

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**APRIL 10, 2023**

Mayor Chegwiddden was absent and excused.

Council President Binkoski called the Meeting to Order

Council President Binkoski read the Open Public Meeting Statement

Council President Binkoski 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 Joseph Kovalcik Jr., Attorney Roman Hirniak, and Borough Clerk Gabrielle Evangelista.

**Flag Salute**

Council President Binkoski led those in attendance with the salute to the American Flag.

**Open to the Public**

Council President Binkoski opened the meeting to the public.

**John Manna and Joe Macasek, Canal Society of New Jersey:** They came to discuss including the Borough’s canal area in an event that Morris County does where they open museums for free for two days in May. They would like to have the site open similar to what they did at Canal Day last year and will have volunteers available from their organization. Mr. Kovalcik will speak to the engineer to see if that is possible since the project is not complete yet and will let them know.

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

**Ordinance**

Councilwoman Wickenheisser presented O-05-23, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 231, Article V 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 Binkoski opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on this ordinance only.

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

A motion was made Councilwoman Wickenheisser and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt O-05-23 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.

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

**Approval of Minutes: 3/27/23**

**Appoint Ann Gowen and Suzanne Adams as Alternate Crossing Guards for the remainder of a one-year term to expire 12/31/23**

**Approve Recreation Application Wharton Soccer 7/10-7/14 & 8/14-8/18**

**A motion was made by Councilwoman Hayes 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

**Councilwoman Hayes:** She attended the Fire Department’s Easter Egg Hunt which was a great event. Thank you to them and the DPW for their work on the event.

**Councilman Norton:** He agrees with Councilwoman Hayes’ sentiments. It’s one of our best events.

**Councilwoman Vasquez:** They have 39 kids registered for the Municipal Alliance soccer program. Chief Young advised that he is happy with that number and they want to grow it as that and other programs continue.

**Councilwoman Wickenheisser:** No report.

**Councilman Yeager:** The Fire Department had 9 calls in March.

**Council President Binkoski:** The DPW has been working hard on getting fields ready for spring sports. They are coming along nicely and the baseball field looks good with the new landing pad they added between the clay and the dugout.

Open to the Public

Council President Binkoski opened the meeting to the public.

**David Young, Police Chief:** He has received a call about potential filming in town at multiple locations mainly on private property. We do not have an ordinance restricting it, he just wanted to make the Council aware. It is still possible they may choose another location, but he will keep the Council updated. They are looking potentially at a date in June.

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

**Adjournment**

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

**April 10, 2023**

**BOROUGH OF WHARTON**

**ATTEST:**

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WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,  
MAYOR**

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Gabrielle Evangelista,  
Borough Clerk**