

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 23, 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.

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.

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

Ordinance

Councilman Binkoski presented 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 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 Binkoski and was seconded by Councilman Corbett to adopt O-21-15 on second and final reading.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance

Council President Wickenheisser presented 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 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 Wickenheisser and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt O-22-15 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-23-15, “An Ordinance to Provide for a General Capital Project Enumerated within for the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey and to Provide for the Funding Thereof” on first reading by title only.

A motion was made by Councilman Binkoski and was seconded by Councilman Corbett to adopt O-23-15 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 December 14, 2015 for second and final reading.

Discussion

• 2016 Meeting Dates

- Feb. 8
- Feb. 22
- March 7
- March 21
- April 4
- April 18
- May 9
- May 23
- June 13
- June 27
- July 18
- August 15
- Sept. 12
- Sept. 26
- Oct. 3
- Oct. 24
- Nov. 14
- Nov. 28
- Dec. 12
- Dec. 27, Tuesday
- Jan. 3, 2017 Re-Org, Tuesday
- Jan. 16, 2017

After a short discussion everyone agreed on the meeting dates.

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 11/09/15

**Resolution: R-159-15: Improvement Authorization Cancelation O-08-14
R-160-15: Improvement Authorization Cancelation O-07-15
R-161-15: Improvement Authorization Cancelation Reserve for Ambulance
R-162-15: Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2014-025**

Council President Wickenheisser made a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda which was seconded by Councilman Binkoski

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

MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence

- 1. Municipal Alliance Update**
- 2. Letter from Morris County re: CDBG for Water Main Improvements- Church Street Phase 1 rec'd November 16, 2015**
- 3. Letter from Morris County MUA re: water rates rec'd November 16, 2015**
- 4. Notice of Ordinance from Rockaway Township rec'd November 13, 2015**

Council Reports

Council President Wickenheisser: She attended the Fire Department Inspection and Dinner and thanks them for a nice evening. She attended the Veteran's Day Eve Parade. The Christmas Tree Lighting is December 6th at 6:30 p.m. at Memorial Park.

Councilman Binkoski: He also attended the Veteran's Day Eve Parade. The Fire Department Inspection went well and the dinner was a good time. He thought it was really nice to see the DPW working overtime on removing the leaves from around town.

Councilman Corbett: He also attended the Veteran's Day Eve Parade. He attended the League of Municipalities Convention and went to a few of the courses offered. On November 12th he attended an infrastructure and regular meeting of the RVRSA. We received a Community Development Block Grant for Church Street for \$79,785 which is a substantial savings for the community since the project costs approximately \$260,000. The Morris County MUA has increased water rates again at least 3% so we are going to have to increase our rates as well. There has been discussion in the Federal Government about taxing Municipal Bonds. Currently they are tax free and have saved governments approx. \$714 billion in the first 14 years of this century. Depending upon the bond the cost would be about \$210 extra interest for every thousand dollars issued. Fortunately we will soon be debt free so this will not have an impact on us.

Councilwoman Hayes: She also attended the Veteran's Day Eve Parade and the Fire Inspection and dinner and thanks them for the invitation.

Councilman Norton: He also attended the Veteran's Day Eve Parade. He also attended the League of Municipalities convention which was very interesting.

Councilman Yeager: He attended the Fire Department Inspection which looked great and he thanks them for the invitation. He attended the League of Municipalities Convention where he attended a few courses including the JIF one which gives us money back on our premiums.

Mayor Chegwidde's Report: He also attended the League of Municipalities convention. The program Councilman Yeager discussed gives us \$250 back on our

premium for each Elected Official who attends it. He thought the Morris County Municipalities luncheon was very interesting. The Prosecutor's office gave a presentation about the prevalence of heroin use in Morris County which was fantastic. He wants them to come and give the same presentation to the school. We are in the process of lining the municipal lots throughout town and are going to begin enforcing the permit parking ordinance which requires a permit for parking in a municipal lot overnight. We have been having problems with people parking their cars in our lots for days at a time. This is an issue especially at Town Hall when residents cannot find parking when they come into Town Hall. He also attended the Veteran's Day Eve Parade.

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.

Councilman Corbett thanked the Fire Department, Public Works Department, and Police Department for their recent assistance.

Mr. Johnson advised the Mayor and Council on the status of the contract for the water tank property. We are very close to able to close title on the property and he hopes to have that completed the first week in December.

Adjournment

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

November 23, 2015

ATTEST:

Gabrielle Evangelista,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR