention that the actual water meter costs were more than what we charge for them in this Ordinance. Thus, the update of the Ordinance. He thanks Mr. Mayhew for this.

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.

Approve Minutes from 1/18/16 and 2/8/16

**Resolution: R-45-16: Approve Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2013-001
R-46-16: Award Project East Central Avenue Water Main Phase 1
R-47-16: Property Tax Exemption Block 2111, Lot 7
R-48-16: Annual Reassessment
R-49-16: 2016 Fireworks Contract**

Approve Wharton Area Little League facilities application for 3/15/16-6/30/16

Approve Blue Light Permit for William Steiner

Council President Norton made a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda which was seconded by Councilman Corbett.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence

- 1. Letter from Rockaway Borough re: Joint Municipal Court rec'd February 16, 2016.**
- 2. Letter re: COAH rec'd February 18, 2016.**

Mayor Chegwidden noted that Rockaway Borough has decided to stay with the Joint Court. There is a meeting scheduled in March to discuss the impact of Mine Hill leaving the Joint Court.

Council Reports

Council President Norton: On Feb. 13th he attended the Fire Department's Clam Bake, which was a nice event. On Feb. 17th he attended the Morris County League of Municipalities meeting. On Feb. 19th he attended the Wharton Kids First Lotsa Pasta Dinner. This Thursday, Feb. 25th is the Friends of the Wharton Library Dine to Donate at Hot Rods from 5-9 p.m. We were recently notified that our Summer Recreation Program Director has resigned her position. Ms. Jenkins has done a good job for us. We will be looking for a new director.

Councilman Binkoski: He met with the Police Chief and Police Lieutenant over various items. The committee that is going to meet with Mine Hill is waiting to hear back on a date for a meeting.

Councilman Corbett: On Feb. 11th he attended the RVRSA meeting. Capital programs are moving along there. On Feb. 13th he also attended the Clam Bake, which was a nice event. On Feb. 17th he also attended the Morris County League of Municipalities meeting. Earlier today, the Finance Committee met to discuss the contract with AT&T and the 2016 Budget.

Councilwoman Hayes: On Feb. 17th she also attended the Morris County League of Municipalities meeting. She also attended the Lotsa Pasta dinner. They raised about \$1200 for the Wharton Kids First Foundation and she'd like to thank everyone who attended. She'd like to make everyone aware that the Kids First Foundation as well as other organizations are offering scholarships so high school seniors should look into those. She also attended the Finance Committee meeting prior to this one.

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: She attended the County Freeholder Meeting regarding the Zika Virus. In New Jersey there is only currently one case and that is resulting from travel. They are testing the 39 types of mosquitos we have to see if any are carriers. It's recommended to clean out bird baths once a week if you have one and try to avoid any standing water in your yard. More discussion about this followed.

Councilman Yeager: He also attended the Morris County League of Municipalities Dinner and Meeting as well as the Lotsa Pasta Dinner. He was recently contacted by the Construction Department about a builder that is looking to build seven homes in town but would like to know the percentage of COAH obligation fees that is going to be charged. According to the Ordinance it can be between 1-6%. After a short discussion it was agreed that the builder should come to a meeting before any decisions are made.

Mayor Chegwidden's Report: He also attended the Morris County League of Municipalities meeting. They discussed the Energy Tax, the Transportation Fund, and Pension issues. He thought the Director did a great job explaining those topics to the officials there.

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.

Closed Session

Councilman Corbett introduced and made a motion to approve R-50-16, "Resolution for Closed Session," which was seconded by Councilman Binkoski. This Resolution was approved via voice vote.

Councilman Binkoski made a motion to return to open session which was seconded by Councilman Corbett.

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.

February 22, 2016

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

ATTEST:

**WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR**

**Gabrielle Evangelista,
Borough Clerk**