

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**MARCH 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 – Absent, Excused  
Councilman Corbett – Present  
Councilwoman Hayes- Present  
Councilman Norton- Present  
Councilman Yeager- Absent, Excused

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.

**Mike Obremski, JCP&L:** He came to advise the Council that JCP&L has announced that they will be spending \$267 million to enhance the electrical system. Included in that plan is an update to the West Wharton Subsystem that will stabilize the voltage in all of North Jersey on a transmission level. They are also installing some new technology that will benefit customers in town. They are also planning on spending \$24 million on tree trimming. More discussion with Mr. Obremski continued.

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

**Ordinance**

Councilman Corbett presented O-01-15, “An Ordinance Fixing the Salary of Certain Officers and Employees of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey,” on first 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 Corbett and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt O-01-15 on second and final reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-4 NAY-0 ABSENT-2 ABSTAIN- 0

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance

Council President Wickenheisser presented O-02-15, “Bond Ordinance Providing for the Improvement of the Water Supply and Distribution System (Second Street) in and by the Borough of Wharton, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Appropriating \$350,000 therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$170,000 Bonds or Notes of the Borough for Financing such Appropriation,” 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 Councilman Corbett to adopt O-02-15 on second and final reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-4 NAY-0 ABSENT-2 ABSTAIN- 0

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance

Councilman Corbett introduced O-03-15, “An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14),” on first reading by title only.

A motion was made by Councilman Corbett and was seconded by Council President Wickenheisser to adopt O-03-15 on first reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-4 NAY-0 ABSENT-2 ABSTAIN- 0

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Chegwidden set the date of April 6, 2015 for second and final reading.

Ordinance

Councilman Norton introduced O-04-15, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 216, Section 1 (14) 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 by Councilman Norton and was seconded by Councilman Corbett to adopt O-04-15 on first reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-4 NAY-0 ABSENT-2 ABSTAIN- 0

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Chegwidden set the date of April 6, 2015 for second and final reading.

2015 Municipal Budget:

Councilman Corbett introduced Resolution R-56-15 – the 2015 Municipal Budget.

A motion was made by Councilman Corbett and was seconded by Council President Wickenheisser to adopt the introduction of the 2015 Municipal Budget.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-4 NAY-0 ABSENT-2 ABSTAIN- 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Mayor Chegwiddden set the meeting of April 20, 2015 for the public hearing on the 2015 Municipal Budget.

**2015 Special District Budget:**

Councilwoman Hayes introduced Resolution R-57-15 – the 2015 Special District Budget.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Hayes and was seconded by Councilman Corbett to adopt the introduction of the 2015 Special District Budget.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-4 NAY-0 ABSENT-2 ABSTAIN- 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Mayor Chegwiddden set the meeting of April 20, 2015 for the public hearing on the 2015 Special District Budget.

**Resolution**

Council President Wickenheisser introduced R-58-15, “ Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Signing of Government Energy Aggregation Program Agreements.”

A motion was made by Council President Wickenheisser and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt R-58-15.

Councilman Corbett asked what is currently happening with this project. Mayor Chegwiddden advised that other towns have signed up to participate and we are the host community. Mr. Rheinhardt advised that the next step after signing these agreements is doing the bidding. More discussion about this followed.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-4 NAY-0 ABSENT-2 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: All bills referred to the finance committee to be paid if found correct.**

**Approval of Minutes from 3/09/15**

**Resolution:   R-59-15: Salary Resolution  
                  R-60-15: Temporary Budget Amendment  
                  R-61-15: Proclaim April 7, 2015 National Service Recognition Day  
                  R-62-15: Approve Grant Application  
                  R-63-15: Proclaim April Autism Awareness Month  
                  R-64-15: Approve Grant Agreement CDBG Church Street Water Main Improvements  
                  R-65-15: Approve Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2013-020  
                  R-66-15: Approve Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2014-027  
                  R-67-15: Click It Or Ticket Grant**

A motion was made by Council President Wickenheisser and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to approve all of the items listed on the Consent Agenda.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-4 NAY-0 ABSENT-2 ABSTAIN- 0

MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence- None

Council Reports

Council President Wickenheisser: She'd like to thank our Health Inspector Frank Wilpert for his years of service and wish him the best of luck in his retirement.

Councilman Binkoski: Absent.

Councilman Corbett: He attended budget meetings with Mr. Rheinhardt. He'd like to congratulate everyone who put it together. He attended the RVRSA meeting on March 12. There was a lengthy discussion in closed session about the ongoing litigation with Jersey City.

Councilwoman Hayes: She also attended budget meetings with Mr. Rheinhardt. She'd like to thank him for his work and for having to have separate meetings with each of the Finance Committee members due to scheduling conflicts.

Councilman Norton: He attended the pancake breakfast thrown by the local Boy Scout troop. It was well attended and he hopes it was a good fundraiser for them. The Little League Opening Day Parade is on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.

Councilman Yeager: Absent.

Mayor Chegwiddden's Report: He also attended the Boy Scout pancake breakfast. He'd like to thank the troop for everything that they do for the town. He attended a meeting with Pondview and negotiations are continuing there.

Open to the Public

Mayor Chegwiddden opened the meeting to the public.

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

Closed Session

Council President Wickenheisser introduced R-68-15 to close the meeting to the public for discussion on Contract Negotiations and Litigation.

A motion was made by Council President Wickenheisser and was seconded by Councilman Norton to approve R-68-15.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-4 NAY-0 ABSENT-2 ABSTAIN- 0

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Councilwoman Hayes and was seconded by Council President Wickenheisser to return to open session. This motion was approved by voice vote.

Adjournment

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

**March 23, 2015**

**ATTEST:**

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**Gabrielle Evangelista,  
Borough Clerk**

**BOROUGH OF WHARTON**

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**WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,  
MAYOR**