

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
APRIL 20, 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- 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.

Resolution:

Council President Wickenheisser introduced R-72-15 “Resolution to Read the Budget by Title Only.”

A motion was made by Council President Wickenheisser and was seconded by Councilman Corbett to adopt Resolution R-72-15.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-5 NAY-0 ABSENT-1 ABSTAIN- 0

MOTION CARRIED

2015 Municipal Budget:

Councilman Corbett presented Resolution R-56-15 – the 2015 Municipal Budget for final adoption.

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on the 2015 Municipal Budget only.

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

Mr. Rheinhardt advised that the overall increase for the total tax bill including county, schools, etc. is going up less than one third of one percent. Some drivers of this are salary, insurance costs, and pension costs. The average residential property is going to see an increase in total tax bill of about \$23.

Mayor Chegwidden thanked Mr. Rheinhardt and the Finance Committee for their work on putting together this budget.

A motion was made by Councilman Corbett and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt R-56-15- the 2015 Municipal Budget.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-5 NAY-0 ABSENT-1 ABSTAIN- 0

MOTION CARRIED

2015 Special District Budget:

Councilwoman Hayes presented Resolution R-57-15– the 2015 Special District Budget for final adoption.

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on the 2015 Special District Budget only.

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

Councilman Corbett noted that this is another driver of the one third of one percent increase.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Hayes and was seconded by Councilman Corbett to adopt R-57-15 the 2015 Special District Budget.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-5 NAY-0 ABSENT-1 ABSTAIN- 0

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance

Councilman Binkoski presented O-05-15, “An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Agreement with the Wharton Borough Fraternal Order of Police,” on second reading, by title only.

Councilman Binkoski advised that this was a long process in getting the contract done but it is a fair contract that everyone is happy with.

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 was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt O-05-15 on second and final reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-5 NAY-0 ABSENT-1 ABSTAIN- 0

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance

Councilman Binkoski introduced O-06-15, “An Ordinance to Provide for a General Capital Project Enumerated Within for 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 Corbett to adopt O-06-15 on first reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-5 NAY-0 ABSENT-1 ABSTAIN- 0

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Chegwidden set the date of May 4, 2015 for second and final reading.

Ordinance

Councilman Corbett introduced O-07-15, “An Ordinance to Provide for General Capital Projects Enumerated within for the Borough of Wharton, County Morris, State of New Jersey,” on first reading by title only.

A motion was made by Councilman Corbett and was seconded by Councilman Norton to adopt O-07-15 on first reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-5 NAY-0 ABSENT-1 ABSTAIN- 0

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Chegwiddden set the date of May 4, 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 4/6/15

Resolution: R-73-15: Prof. Services Second Street Water Main Replacement
R-74-15: Dedication by Rider for Police Outside Detail
R-75-15: Municipal Alliance Supplemental Funding
R-76-15: Audit Group Affidavit
R-77-15: Award Bid Kitchell Ave. Water Main Improvements
R-78-15: Approve Mutual Aid Agreement with Town of Dover

Approve Facility Application for Babe Ruth for 4/25-15-7/1/15

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-5 NAY-0 ABSENT-1 ABSTAIN- 0

MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence

1. Letter from Morris County re: Paving Main Street rec'd April 16, 2015
2. Letter from NJ Highlands Council rec'd April 6, 2015
3. Notice of Assembly Bill rec'd April 6, 2015
4. Notice of Ordinance from Township of Mine Hill rec'd April 6, 2015

Mayor Chegwiddden noted the letter from Morris County that advised that they will be paving Main Street later this year. Mr. Johnson asked if there is a moratorium on opening the road after it is paved. Councilman Corbett advised that there is a 5 year moratorium and suggested we send letters to home and business owners on Main Street to advise them of this.

Council Reports

Council President Wickenheisser: She'd like to thank the DPW for their great job with the fields. Good luck to all of the spring teams.

Councilman Binkoski: No Report.

Councilman Corbett: He attended the 4/9 meeting of the RVRSA and learned that things are stagnating with Jersey City. He believes they are stalling for the Judge to retire. On 4/11 he attended the Fire Department beef steak dinner. Everyone who put that event together did a great job. Earlier today they had a meeting with the DPW to discuss the contract. Negotiations are ongoing.

Councilwoman Hayes: She attended the Opening Day for Baseball. The fields look great and she was happy that the DPW was recognized at the event. She also attended the negotiations this morning.

Councilman Norton: He also attended the Fire Department beef steak. It was a huge crowd and a nice time. He also attended Opening Day. All 3 fields look the nicest they ever have. In the 10 years he has been involved in baseball this was the nicest weather for Opening Day. The Wharton PTA and the Municipal Alliance are sponsoring a carnival June 4-7 behind the MacKinnon School. They are looking for groups to get involved. The Police Department, Fire Department, and an American Legion are involved. He is sure that Little League and the Jr. Knights will also get involved. Volunteers are needed.

Councilman Yeager: Absent

Mayor Chegwiddden's Report: He also attended the beef steak. He stopped by the job fair for Whitlock Packaging. He'd like to thank Ms. Ghebreal for organizing that event. They were looking to hire 30 people and many people came through. It was great to work with Whitlock on that. He also attended Opening Day for Baseball and he threw the first pitch. He'd like to thank Troy Olsen for all of his hard work for that organization. He'd also like to thank the DPW for how great the fields look.

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.

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.

April 20, 2015

ATTEST:

Gabrielle Evangelista,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR