

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 5, 2024

Mayor Chegwidden called the Meeting to Order.

Mayor Chegwidden read the Open Public Meeting Statement.

Roll Call

Mayor Chegwidden requested Roll Call:

Council President Yeager - Present
Councilman Binkoski - Present
Councilwoman Jones - Present
Councilman Norton - Present
Councilwoman Vasquez - Present
Councilwoman Wickenheisser - Present

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.

Ordinance

Councilman Binkoski presented O-01-24, “An Ordinance to Provide for General Capital Projects Enumerated Within for the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris and to Provide for the Funding Thereof” on second reading, by title only.

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on this Ordinance only.

Mayor Chegwidden closed the meeting to the public.

A motion was made by Councilman Binkoski and seconded by Council President Yeager to adopt O-01-24 on second and final reading.

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

Ordinance

Councilman Norton presented O-02-24, “An Ordinance to Provide for Sewer Capital Projects Enumerated within for the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris and to Provide for the Funding Thereof” 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 seconded by Councilman Binkoski to adopt O-02-24 on second and final reading.

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

Ordinance

Councilman Norton presented O-03-24, “An Ordinance to Provide for Water Capital Projects Enumerated within for the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris and to Provide for the Funding thereof” on second reading, by title only.

Mayor Chegwiddden opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on this Ordinance only.

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

A motion was made by seconded by Councilman Norton and seconded by Councilman Binkoski to adopt O-03-24 on second and final reading.

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

Ordinance

Councilman Norton presented O-04-24, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 330, Section 20, H1 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey” on second reading, by title only.

Mayor Chegwiddden opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on this Ordinance only.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Norton and seconded by Council President Yeager to adopt O-04-24 on second and final reading.

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

Ordinance

Councilman Norton presented O-05-24, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 247 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey” on second reading, by title only.

Mayor Chegwiddden opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on this Ordinance only.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Norton and seconded by Councilman Binkoski to adopt O-05-24 on second and final reading.

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

Ordinance

Councilman Binkoski presented O-06-24, “An Ordinance Fixing the Salary of Certain Officers and Employees of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey” on second reading, by title only.

Mayor Chegwiddden opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on this Ordinance only.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Binkoski and seconded by Council President Yeager to adopt O-06-24 on second and final reading.

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

Ordinance

Council President Yeager presented O-07-24, “An Ordinance an Ordinance Amending Chapter 315, Article II, Section 7A of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey” 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 Council President Yeager and seconded by Councilman Binkoski to adopt O-07-24 on second and final reading.

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

Ordinance

Council President Yeager presented O-08-24, “An Ordinance Adding Chapter 315, Article IV, Section 31 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey” 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 Council President Yeager and seconded by Councilwoman Wickenheisser to adopt O-08-24 on second and final reading.

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

Ordinance

Council President Yeager presented O-09-24, “An Ordinance Adding Chapter 315, Article IV, Section 32 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey” 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 Council President Yeager and seconded by Councilwoman Jones to adopt O-09-24 on second and final reading.

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

Ordinance

Council President Yeager presented O-10-24, “An Ordinance Adding Chapter 315, Article IV, Section 33 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey” 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 Chegwiddden closed the meeting to the public.

A motion was made by Council President Yeager and seconded by Councilman Binkoski to adopt O-10-24 on second and final reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA: 6 NAY: 0 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 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-050-24 Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2021-007 Christiana R-051-24 Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2021-009 Christiana R-052-24 Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2023-009 Christiana R-053-24 Purchase State Contract Ford Truck R-054-24 Purchase Sourcewell International Truck R-055-24 Municipal Alliance Application FY 2024-2025 R-056-24 Temporary Budget Amendment A motion was made by Council President Yeager and seconded by Councilman Binkoski to approve all items listed on the Consent Agenda. ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA: 6 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence

- Morris County Planning Board Minutes
- SBC Letter to Municipalities - Final Public Hearing Notice
- Highlands Council Hearings

Council Reports

Council President Yeager: Attended the ribbon cutting of the Wharton Group Home on Thomas Street. One of the new residents was there with his mother and the look on his face made it all worth it.

Councilman Binkoski: He confirmed with Chief Young that we would be using the existing signage for the road and parking ordinances we just passed.

Councilwoman Jones: She attended the Board of Health meeting last month. She recently attended the Library Board Re-Organization meeting as well.

Councilman Norton: He attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Wharton Group Home. They did a very nice job for the people who will live there.

Councilwoman Vasquez: She saw the new street sweeper in action and it did a great job.

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: She was also impressed with the new street sweeper.

Mayor Chegwiddden's Report: He attended the Pillar Care ribbon cutting. While there, he met a young man who was very excited to be getting his own room. He thanked John Crimi for donating the property and Pillar for putting the project together. He attended the Library Re-Organization meeting and they indicated they

will be putting their agendas and minutes online from now on. He had the opportunity to attend the National League Conference in Washington D.C. One topic of discussion was cyber security warnings regarding people trying to break into water systems across the country. Mr. Quillinan will be putting together a presentation to explain how the water system works and what we are doing to keep it safe. The JIF is requiring all employees to complete a mandatory Cyber Security Training as well.

He also attended and moderated a seminar for newly elected officials where they discussed topics such as: Purchasing, Budgeting, Labor Relations, Municipal Clerks and OPRA reform.

He informed everyone that we've closed on the property at 262 W. Dewey Avenue and would be going out to bid to have it knocked down, along with the property at 123 N. Main Street. We should have more information for the property off Harry Shupe Boulevard by the end of the week.

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.

Adjournment

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

February 5, 2024

ATTEST:

Cheryl Muzzillo,
Deputy Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR