

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MARCH 7, 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 – Absent, Excused
Councilwoman Hayes- Absent, Excused
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

Councilwoman Wickenheisser presented 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 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 Wickenheisser and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-05-16 on second and final reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-4 NAY-0 ABSENT-2 ABSTAIN- 0

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance

Councilman Yeager presented 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 second reading by title only.

Mayor Chegwiddden opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on this Ordinance only.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Yeager and was seconded by Council President Norton to adopt O-06-16 on second and final reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-4 NAY-0 ABSENT-2 ABSTAIN- 0

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance

Council President Norton presented 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 second reading by title only.

Mayor Chegwiddden opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on this Ordinance only.

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

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-4 NAY-0 ABSENT-2 ABSTAIN- 0

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance

Councilman Binkoski presented 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 second reading by title only.

Mayor Chegwiddden opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on this Ordinance only.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Binkoski and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-08-16 on second and final reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-4 NAY-0 ABSENT-2 ABSTAIN- 0

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance

Councilwoman Wickenheisser introduced O-09-16, “An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14),” on first reading by title only.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wickenheisser and was seconded by Councilman Binkoski to adopt O-09-16 on first reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-4 NAY-0 ABSENT-2 ABSTAIN- 0

MOTION CARRIED

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

Ordinance

Council President Norton introduced O-10-16, “An Ordinance to Provide for a General Capital Project Enumerated within for the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris and to Provide the Funding Thereof” on first reading by title only.

A motion was made by Council President Norton and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-10-16 on first reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-4 NAY-0 ABSENT-2 ABSTAIN- 0

MOTION CARRIED

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

Ordinance

Councilman Binkoski introduced O-11-16, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3, Article III, Section 13 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 Councilman Binkoski and was seconded by Councilwoman Wickenheisser to adopt O-11-16 on first reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-4 NAY-0 ABSENT-2 ABSTAIN- 0

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Chegwidden set the date of March 21, 2016 for second and final reading.

2016 Municipal Budget:

Council President Norton introduced Resolution R-51-16 – the 2016 Municipal Budget.

A motion was made by Council President Norton and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt the introduction of the 2016 Municipal Budget.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-4 NAY-0 ABSENT-2 ABSTAIN- 0

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Chegwidden set the meeting of April 4, 2016 for the public hearing on the 2016 Municipal Budget.

2016 Special District Budget:

Councilman Binkoski introduced Resolution R-52-16 – the 2016 Special District Budget.

A motion was made by Councilman Binkoski and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt the introduction of the 2016 Special District Budget.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-4 NAY-0 ABSENT-2 ABSTAIN- 0

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Chegwidden set the meeting of April 4, 2016 for the public hearing on the 2016 Special District Budget.

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 2/22/16

**Resolution: R-53-16: Appropriation Reserve Transfer
R-54-16: 2016 Salary Resolution**

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA- 4 NAY-0 ABSENT-2 ABSTAIN- 0

MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence

1. Letter from Morris County re: Milling and Resurfacing Projects Planned for County Roads in 2016 rec'd March 2, 2016
2. Monthly Reports from Clerk and Construction rec'd February 29, 2016

Council Reports

Council President Norton: He attended the Wharton Area Little League meeting. The opening day parade is April 16th. He also chaperoned the Municipal Alliance dance.

Councilman Binkoski: There were two call outs at Avalon Bay over the weekend. There was also an accident on Route 15 over the weekend but there were no injuries. It was a busy weekend for the Police and Fire Departments. He has been talking to Mine Hill about trying to get together for a meeting about the police contract.

Councilman Corbett: Absent.

Councilwoman Hayes: Absent.

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: She attended the Board of Health meeting. They discussed the rabies clinic, restaurant inspections, and a virus that has been at the school lately. She attended a St. Clare's advisory committee meeting as well. They are looking to come out and help and get involved in the communities that they serve.

Councilman Yeager: He had a tenancy review committee meeting today. There were two proposals for the former LE Carpenter property, one was a brewery and the other was an indoor soccer facility.

Mayor Chegwidden's Report: He attended the FOP Irish Fest, which was very well attended. The green tent property will be demolished soon and construction will begin on Port Oram Tower. He received a request from the builder of Wharton Woods. They asked for the Council's permission to take the dirt out of the back

rather than down through our roads. He believes it's a good idea. Mr. Johnson advised that he spoke with their lawyer and that he requested a legal opinion that that type of use is ok. After more discussion everyone agreed that was fine as long as it is legal. We are also working on applying for a grant for the Canal project of 1.8 million dollars.

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.

Council President Norton introduced R-55-16 and made a motion to approve said Resolution. Councilman Yeager seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-4 NAY-0 ABSENT-2 ABSTAIN- 0	MOTION CARRIED
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Mayor Chegwidden advised that he wanted to explain that the 2016 budget has an average \$55.09 increase or 0.728 percentage. The Council and Mr. Rheinhardt did another great job with putting the budget together.

Adjournment

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

March 7, 2016

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

ATTEST:

WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR

Gabrielle Evangelista,
Borough Clerk