

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OCTOBER 30, 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 - Present
Councilman Norton - Present
Councilwoman Vasquez - Present
Councilwoman Wickenheisser - Present
Councilman Yeager – Present

Also in attendance were Administrator Joseph Kovalcik Jr., Attorney Roman Hirniak (via phone conference) and Deputy Borough Clerk Cheryl Muzzillo.

Flag Salute

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

Street Sign Dedication – Morris Woods on Mill Street

Mayor Chegwidden had a few words to say at the beginning of the Street Sign Dedication for our new project, Morris Woods, on Mill Street. “One thing all five street names have in common is the commitment and years of dedication their namesakes have given to our town. I want to thank them for that.”

- Beirne Lane
- Fernandez Lane
- Kelly Lane
- Moreno Place
- Rechsteiner Way

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.

Ordinance

Councilman Yeager to present O-14-23, “An Ordinance to amend and supplement the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wharton, Chapter 3, Article III, Subsection 3-13 (H) (8)” 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 Yeager and seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt O-14-23 on second and final reading.

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

Discussion

- **Best Practices** – Mr. Kovalcik explained that we received 39 out of 42 points for Best Practices. We lost points for:
 - Not having a policy to buy hybrid or electric vehicles
 - Not having a competitive contracting process for our Healthcare Broker

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

R-136-23 Resolution in Support of Senate Bill 4th Round AFF Housing

R-137-23 Resolution Authorizing Participation in the Keystone Purchasing Network

R-138-23 Police Vehicle Purchase

R-139-23 Fire Fighter Grant Application

R-140-23 Purchase Ravo Street Sweeper

R-141-23 Antenna System

Mayor's Appointments

Planning Board Alternate – Michelle Ann Molde, two-year term to expire 12/31/25

Planning Board Class 4 Member – Roshan Patel, four-year term to expire 12/31/27

Trustee of Library – Colleen Pascale, five-year term to expire 12/31/28

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence

- JCP&L Base Rate Filing
- Morris County Planning Board Minutes
- Notice of Resolution from Mine Hill

Council Reports

Council President Binkoski: He met with Mr. Hutchins regarding leaf pick-up and road work.

Councilwoman Hayes: She was away and missed a great weekend in Wharton. She apologized for not being able to attend the Fire Dept. Inspection dinner. She also thanked the DPW and Police Dept. for HalloWharton. She heard it was fantastic.

Councilman Norton: No report.

Councilwoman Vasquez: She attended HalloWharton and said it was amazing. She thanked the Police Dept. and DPW for their help. She was sorry to miss the Fire Dept. Inspection dinner.

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: She attended HalloWharton and thanked Ms. Muzzillo and the DPW for the efforts. It was a great event and well attended.

Councilman Yeager: He attended the Fire Dept. Inspection dinner. The members and equipment looked great.

Mayor Chegwiddden’s Report: He thanked Ms. Muzzillo, the DPW and Police Dept. for a great job on HalloWharton. He was sorry he couldn’t attend the Fire Dept. Inspection dinner.

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 to adjourn was made by Council President Binkoski and seconded by Councilwoman Hayes. This motion was approved via voice vote.

October 30, 2023

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

ATTEST:

WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR

Cheryl Muzzillo,
Deputy Borough Clerk