

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
APRIL 22, 2019

Council President Corbett Called the Meeting to Order

Council President Corbett read the Open Public Meeting Statement

Council President Corbett requested Roll Call:

Council President Corbett- Present
Councilman Binkoski- 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 Matthew Petracca

Flag Salute

Council President Corbett 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 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.”

Council President Corbett opened the meeting to the public.

John Barbarula: Mr. Barbarula was in attendance to introduce himself to the Council because he is running for Assembly in District 25, of which Wharton is a part of. Mr. Barbarula explained his reasoning for running for the office. Council President Corbett thanked him for attending.

Javier Gonzalez, 15 Anderson Rd.: Mr. Gonzalez is a Life Scout from Troop 67 in Wharton and came to share with the Council some ideas for the dog park. Mr. Gonzalez advised that he had researched other similar parks and came up with suggestions including putting in a double fence at the entrance, having the fencing be at least 5 feet high with no corners in order to prevent dogs from being cornered by more aggressive dogs, posting a sign that outlines the rules, and the rules should include no one under 18 being allowed to be there without a parent and children under 10 not being allowed at all. He also suggests a special license in order to use the park that residents can buy that requires owners to get their dog checked for diseases and that dogs older than 6 months should be neutered. There should also be a curfew similar to the other parks in town and he also suggests having two separate areas for big dogs and little dogs so that they can’t mix. He asked the Council to consider allowing someone to do an Eagle Scout Project relating to the park and thanked them for allowing him to present his suggestions. Council President Corbett thanked him and Councilwoman Hayes and Councilwoman Veres advised that they are open to someone doing an Eagle Scout Project relating to the park. Councilman Yeager asked him to come back to the Council with a proposed project and Councilwoman Veres said they could then collaborate from that point on.

No one else wishing to be heard, Council President Corbett closed the meeting to the public.

2019 Budget

Resolution

Councilman Binkoski introduced R-88-19 “Resolution to Read the Budgets by Title Only.”

A motion was made by Councilman Binkoski and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt Resolution R-88-19.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0	MOTION CARRIED
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2019 Municipal Budget

With the assistance of Treasurer Katie Lorito, Mr. Rheinhardt made a presentation on the 2019 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, 2018 capital projects, 2019 planned capital projects and what grants we have received to fund some of those projects, the average property tax impact, and the Borough’s tax per capita ranking within Morris County, which is the second lowest in Morris County. The average impact from the Municipal portion, including the Library is a \$41 increase for the year, the tax levy increase is up .92%. Our budget process happens year-round and we are constantly looking forward. Council President Corbett advised that when we talk about State Aid it is really a tax that the State had decided to collect for the Municipalities and was supposed to give to them, but they have been shorting the Municipalities for years. Councilwoman Hayes asked a question about pension funding and Mr. Rheinhardt explained that the local systems are much better funded than the State ones and the concern is that the State wants to merge them. More discussion about this followed.

Councilman Yeager presented Resolution R-73-19, The 2019 Municipal Budget for final adoption.

Council President Corbett opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on the 2019 Municipal Budget only.

No one wishing to be heard, Council President Corbett closed the meeting to the public.

A motion was made by Councilman Yeager and was seconded by Councilwoman Wickenheisser to adopt R-73-19, The 2019 Municipal Budget.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0	MOTION CARRIED
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2019 Special District Budget

Councilwoman Hayes presented Resolution R-74-19, The 2019 Special District Budget for final adoption.

Council President Corbett opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on the 2019 Special District Budget only.

No one wishing to be heard, Council President Corbett closed the meeting to the public.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Hayes and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt R-74-19, The 2019 Special District Budget.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance

Councilman Yeager presented O-08-19, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 270, Article IV, Sections 15 and 16 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey,” on second reading, by title only.

Council President Corbett opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on this Ordinance only.

No one wishing to be heard, Council President Corbett closed the meeting to the public.

A motion was made by Councilman Yeager and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt O-08-19 on second and final reading.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance

Councilwoman Hayes presented O-09-19, “An Ordinance to Provide for General Capital Projects Enumerated within for the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris and to Provide for the Funding Thereof,” on second reading, by title only.

Council President Corbett opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on this ordinance only.

No one wishing to be heard, Council President Corbett closed the meeting to the public.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Hayes and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-09-19 on second and final reading.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance

Councilwoman Wickenheisser presented O-10-19, “An Ordinance to Provide for General Capital Projects Enumerated within for the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris and to Provide for the Funding Thereof,” on second reading, by title only.

Council President Corbett opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on this ordinance only.

No one wishing to be heard, Council President Corbett closed the meeting to the public.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wickenheisser and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-10-19 on first reading.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance

Councilwoman Veres introduced O-11-19, “An Ordinance to Provide for a General Capital Project Enumerated Within for the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris and to Provide for the Funding Thereof,” on first reading, by title only.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Veres and was seconded by Councilwoman Wickenheisser to adopt O-11-19 on first reading.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Council President Corbett set the date of May 6, 2019 for second and final reading.

Ordinance

Councilman Binkoski introduced O-12-19, “An Ordinance to Provide for a Sewer Utility Capital Project Enumerated Within for the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris and to Provide for the Funding Thereof,” on first reading, by title only.

A motion was made by Councilman Binkoski and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-12-19 on first reading.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Council President Corbett set the date of May 6, 2019 for second and final reading.

Ordinance

Councilwoman Wickenheisser introduced O-13-19, “An Ordinance to Provide for a General Capital Project Enumerated Within for the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris and to Provide for the Funding Thereof,” on first reading, by title only.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wickenheisser seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt O-13-19 on first reading.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Council President Corbett set the date of May 6, 2019 for second and final reading.

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.

Approval of Minutes from 4/8/19

- Resolutions: R-89-19: Appoint Inspectors Port Oram
R-90-19: 2018 Recycling Tonnage Grant
R-91-19: 2019 Fireworks Contract
R-92-19: Award Bid 2019 Watermain Improvements
R-93-19: Appoint Designated Employer Representative for CDL Drug and Alcohol Testing
R-94-19: Prof. Services Engineering Canal

Approve recreation application from Tyler Daniel for basketball camp at Columbia Street Park

Approve recreation application from American Christian School for use of the Babe

Ruth field, Little League Field, and Picnic Area

A motion was made by Councilman Binkoski and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to approve all items listed on the Consent Agenda.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence

- Notice of Ordinance from Jefferson Township
- RVRSA Meeting Minutes
- Monthly Report Treasurer

Council Reports

Councilman Binkoski: He attended the retirement party for John Roon. Sgt. Roon was a fixture in the community and one of the leaders when it came to community policing. He will be missed. He is looking forward to the new guys coming up and three of them are already on the road. One is finishing up training and will be ready to be alone soon.

Councilwoman Hayes: Curb work on Division St. and Columbia St. is now complete and paving will begin soon. They are continuing to tear up the rink at Columbia St. park and work has begun on increasing the width of the Town Hall driveway. Mulch for the Langdon St. park is being delivered this week and Mr. Hutchins is working with the vendor for the fencing for the dog park. The truck that we had ordered in December was just delivered. She also just received word that our Senior Bus Driver just resigned. She will be missed. She missed the Fire Department's Easter Egg Hunt for the first time, but she thanks them for doing it even in the bad weather.

Councilwoman Veres: On 4/17 she attended the Library Board meeting. Mr. Hutchins also attended the meeting and they discussed the roof of the Library and there are things in action with finding a remedy for the leakage problems that have been occurring. The staff has noticed some improvement since the DPW made some repairs suggested by the vendor who last replaced some shingles and he was going to reach out to them for any other suggestions. The Board asked her to bring up the possibility of applying for a grant to replace the roof, under the referendum that recently passed allowing for grant funding for capital projects for libraries. However, this would require a 50% match. With regards to the bathroom project which was one of the ordinances passed earlier in the meeting, she had attended a meeting with the Architect and others to discuss the plans for the renovations and that project seems to be coming along well. She also attended the Fire Department's beefsteak dinner and it was a great event.

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: On Saturday, the Municipal Alliance hosted TAMs training for the liquor license holders in town, which went very well. On Thursday they had the social media and teen suicide awareness event and they had about 20 parents attend. She thanks Chief Young for a great presentation, there were some positive things that came out of it. She also attended the Morris County Task Force meeting which gave them a lot of great ideas to help with the Municipal Alliance. She also attended the Soccer Board meeting. They are also starting to work on planning for a National Night Out event which will be on Saturday, June 29th from 5-8 p.m.

Councilman Yeager: No report.

Council President Corbett: He attended the RVRSA infrastructure meeting and regular meeting on 4/11. During those meetings they were advised that the plant has been tentatively approved to expand which will eliminate some potential problems

down the road. The DEP is cooperating and it appears that the amount the plant is approved to process will be increased from 12 to 15 million gallons a day. He also attended the Fire Department's beefsteak dinner and had a good time. He'd like to thank the designer of the Columbia St. project because he can now back out of his driveway without scraping the bottom of his car.

Open to the Public

Council President Corbett opened the meeting to the public.

No one wishing to be heard, Council President Corbett closed the meeting to the public.

Councilwoman Hayes thanked Mr. Rheinhardt and Ms. Lorito for all of their work on the budget.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman Binkoski and was seconded by Council President Corbett to close this meeting.

April 22, 2019

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

ATTEST:

GLENN CORBETT,
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Gabrielle Evangelista,
Borough Clerk