

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**NOVEMBER 28, 2022**

Mayor Chegwiddden called the Meeting to Order

Mayor Chegwiddden read the Open Public Meeting Statement

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

**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.

**Ordinance**

Councilman Yeager presented 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 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-16-22 on second and final reading.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA: 6</b>	<b>NAY: 0</b>	<b>ABSENT: 0</b>	<b>ABSTAIN: 0</b>
<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>			

**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.

<b>Approval of Bills: Approve all bills referred to the Finance Committee</b>
<b>R-131-22: Approve Refund Tax Overpayment</b>
<b>R-132-22: Approve Payout Morales</b>
<b>Appoint James T. Winston alternate crossing guard for the remainder of a one-year term to expire 12/31/22</b>

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

- Notice of Ordinance Mine Hill

Council Reports

**Council President Vasquez:** She attended a meeting of the Morris County Chamber of Commerce about women in business, which was a great event. They stressed how important working as a team is and she is so happy that everyone here does that. She attended the Morris County League of Municipalities Meeting at the League Convention and really enjoyed Commander Callahan’s speech. Later that day, her family needed assistance from our Police and they did an excellent job.

**Councilman Binkoski:** He attended the Fire Department Inspection and dinner. It was a great turnout and was nice to see everything being in good shape. He also attended the Morris County League of Municipalities Meeting at the League Convention and agrees how great Commander Callahan’s speech was about policing in America.

**Councilwoman Hayes:** No Report.

**Councilman Norton:** He also attended the Morris County League of Municipalities Meeting at the League Convention and agrees that the speech was one of the most inspiring that he has heard in a long time and he has heard many a speech.

**Councilwoman Wickenheisser:** She also attended the Morris County League of Municipalities Meeting at the League Convention and agrees with everyone’s sentiments. She thanks our Police Department for everything they do. She also attended the Fire Department Inspection and dinner and thanks them as well. Thank you to Chief Caulfield for a great year.

**Councilman Yeager:** He also attended the League of Municipalities Convention and the Fire Department Inspection and dinner. The inspection was great and the dinner was fantastic.

**Mayor Chegwiddden’s Report:** He attended the Planning Board meeting. The redevelopment presentation was very well done. He has plans if anyone would like to see them. They also discussed 170 N. Main, they had been given an extension and the time is almost up. They will not be given another extension if the property isn’t cleaned up. He also attended the League of Municipalities Convention and was elected First Vice President again. He also attended the Fire Department Inspection and dinner and thanks them for the event and everything that they do. The tree lighting event is on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. He also wants to briefly address an issue that has been discussed on social media about schools. Wharton is not a sending district; we have a seat on the school board for Morris Hills. He also spoke with the superintendent of the Wharton schools and was advised that they have room for approx. 140 more children and they take in approx. 40 from other districts. Looking at the potential for more children from redevelopment, he looked at Avalon Bay because that’s the oldest of the recent developments and there are 3 students from there.

Open to the Public

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**Adjournment**

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

November 28, 2022

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

ATTEST:

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WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,  
MAYOR

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Gabrielle Evangelista,  
Borough Clerk