

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
JULY 17, 2023

Mayor Chegwidden called the Meeting to Order.

Mayor Chegwidden read the Open Public Meeting Statement.

Roll Call

Mayor Chegwidden requested Roll Call:

Council President Binkoski - Present
Councilwoman Hayes - Excused
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 Borough Clerk Cheryl Muzzillo.

Flag Salute

Mayor Chegwidden led those present in the Salute to the American Flag.

Open to the Public

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public.

Swearing In of Police Sergeants

Mayor Chegwidden, Councilman Yeager, and Chief Young administered the Oath of Office to Sergeant Robert Lupia and Sergeant Dean Schmidt.

Swearing In of Class II Special Police Officer

Mayor Chegwidden, Councilman Yeager, and Chief Young administered the Oath of Office to Class II Special Police Officer Nicholas Zullo.

Pat Rechsteiner, 49 Ford: Thanked the Mayor and Council for the donation to the St. Mary's Senior Club.

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

Discussion

- Discussed Apple TV+ Filming Request. Mr. Kovalcik indicated the request to film on Fern Avenue had been pushed back to July 27th and they were also looking to film at Borough Hall in the Council Chambers. All present were in agreement to approve the request.

Consent Agenda

The following items are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Mayor and Council and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a council member or citizen so requests, in which case, the item will be 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: 6/12/23 and 6/26/23

R-106-23: 2022 Audit

R-107-23: Grant Application and Execution of Grant Contract NJDOT Baker Ave. Phase 3 Improvements

R-108-23: Grant Application and Execution of Grant Contract NJDOT Elizabeth St. & Sunset Drive Improvements

R-109-23: Liquor License Renewal

R-110-23: Amend Tax Sale Redemption TSC #2022-006

R-111-23: Approve Tax Sale Redemption TSC #2022-008

R-112-23: Approve Tax Sale Redemption TSC #2022-007

R-113-23: Corrective Action Plan

R-114-23: Award Bid Irondale Water Storage Tank Water Valve Improvements

R-115-23: Approve Change Order #4 Improvements to Municipal Building and Library Parking Lots

R-116-23: Approve Change Order #1 Improvements to Lafayette Street

Approve Recreation Application Wharton Soccer for 8/28/23-11/25/23

A Motion was made by Council President Binkoski seconded by Councilman Yeager to approve all items listed on the Consent Agenda.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA: 5 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 1 ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence

- **Notice from Rockaway Township Zoning Board**

Council Reports

Council President Binkoski: No Report

Councilwoman Hayes: No Report

Councilman Norton: No Report

Councilwoman Vasquez: No Report

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: No Report

Councilman Yeager: No Report

Mayor Chegwidden's Report: No Report

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Closed Session

Council President Binkoski introduced R-117-23 to close the meeting to the public for a discussion on Contracts.

A motion was made by Council President Binkoski and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to approve R-117-23.

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

A motion was made by Council President Binkoski and seconded by Councilman Yeager to return to open session. This motion was approved via voice vote.

Adjournment

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

July 17, 2023

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

ATTEST:

WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR

Cheryl Muzzillo,
Deputy Borough Clerk