

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**APRIL 10, 2017**

**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 Binkoski – Present  
Councilman Corbett – Present  
Councilwoman Hayes- Present  
Councilwoman Veres- 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.

**Ed Nunn, Wharton Fire Chief:** Chief Nunn advised the Mayor and Council that the Fire Department is hosting a beefsteak dinner on April 22, 2017. Please see himself or Brian Cronin to get tickets.

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

**Resolution**

Council President Binkoski introduced R-67-17 “Resolution to Read the Budget by Title Only.”

A motion was made by Council President Binkoski and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt Resolution R-67-17.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0
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MOTION CARRIED
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**2017 Municipal Budget**

Councilman Corbett presented Resolution R-49-17, The 2017 Municipal Budget for final adoption.

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on the 2017 Municipal Budget only.

**Harold Kay, 25168 Westview:** Mr. Kay advised that he was reviewing the budget and asked what cap stands for. Mr. Rheinhardt advised that a municipality is subject to two types of caps, the first is an appropriation cap which is 3 ½% and the second is a levy cap. It truly is a cap.

Mr. Rheinhardt then made a presentation on the 2017 Municipal Budget which explained the budgeting process, shared services that the Borough participates in, the Borough’s debt plan, State funding, anticipated revenues, appropriations, budget CAPs, 2016 capital projects, 2017 planned capital projects and what grants we have received to fund some of those projects, average property tax impact, and the Borough’s tax per capita ranking within Morris County. Mayor Chegwidden and Councilman Corbett also contributed points during the presentation.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Corbett and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt R-49-17, The 2017 Municipal Budget.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0	MOTION CARRIED
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**2017 Special District Budget**

Councilwoman Hayes presented Resolution R-50-17, The 2017 Special District Budget for final adoption.

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on the 2017 Special District Budget 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 Corbett to adopt R-50-17, The 2017 Special District Budget.

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.

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| <p>Approval of Bills: All bills referred to the finance committee to be paid if found correct.</p> <p>Approval of Minutes from March 27, 2017 Meeting</p> <p>Resolutions: R-68-17: Amend R-61-17<br/>R-69-17: Municipal Alliance Agreement FY 2018<br/>R-70-17: Group Affidavit for 2016 Audit</p> <p>Approve Fire Fighter Application for Giovanni Meinero</p> <p>Approve Facility Application for Tyler Daniel- Summer Basketball Camp</p> |
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A motion was made by Council President Binkoski and was seconded by Councilman Corbett to approve all of the items listed on the Consent Agenda.

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

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### Correspondence

- Letter from Morris County Freeholders re: Stigma Free
- Monthly Report from Clerk and Construction

### Council Reports

**Council President Binkoski:** He has a junior firefighter application for Jared Reddington that he would like to make a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilman Corbett.

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

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He continued his report with an idea that it may be interesting to take photos throughout the process of building the water tower with the drone owned by one of the fire fighters. There are a lot of rules to be followed, but we will look into if it is feasible. He attended another meeting with Mt. Arlington about the court. He's been getting feedback from representatives from other towns and they are all impressed about how quickly it is moving and are expressing interest in joining the court at some time. On 3/30 he met with Chief Fernandez, Lieutenant Young, and Ms. Ghebreal to go over new rules for fingerprinting and background checks for employees and volunteers. The police will put something together about this. On 4/1 he attended the American Legion's World War I event. US Representative Rodney Frelinghuysen, Senator Bucco, Assemblyman Bucco, Freeholder Cabana, and other dignitaries were all in attendance. The Legion national magazine had a representative in attendance as well and will be publishing an article about the event. Mayor Chegwiddden advised that William Hocking, who the Post is named for, was a WWI veteran. Unfortunately, he died 10 days before the armistice. On 4/8 he attended the Boy Scout pancake breakfast, which was a nice event.

**Councilman Corbett:** On 3/28 he attended an infrastructure meeting of the RVRSA where they discussed the various projects that are going on. Fortunately, some of the charges from the project that is required from damage from Hurricane Irene will be paid by FEMA, however, there is still a significant amount that will need to be paid by the RVRSA rate payers. He has another meeting with them this week. He also attended the American Legion's exhibit.

**Councilwoman Hayes:** No Report, but she wants to thank Mr. Rheinhardt for helping the Finance Committee with budget and especially for working with everyone's schedules.

**Councilwoman Veres:** She also attended the Boy Scout pancake breakfast, which was a great event.

**Councilwoman Wickenheisser:** On 3/21 she also attended the court meeting. They are making great progress and it's nice that everyone works together so well. On 4/3 she attended an informational meeting about Morris County's emergency medical services. They introduced them to an active shooter training that they are doing for emergency responders. They are doing really great stuff. She'd like to remind everyone that on Wednesday, 4/12 the Wharton Municipal Alliance and Wharton Police Department are sponsoring Screenagers at 7 p.m. at MacKinnon Middle School.

**Councilman Yeager:** On behalf of the Boy Scouts he'd like to thank everyone who attended the breakfast. They really appreciate the support. He attended a meeting of the Tenancy Review Committee with Taco Bell. The next step will be making an application to the Planning Board.

**Mayor Chegwiddden's Report**

As discussed already, the committee working on the court has been regularly meeting. He'd like to thank both our committee and Mt. Arlington for working together so well. It's a great relationship. He also attended the Boy Scout pancake breakfast. He'd like to bring up that the County is finally buying the Air Products piece of property which should finally be the last piece for them to create the Main Street extension. He also thanks Mr. Rheinhardt and Finance Committee for creating another great budget. They put in a lot of work year in and year out making Wharton an affordable place to live. He wants to make note of how great our alliance program is. We offer so many different programs with that grant, we are one of the busiest in the County. Ms. Ghebreal does a great job with this.

**Open to the Public**

Mayor Chegwiddden opened the meeting to the public.

**Percy Zegarra, 394 N. Main St.:** Mr. Zegarra came to follow up on a previous request by himself and other owners of taxi companies in Dover about allowing taxis in Wharton. Councilman Binkoski advised that he has discussed the matter with the Chief of Police and they are discussing a process that would use Dover as a host for the licenses. Following that, the committee will meet to see what is feasible and what they feel is the right thing to do for the town. After that meeting, the committee will present their findings to the entire Council. More discussion about this followed.

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

**Adjournment**

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

April 10, 2017

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

ATTEST:

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WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,  
MAYOR

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Gabrielle Evangelista,  
Borough Clerk