

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 2, 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.

Mark Pomroy, E. Sterling St.: Mr. Pomroy along with Animal Control Officer Nowell came to discuss with the Council about an ordinance previously suggested banning the sale of cats and dogs via pet stores in the Borough. The Board of Health has advised that they believe it should be discussed by the Planning Board in order to make a zoning change. Mr. Johnson advised them to write a letter to the Planning Board about this ordinance. More discussion about this topic followed.

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

Resolution

Councilman Yeager introduced R-36-15, “Resolution Authorizing the Borough of Wharton to enter into an Agreement with Morris Habitat for Humanity.”

A motion was made by Councilman Yeager and was seconded by Councilman Corbett to approve R-36-15.

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| ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0 |
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Mr. Rheinhardt advised that this is how we are going to spend our COAH money. Our obligation for rehab units is 29 and they feel like they can handle all of those in the next three years by using the money currently in the trust fund, which is about \$200,000 right now.

Resolution

Councilman Norton introduced R-37-15, “Resolution Authorizing the Execution of the Tax Abatement by and between Centennial Court Preservation, LP and the Borough of Wharton Involving Wharton Senior Housing Project.”

A motion was made by Councilman Norton and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to approve R-37-15.

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| ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0 | MOTION CARRIED |
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Mr. Rheinhardt advised that they are refinancing Centennial Courts and making improvements to the building. The Mayor, he, and Mr. Finnegan have met with them about this. The original agreement went away if they refinanced which is why it was brought back before the Council.

Resolution

Councilman Binkoski introduced R-38-15, “Authorizing the Permanent Appointment of Police Officers.”

A motion was made by Councilman Binkoski and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt R-38-15.

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

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| Approval of Bills: All bills referred to the finance committee to be paid if found correct. | |
| Approval of Minutes from 1/19/15 | |
| Resolution: R-39-15: Approve Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2013-008 R-40-15: Approve Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2014-007 R-41-15: Approve Morris County Adaptive Recreation Program Participation R-42-15: Approve Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2012-017 R-43-15: Tax Overpayments Applied | |
| A motion was made by Council President Wickenheisser and was seconded by Councilman Corbett to approve all of the items listed on the Consent Agenda. | |
| ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0 | MOTION CARRIED |

Correspondence

1. Resolution from Borough of Tinton Falls, rec'd January 26, 2015.
2. Monthly Reports from Clerk and Construction

Council Reports

Council President Wickenheisser: No Report

Councilman Binkoski: He attended the fundraiser at the Canal House for the Fire Department. It was well attended and hopefully they made a lot of money. He'd like to thank the Road Department for keeping the roads clear and safe.

Councilman Corbett: He also attended the Fire Department fundraiser. He spoke with the manager the following day and she was very happy with how it went.

Councilwoman Hayes: No Report.

Councilman Norton: He also attended the Fire Department fundraiser and hopes they did well.

Councilman Yeager: He attended the School Board Re-Organization meeting. Theresa Yeager was voted President and Paul Breda was voted Vice President. He also attended the Fire Department fundraiser.

Mayor Chegwidden's Report: He'd like to appoint Jessica Caldwell as the Borough's Planner and asks the Council to make that appointment. Along with some Planning Board Members they have interviewed for the position and she was the top choice. Councilman Yeager made a motion to approve the appointment which was seconded by Councilman Binkoski.

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| ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0 MOTION CARRIED |
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He would also like to thank the DPW for all of their hard work recently.

Open to the Public

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public.

Kevin Finnegan, President Wharton Senior Housing: He'd like to thank the Mayor and Mr. Rheinhardt for their assistance with getting everything resolved. Mayor Chegwidden thanked Mr. Finnegan for his hard work as well.

No one else 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 Councilman Corbett. This motion was approved by a voice vote.

February 2, 2015

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

Gabrielle Evangelista,
Borough Clerk

WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR