

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
JUNE 26, 2023

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, Attended via Phone
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

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.

Bill Hamtil, 21 Anderson: Mr. Hamtil advised that he is still having the flooding issue in his backyard that he previously came to discuss. Mayor Chegwidden advised that he will make sure it is addressed.

Virginia Halprin, Wharton Library Director: Ms. Halprin is the new Library Director and wanted to introduce herself. She has a few items that she could use assistance with. They will get in contact with her after the meeting.

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

Resolution

Councilman Yeager introduced and made a motion to adopt R-99-23, “Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Permanent Police Officers,” which was seconded by Council President Binkoski.

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

Council President Binkoski introduced and made a motion to adopt R-100-23, “Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Part Time Class II Police Officers,” which was seconded by Councilman Yeager.

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

Councilman Norton presented O-11-23, “An Ordinance by the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, New Jersey, to Amend Chapter 165, “Land Use and

Development,’ to Allow the Operation of a Medical Cannabis Dispensary and Cannabis Retailer,” on second 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 Councilman Norton and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-11-23 on second and final reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA: 4	NAY: 2 (Binkoski, Wickenheisser)
ABSENT: 0	ABSTAIN: 0
MOTION CARRIED	

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

R-101-23: Public Auction
R-102-23: Renew Liquor Licenses
R-103-23: Approve USEPA Waiver Request
R-104-23: Request Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation- Clean Communities Grant
R-105-23: Request Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation- Alcohol Ed. Rehab Fund

Approve Recreation Application for RZ Health & Wellness Youth Football Camp for Robert Street 7/18 and 7/19 2-8pm

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

- Morris County Planning Board Minutes

Council Reports

Council President Binkoski: He attended National Night Out, which was a great event.

Councilwoman Hayes: No report.

Councilman Norton: He also attended National Night Out. It was very well attended and very well organized. He attended the Morris County League of Municipalities meeting at County College.

Councilwoman Vasquez: The Police Department really did a nice job with National Night Out.

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: She also attended National Night Out. It's nice to see that event grow, great job to everyone involved.

Councilman Yeager: He also attended the Morris County League of Municipalities meeting at County College. It was interesting to see how the County's investment there is paying off. He then asked Captain Hamilton from the Police Department to expand on one of the liquor license renewals. Captain Hamilton advised that there have been multiple issues with the Nokternal Lounge in the past year and the Chief has added additional special conditions to their license renewal this year.

Mayor Chegwidden's Report: The Summer Recreation Program numbers are booming this year. They are doing a great job. He was also impressed with how large of a crowd attended National Night Out this year. He also attended the Morris County League of Municipalities meeting at County College and thought the program was very good. They had another meeting with the American Legion and may have something for the Council to look at for our next meeting.

Open to the Public

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public.

Virginia Halprin, Wharton Library Director: Ms. Halprin has an idea for a program for Canal Day. Mayor Chegwidden advised she should speak to Mr. Manna who runs the event and we'll get her his contact information.

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

Adjournment

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

June 26, 2023

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR

Gabrielle Evangelista,
Borough Clerk