

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
DECEMBER 4, 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, and Covering Deputy 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.

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

Mr. Kovalcik reported the Borough is renewing the HIF differently from what we've done previously. Only the health insurance piece is being renewed. He explained that by switching from Delta Dental to MetLife and offering employees an Opt-Out payment if they do not take our benefits, the Borough will see a savings of approximately \$40,000 by the end of 2024.

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.

<p>Approval of Bills: Approve all bills referred to the Finance Committee</p> <p>R-157-23 Resolution Amending Special Conditions Imposed on a Certain Liquor License by R-102-23</p> <p>R-158-23 Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2020-001 - PC 8</p> <p>R-159-23 NJHIF - Indemnity Trust Agreement and Resolution</p> <p>R-160-23 NJHIF - Resolution to Renew</p> <p>R-161-23 Resolution Amending Resolution R-154-23</p> <p>R-162-23 2023 Budget Transfers</p> <p>A motion was made by Council President Binkoski which was seconded by Councilman Yeager to approve all of the items on the Consent Agenda.</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA: 6 NAY: ABSENT: ABSTAIN:</p> <p style="text-align:right">MOTION CARRIED</p>
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Correspondence

Council Reports

Council President Binkoski: No report.

Councilwoman Hayes: No report.

Councilman Norton: No report.

Councilwoman Vasquez: She thanked Chief Young for giving his time to be the wrestling coach for the kids when they didn't have one.

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: No report

Councilman Yeager: He attended the Police Academy graduation and congratulated our two new graduates. Reported the Fire Department had 27 calls and 2 house fires for the month of November. Thanked the Fire Department for their service.

Mayor Chegwidden's Report: He thanked Chief Young on behalf of himself and the Council for stepping up to coach wrestling when there was no coach. He and Mr. Kovalcik have been working with the County regarding parking at the Recycling Center. The purchase of property at 262 W. Dewey Ave. should be completed in the few of weeks. The purchase of 123 N. Main St. will be closing in two weeks. The new street sweeper was received.

Open to the Public

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public.

Daniel Herrera, 145 Oram Drive, Dover, NJ: He indicated he is a new business owner in town and wants do what is best for the town. He thanked the Mayor and Council.

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.

December 4, 2023

ATTEST:

Cheryl Muzzillo,
Deputy Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR