

REGULAR MEETING- HELD VIRTUALLY
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 28, 2020

Mayor Chegwidden called the Meeting to Order

Mayor Chegwidden read the Open Public Meeting Statement

Mayor Chegwidden requested Roll Call:

Council President Binkoski- Present
Councilwoman Hayes- Present
Councilman Norton- Present
Councilwoman Vasquez- Present
Councilwoman Wickenheisser- Present
Councilman Yeager- Present

Also in attendance were Administrator Jon Rheinhardt, Borough Clerk Gabrielle Evangelista, and Attorney Roman Hirniak.

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 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.

Christina Rice, Eileen Ct.: Ms. Rice advised that her children just completed their third summer reading program at the Library and it’s an excellent program. Under normal circumstances, the events that they do for kids are great as well.

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

Ordinance

Council President Binkoski presented O-14-20, “An Ordinance to Provide for a Water 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.

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 Binkoski and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-14-20 on second and final reading.

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

Councilman Yeager presented O-15-20, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 136 of the Revised General Ordinance 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 Yeager and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt O-15-20 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-16-20, “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.

Councilwoman Hayes advised that this is to purchase a fire truck.

Council President Binkoski advised that the Finance Committee and the Fire Department worked well together on being able to make this purchase of a good useful truck happen. He appreciates everyone’s hard work and that everyone was adaptable during the health emergency on this.

Mayor Chegwiddden agreed with Council President Binkoski.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Hayes and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-16-20 on first reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN-0	MOTION CARRIED
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Mayor Chegwiddden set the date of October 19, 2020 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.
Approve Minutes from 9/14/20
Resolutions: R-119-20: Refund Overpayment Taxes 201/25 Q.C045A R-120-20: Liquor License Renewals R-121-20: Award Bid Oakhurst Lane Improvements R-122-20: Approve Alliance Screen Rental Contract R-123-20: Police Vehicle Purchase
Council President Binkoski made a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda which was seconded by Councilman Norton.

Correspondence

- Resolutions from Netcong and Pequannock
- Notification of Ordinance from Mine Hill

Council Reports

Council President Binkoski: No report.

Councilwoman Hayes: No report.

Councilman Norton: 10/4 is the Alliance 5K Color Run. Registration begins at 8 am and the run begins at 8:30 am.

Councilwoman Vasquez: The glass guards in the Library have been installed. The Flu Shots have been ordered and we are waiting for them to come in. We are in the process of confirming the date for the free rabies shot clinic in December.

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: No report.

Councilman Yeager: No report.

Mayor Chegwiddden’s Report: We recently had an issue with the tax software that was resolved. Part of the problem was the State took so long to finalize their budget.

Open to the Public

Mayor Chegwiddden opened the meeting to the public.

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

JOINT MEETING WITH LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES- HELD VIRTUALLY

Library Board of Trustees Opening Items

President of the Library Board of Trustees, Mary Ryan called the meeting to order and took Roll Call:

- Ms. Darling- Present
- Trustee Howe- Present
- Trustee Demattio- Present
- Trustee Jones- Present
- Trustee Grasso, Liaison for Superintendent of Schools- Present
- Trustee Kelly- Absent

President Ryan advised that the Library Board of Trustees is excited to take part in this meeting to see where we’re going with the Library and to move it forward favorably into the future.

Mayor Chegwiddden, Mr. Rheinhardt, and Trustee Jones led all in attendance in a discussion in order to create a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) analysis for the Wharton Library. After a lengthy group brain-storming and discussion that included contributions from the Mayor, Councilmembers, Library Board of Trustees Members, members of the public that were in attendance, as well as notes that were sent into the Library by people who were unable to attend the following SWOT Analysis was created:



Strengths	Weaknesses	Opportunities	Threats
Centrally located	Walk-ins / Security	Water Issues	Water Issues
Centrally located	Parking Lot Flow	Donors	Signage in back of parking area
Community oriented	Water Issues	New leadership	Technology vs. Books
Helpful staff	Aging Facility	Create Maker's Space	Reliance on MAIN
Good summer programs	Limited Funding	STEM / STEAM	Damage to carpet
Relationship with town	Demand of Computer	Collaboration library / school	Technology
Intellectual playground	Access from Main Street	Equipment / Bandwidth	Smart Phones
Kids involved in programs	Limited Signage	Virtual Learning	Interior Security Cameras
Variety of programs	Signage in back of parking area	Library Bandwidth	Staff/Patrons Protect
Centrally located	Limited funding	Create Study Group Room	Lack of security/safety
Community gathering area	Keeping up with costs	Chromebooks	Library Funding
Diverse Demographics	Current leadership	Picatinny Donation - 3d printer	Outdated technology
MAIN system	Public advertising	Literacy program - Expand languages	limited public understanding of library
Current selection of books	Technology vs. Books	People with Skills - Photograph/Chess/etc.	Outdated library
Holiday Programs	E-Books as Individual Library	AA/AAA meetings	Library Image
Free programs	Maker's Space	High School/College - teach social media / how to use computer	Lack of advertising
Fundraisers	STEM / STEAM	Health fairs / screenings	Loss of Neighbor News
Access to computers	Content Driven vs. Content Creation	Zufall health fairs	
Free WIFI	Library Bandwidth	Collaborate with school	
Programs for seniors	No privacy on second floor	Sign up for sports / draw into library / see potential	
Size and space	Damage to carpet	Senior day/time - extra help	
Depth and breadth of materials	Small Areas	Teen day/time - drinks/coffee	
Relationship with school - Library displays art work	Secure Areas	Food pantry drop off site	
Staff / Police Relationship	Fundraising Ideas	Patrons in town/county/community gardens	
ESL programs	Lack of Donations	Clean up volunteers	
Tax program for Seniors by AARP	Stronger Budget	Special Olympics/Special Needs buddy system - books	
Literacy Volunteers		Senior - adopt a grandfriend	
Speakers		Senior shop squad	
Senior Driver's Safety program		Homeless - resource center thru Library	
Health Care Program		Adult learning	

Free of Charge to Wharton Residents		cooking classes	
Friends of Library		personal development	
E-Books thru MAIN		digital photography	
MAIN system		non profit	
Updated technology		risk analysis	
		Community Space / birthday party rentals as fundraiser / check bylaws	
		Fundraisers / yoga / pilates / thru Friends possibly	
		Crock Pot Class	
		Spa Hurrah - mani/pedi	
		Local History Learning	
		Historical Artifacts	
		Community Garden	
		Local Shrubs/Plants	
		Speaker Presentation of Local Actor	
		Murder Mysteries	
		Booklets gifted from Joel Aronson	
		Redesign Library / Layout and Flow	
		Redesign Library	
		Create a new access to the library	
		Expand Security	
		Marketing Communications	
		Advertise events with Town Calendar and Mayor's Newsletter	
		Online Fundraising / Donations	
		Redevelopment Increasing Funding	
		Bring awareness to library town/school board meetings at library once a year	
		Student of the Month Presentation	
		Joint Meeting of the Council and School Board	

President Ryan thanked Trustee Jones and Mr. Rheinhardt for putting together the analysis.

Mayor Chegwidden thanked everyone for attending and for sharing some great ideas. The next step is going to be a report and an online survey. He asked to form a committee to continue the work on this. President Ryan, Trustee Jones, Councilwoman Vasquez, Ms. Darling, Council President Binkoski, and Mr. Rheinhardt will all be on the committee. Mayor Chegwidden asked Ms. Darling to see if any of the Library staff members also want to take part.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Council President Binkoski and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to close the Mayor and Council meeting.

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

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by President Ryan and was seconded by Trustee Jones to close the Library Board of Trustees meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-7 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN-0

MOTION CARRIED

September 28, 2020

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

**Gabrielle Evangelista,
Borough Clerk**

**WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR**