

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
APRIL 18, 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.

Resolution

Councilman Yeager introduced R-68-16, “Endorsing Housing Element and Fair Share Plan.” Borough Planner, Jessica Caldwell gave a detailed explanation to the Mayor and Council about the Plan. Ms. Caldwell also outlined the background of COAH obligations and what the next steps are for the Borough.

Ms. Caldwell and Mr. Johnson answered questions from various Council Members.

A motion was made by Councilman Yeager and was seconded by Councilman Corbett to approve R-68-16.

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

Proposed Ordinance updating Chapter 315: Vehicles and Traffic, Article II: Parking, Section 7: Parking prohibited at all times on certain streets.

Councilman Binkoski advised that this proposed change came about because of some safety issues. After a discussion about this Ordinance and other current issues with speeding and parking in the Borough it was decided this Ordinance will be on the next Agenda. Councilman Binkoski will discuss the other issues with the Police Department.

Recreation Application

Council President Norton introduced a Recreation Application from Amateur Baseball Association out of Boonton, NJ. They are an 18+ team looking to use the Babe Ruth Field from 4/31-8/21 on every Sunday. Everything is in order with their insurance. There are no players on the roster from Wharton. That field is already used by the American Legion and Babe Ruth on the weekends especially for rainouts. Since there is no way to tell when exactly the Wharton teams with prior authorization to use the field will need the field the Council does not feel comfortable approving this application. There is also a concern for over-utilization of the fields.

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 4/4/16

- Resolutions:** R-69-16: Police Vehicle Purchase
R-70-16: Professional Services- Church Street Water Main Project
R-71-16: Construction Change Order No. 1
R-72-16: Professional Services-2016 Paving Program

Approve waiving garage sale permit fees for town-wide garage sale on Clean Community Day, May 21, 2016

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Corbett asked about a letter requesting to do a 5-K benefit run. Mr. Rheinhardt advised that the Police Chief had already reached out to the family to discuss the requirements in order to do so.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Morris County MUA re: A2281 rec'd April 7, 2016
2. Letter from NJ Natural Gas re: rate information rec'd April 13, 2016

Council Reports

Council President Norton: The Wharton Area Little League held their opening ceremony and parade. He'd like to thank the Police Department, Fire Department, and the motorcycle club of the American Legion for their participation. Mayor Chegwidden threw out the first ball.

Councilman Binkoski: He met with the other members of the committee about how to best utilize the new property that the Borough purchased in the center of town. Multiple options were discussed including knocking down the building and using the area for parking, using the building for the town or as a rental property. Cost environmental issues, among others, were all considered. After more discussion, final costs for demolition and remediation as opposed to simply remodeling the building are going to be researched.

Following Councilman Binkoski's report there was more discussion about traffic issues.

Councilman Corbett: He attended the charity Pub Crawl. He attended the RVRSA meeting. The good news is that they believe they have a plan to level off some of predicted debt service spikes. The union contract for the RVRSA was also approved.

Councilwoman Hayes: No Report

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: No Report

Councilman Yeager: He had a meeting with Mr. Moreno. He also participated in the bank committee meeting.

Mayor Chegwidden's Report: He attended the Planning Board meeting. He attended the Little League Opening Day. He'd like to thank Council President Norton for everything he did as well as Tony Moran for the speech about Chopper Sullivan that he made. He received many compliments about how nice the fields looked. The DPW has done a great job. The park is looking very nice. He also attended the Republican Club Charity Pub Crawl. It should be a help to the food pantries. They are hurting for items so he encourages everyone to donate if possible.

Open to the Public

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public.

Ed Nunn, Wharton Fire Department: He has an update from the truck committee of the Fire Department. Some of the members are heading to Florida in May for the final specs and the new truck should be hitting the assembly line in August.

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

Adjournment

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

April 18, 2016

ATTEST:

Gabrielle Evangelista,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR