

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 9, 2015

Opening Items

Mayor Chegwidden called the Meeting to Order.

Mayor Chegwidden read the Open Public Meeting Statement.

Roll Call

Mayor Chegwidden requested Roll Call:

Council President Wickenheisser – Present
Councilman Binkoski – Present
Councilman Corbett – Present
Councilwoman Hayes- Present
Councilman Norton- Present
Councilman Yeager- Present

Also in attendance were Administrator/CFO Jon Rheinhardt, Borough Clerk Gabrielle Evangelista, and Attorney George Johnson.

Flag Salute

Mayor Chegwidden led those in attendance with the salute to the American Flag.

Presentation

Councilman Binkoski advised the Mayor and Council that along with Mr. Rheinhardt, he has been working with the Fire Department on getting a new fire truck. John Girardi from the Fire Department then made a presentation to the Mayor and Council about the truck they are hoping to purchase and the relating costs and funding. They worked hard to come up with something that suits the needs of the department without going overboard on extras. They also were able to find a co-op out of Texas through which we can purchase the truck. With the co-op price, trade in value, and a prepayment credit they were able to get the cost down to \$416,000. He believes it will be one of the most cost effective trucks in the County. Kyle Dorr from the Fire Department put together a visual aid to show the different features of the truck. Mr. Dorr explained the safety and other features of the truck as well as the various warranties offered.

Mayor Chegwidden thanked the Fire Department for their work on finding the best truck for the needs of the Borough and for working with the Council on being able to make the purchase happen.

Councilman Binkoski thanked them as well and advised that this was a major cooperative effort.

Open to the Public

In accordance with Local Ordinance O-18-03, “Persons making public comment at the first public portion shall be limited to five (5) minutes. During the second public portion, the Mayor or Council President shall have the discretion to terminate any repetitive, irrelevant or excessive public comment in the interest of permitting all members of the public time to speak on any governmental issue and completing the public business within a reasonable period of time”.

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public.

James Gruter, 180 Central Ave.: Mr. Gruter advised that he attended the government aggregation energy meeting and at the meeting he asked the representative about natural gas. She advised him that it was too cheap for the program to work. Since then he has received some phone calls claiming they are from the same company who supplies the power asking him about switching to them for gas. Mayor Chegwidden advised that he would ask the Police Department to look into this.

Mike Obremski, JCP&L: Mr. Obremski came to give the Mayor and Council an update. He outlined a new scam that has been taking place and provided the Clerk with some information about it that will be shared on the Borough's Facebook account.

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

Ordinance

Councilwoman Hayes presented O-20-15, "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 48 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 Councilwoman Hayes and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-20-15 on second and final reading.

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

Councilman Binkoski introduced O-21-15, "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 67, Article 2, Section 13 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey," on first reading by title only.

A motion was made by Councilman Binkoski and was seconded by Councilman Norton to adopt O-21-15 on first reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0	MOTION CARRIED
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Mayor Chegwidden set the date of November 23, 2015 for second and final reading.

Ordinance

Council President Wickenheisser introduced O-22-15, "An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Certain Real Property by the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey," on first reading by title only.

A motion was made by Council President Wickenheisser and was seconded by Councilman Corbett to adopt O-21-15 on first reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0	MOTION CARRIED
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Mayor Chegwidden set the date of November 23, 2015 for second and final reading.

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: All bills referred to the finance committee to be paid if found correct.

Approval of Minutes from 10/19/15

Approval of Closed Session Minutes from 8/13/13, 9/9/13, 8/18/14, 10/20/14, 11/24/14, 1/19/15, 2/23/15, 3/9/15, 3/23/15, and 5/4/15

Resolution: R-151-15: Approve Tax Overpayment Refund
R-152-15: Approve Payroll Clerk Job Description
R-153-15: Approve Personnel Administrator Job Description
R-154-15: Approve Public Health Nurse Job Description
R-155-15: Approve Registrar Job Description
R-156-15: Approve Construction Change Order for Second Street Project
R-157-15: Support “No Passing Zone” on Route 15
R-158-15: Highway Safety Fund Grant Application

Council President Wickenheisser made a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda which was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-1 ABSTAIN- 0

MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence

1. Notice of Grant Award from NJDOT rec'd October 23
2. Notice of Ordinance from Rockaway Township rec'd October 19
3. RVRSA Meeting Minutes
4. Monthly Report from Clerk and Construction

Council Reports

Council President Wickenheisser: She'd like to announce the winners of the Halloween House Decorating Contest- First Place was 11 Church Street- the Orr Family, Second Place was 5 Lowry- the Holman O'Brian Family, and Third Place was 2 Lowry- the Schiele Family. She'd like to thank everyone for their help with HalloWharton. The nice weather was a big help. Tomorrow evening the American Legion is hosting its Veteran's Eve Parade and would love everyone's support.

Councilman Binkoski: He had several meetings about the Fire Truck which was discussed earlier. He also met with Lt. Young about a few items. He attended HalloWharton and got to judge a few things and helped decorating the haunted bus.

Councilman Corbett: He also attended HalloWharton. He suggests going back to the Saturday before because it can get late for the little kids. He has an RVRSA meeting on Thursday night where they will discuss Boonton's new proposed ordinance raising the street opening permit fee. If it is raised it will have a significant impact on the cost of the work that needs to be done to replace the washed out sewer line.

Councilwoman Hayes: She'd like to congratulate Councilman Yeager and Council President Wickenheisser on their re-elections. She attended HalloWharton and went out to judge the houses for the decorating contest. She is looking forward to the

Holiday House Decorating Contest. She'd like to thank Ms. Ghebreal for all of her hard work putting on HalloWharton.

Councilman Norton: He was unable to attend HalloWharton but has heard nothing but great things about the event. He also thanks Ms. Ghebreal. He'd like to congratulate Council President Wickenheisser and Councilman Yeager on their re-elections.

Councilman Yeager: He met with Mr. Moreno regarding the West Dewey Complex.

Mayor Chegwidden's Report: He hopes that everyone can attend the Veteran's Eve Parade. He would like to again thank the Fire Department for their time and efforts. HalloWharton was a great event and he'd like to thank Ms. Ghebreal, all of the volunteers, and the High School students who came out to help. He would also like to congratulate Councilman Yeager and Council President Wickenheisser. He would like to point out that the building on LE Carpenter is coming down. He attended the Planning Board meeting where the Green Tent property was approved. Wharton Woods is still moving along.

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

No further business to attend to this evening, Councilman Binkoski made a motion to adjourn this meeting. This was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes. This motion was approved by a voice vote.

November 9, 2015

ATTEST:

Gabrielle Evangelista,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR