

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
JANUARY 23, 2023

Mayor Chegwidden called the Meeting to Order

Mayor Chegwidden read the Open Public Meeting Statement

Mayor Chegwidden requested Roll Call:

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

Also in attendance were Administrator Joseph Kovalcik Jr., Attorney Roman Hirniak, and Deputy Clerk Desi Ruffo.

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-36-23, “Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of a Police Captain.”

A motion was made by Councilman Yeager and was seconded by Council President Binkoski to adopt R-36-23.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA: 6	NAY: 0	ABSENT: 0	ABSTAIN: 0 MOTION CARRIED
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Mayor Chegwidden, Councilman Yeager and Chief Young administered the Oath of Office to Captain Hamilton. Congratulations were offered by all in attendance.

Resolution

Council President Binkoski introduced R-37-23, “Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of a Police Lieutenant.”

A motion was made by Council President Binkoski and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt R-36-23.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA: 6	NAY: 0	ABSENT: 0	ABSTAIN: 0 MOTION CARRIED
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Mayor Chegwidden, Councilman Yeager and Chief Young administered the Oath of Office to Lieutenant Arroyo. Congratulations were offered by all in attendance.

Resolution

Councilwoman Hayes introduced R-38-23, “Resolution Authorizing the Permanent Appointment of Police Officers.”

A motion was made by Councilwoman Hayes and was seconded by Council President Binkoski to adopt R-38-23.

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

Swearing in of Police Officers

Mayor Chegwidden, Councilman Yeager, and Chief Young administered the Oath of Office for Police Officers Joseph P. Ferinde, Colin Daugherty, and Robert Norton, Jr. Congratulations were offered by all in attendance.

Ordinance

Councilwoman Hayes presented O-01-23, “An Ordinance Fixing the Salary of Certain Officers and Employees of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey on first reading, by title only.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Hayes which was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-01-23 on first reading.

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

Mayor Chegwidden set the date of February 13, 2023 for second and final reading.

For Discussion and Possible Action

- **Ordinance- “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3, Section 13D of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey.”** Chief Young advised that a small change needs to be made for the Police Department Rules and Regulations. This will be on for first reading at the next meeting.
- **Ordinance- “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 315, Article III, Section 19 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey.”** Chief Young advised that this ordinance is to include Luxemburg Avenue in the streets where vehicles over four tons gross weight are excluded from except for the pick-up and delivery of materials on such streets. This will be on for first reading at the next meeting.
- **Recommendation to the Planning Board relating to designation of parkland zoning.** Mayor Chegwidden advised that there is an area on North Main Street that he would like to recommend to the Planning Board to review designating as parkland. Everyone was okay with the recommendation.

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: 12/19/22, 1/3/23
R-39-23: Public Auction
R-40-23: Authorize Safe and Secure 23-1439 Grant Application
R-41-23: Approve Tax Sale Redemption TSC #2021-017

R-42-23: Approve Tax Sale Redemption TSC #2022-015			
R-43-23: Approve Tax Sale Redemption TSC #2021-004			
R-44-23: Temporary Budget Amendment			
R-45-23: Authorize Local Recreation Improvement Grant Application			
R-46-23: Budget Transfer			
Appoint Melanie P. Hvid-Cole as a matron for a one-year term to expire 12/31/23			
A motion was made by Council President Binkoski 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

- None

Council Reports

Council President Binkoski: The holiday party was very enjoyable; he thanks the Wharton employees for a great year. Congratulations to the Police Department, they do a great job for the Borough.

Councilwoman Hayes: Congratulations to all of the Officers that were promoted and appointed.

Councilman Norton: Congratulations to all of the Officers that were promoted and appointed.

Councilwoman Vasquez: No report.

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: Congratulations to all of the Officers that were promoted and appointed.

Councilman Yeager: Thank you to Chief Young and all of the Officers for all that they do.

Mayor Chegwiddden’s Report: No report.

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.

Adjournment

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

January 23, 2023

ATTEST:

Desi Ruffo,
Deputy Clerk

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR