

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**NOVEMBER 14, 2022**

Mayor Chegwidden called the Meeting to Order

Mayor Chegwidden read the Open Public Meeting Statement

Mayor Chegwidden requested Roll Call:

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

Also in attendance were Administrator Joseph Kovalcik Jr., Attorney Roman Hirniak, and Borough Clerk Gabrielle Evangelista.

**Flag Salute**

Mayor Chegwidden led those in attendance with the salute to the American Flag.

**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.

**Resolution**

Councilman Yeager introduced R-127-22, “Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Police Officers.”

A motion was made by Councilman Yeager and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt R-127-22.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA: 5	NAY: 0	ABSENT: 0	ABSTAIN: 1- Norton
MOTION CARRIED			

**For Discussion and Possible Action**

- “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3, Section 13D of Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey”- Chief Young advised that the Police Department needs to make some updates to their Rules and Regulations in order to comply with the accreditation standards. This Ordinance would adopt the changes. No one had any issues with this.

Councilman Yeager made a motion to approve O-16-22 “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3, Section 13D of Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey” on first reading by title only. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes.

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

The date for the second reading of this ordinance will be November 28, 2022.

Consent Agenda

The following items are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Mayor and Council and are approved by one motion. There is no separate discussion of these items unless a council member or citizen so requests, in which case, the item is removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in a normal sequence on the agenda.

**Approval of Bills: Approve all bills referred to the Finance Committee**

**Approval of Minutes: 10/24/22**  
**Approval of Closed Session Minutes: 12/9/19, 3/9/20, and 5/8/20**

**R-128-22: Approve Payout- Kranz**  
**R-129-22: Approve Amendment Wharton Police Department Policy and Procedures Manual**  
**R-130-22: Budget Transfers**

A motion was made by Council President Vasquez which was seconded by Councilman Yeager to approve all of the items on the Consent Agenda.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Correspondence

- Morris County Planning Board Minutes
- Monthly Report Clerk, Construction

Council Reports

**Council President Vasquez:** She attended HalloWharton which was a nice event. She also attended the Veteran’s Eve Parade and Ceremony. It was great to see everyone out at that event. She thanks everyone who voted for her. It is an honor to keep being a part of this team and to serve this community.

**Councilman Binkoski:** Congratulations to Mayor Chegwiddden, Council President Vasquez, and Councilman Norton on their re-elections. He attended HalloWharton, which was very well run. Thanks to everyone involved and the DPW and Police Department for their work. He attended the Veteran’s Eve Parade and Ceremony. It was great to march and glad to see everyone there.

**Councilwoman Hayes:** She attended HalloWharton. It was nice collaboration and she congratulates everyone involved in planning it. Thank you to everyone who attended the Veteran’s Eve ceremonies and thanks to Councilman Binkoski for his service. She wanted to address a petition from soccer that she saw online. They were expecting a call for a meeting, which never came, and instead that happened. She’s disappointed because that’s not how we do things here.

**Councilman Norton:** He attended HalloWharton. He also attended the last Jr. Knights game. The new Jr. Knights leadership has done very well for that program. He attended the Veteran’s Eve Parade and Ceremony. He thanks everyone who voted for him.

**Councilwoman Wickenheisser:** She attended the last concert, HalloWharton, and the Veteran’s Eve Parade and Ceremony. Everything was well attended and run well. Congratulations to Mayor Chegwiddden, Council President Vasquez, and Councilman Norton on their re-elections. She is also disappointed with what is happening with soccer. She had received calls from 3 different coaches and explained things to them.

**Councilman Yeager: Congratulations to Mayor Chegwidden, Council President Vasquez, and Councilman Norton on their re-elections. The Fire Department received 20 calls last month, 10 of which were false alarms mainly from the same place. At some point the Fire Official can issue fines for the repeat false alarms.**

**Mayor Chegwidden's Report: He also attended all of the events mentioned previously. HalloWharton was unbelievable, it was very well organized and one of the best. He thanks the DPW, Police Department, and Ms. Muzzillo for their work on that event. He loves the Veteran's Eve Parade and Ceremony, it's always such a nice way to recognize the Veterans. Along with Mr. Kovalcik, he attended the Morris County Open Space Committee meeting, where they considered our application for the open space grant. He thinks it looks good. They were very complimentary of our project.**

For the soccer issue, he is surprised that there is no one in attendance tonight. There are a lot of issues at hand and they are not actually coming to the town to discuss them. We have reached out and gone over some of them and still nothing. There is also a lot of misinformation online, and he would like to actually talk to them about it. Discussion about these issues followed. They will attempt again to set up a meeting to discuss things in person.

Continuing his report, Mayor Chegwidden thanked the voters for their confidence in him and the Council. Over the years there has been a lot of changes, however, if you don't change you don't grow. We are actually using and following our Master Plan. It's just kind of all happening at once. It's nice to see things being revitalized, there were actually people out at the Veteran's Eve parade again. He thanks the Council for everything as well as the Planning Board. People don't always understand that the Planning Board often needs to approve things because otherwise we'll get sued and it will happen anyway without us having any control over a project.

**Open to the Public**

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public.

**Gene Caulfield, Wharton Fire Chief: The Fire Department had a great turnout for the Safe Trick or Treat. They worked with Mr. Kovalcik on applying for a grant and they received \$35,000 for PPE from the State.**

Mr. Kovalcik advised that there will be 2 bids coming up, the trails phase III and the windows and roof of the library.

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

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Councilman Binkoski and was seconded by Councilwoman Wickenheisser to close the meeting. This motion was approved via voice vote.

November 14, 2022

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

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WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,  
MAYOR

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Gabrielle Evangelista,  
Borough Clerk