

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MAY 4, 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-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 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-06-15 on second and final reading.

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

Councilman Corbett presented 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 second reading by title only.

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on this Ordinance only.

A resident that is new to town asked what this Ordinance is about. Councilman Corbett advised that it provides funding for Fire Department equipment, emergency services equipment, network improvements, furniture, hardware, & software, various streets and roads improvements, and public works equipment so they can do a better job with potholes. A short discussion about ownership of roads and road conditions followed.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Corbett and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-07-15 on second and final reading.

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

Appointments

Councilman Yeager appointed Andre Brezina as Building Inspector and Construction Code Official for a four year term to expire 12/31/18.

Councilman Yeager appointed James Gonroski as Plumbing Inspector for a four year term to expire 12/31/18.

A motion was made by Councilman Yeager and was seconded by Councilman Corbett to confirm the above appointments.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 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 4/20/15
Resolution: R-79-15: Consent to Assign Agreement with Saint Clare’s Hospital
R-80-15: State Tax Appeal Judgment 2011/20
R-81-15: Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2012-010
R-82-15: Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2014-008
R-83-15: Safe and Secure Grant Application P-5880-13
R-84-15: Safe and Secure Grant Application P-6180-14
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.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Assemblyman Bucco re: CDBG for veteran's organizations rec'd April 27, 2015
2. Letter from NJBA re: COAH rec'd April 27, 2015
3. RVRSA Meeting Minutes
4. Monthly Reports from Clerk and Construction

Council Reports

Council President Wickenheisser: No report.

Councilman Binkoski: No report.

Councilman Corbett: He asked Mr. Rheinhardt about the number 2 correspondence item. Mr. Rheinhardt advised that Mr. Laverty is working with the Borough Planner and the Attorney on this issue. He attended a meeting with the Library Board on April 27th about budgetary issues. He has a meeting the RVRSA Infrastructure Committee tomorrow to discuss the bids for the new pump station and another project. It appears that the pump station came in as the Engineer estimated but the other project came it at about half.

Councilwoman Hayes: She also attended the Library Board meeting. She'd like to thank everyone who was involved in the Republican Club scholarship committee. They have a winner and it will be awarded June 1st. She also participated in the Wharton Kids First Scholarship Committee which will be awarded the same day.

Councilman Norton: He also attended the Library Board meeting and would like to thank Mr. Rheinhardt for putting the numbers together so everyone could understand what was going on.

Councilman Yeager: No report

Mayor Chegwiddden's Report: He attended the New Jersey Conference of Mayor's Conference. In one session they spent over two hours talking about COAH and only 15 minutes talking about the state budget. It is amazing to him because the budget is in shambles but no one talks about what they are going to do. There were some good points brought up about the retirement systems; the municipal and county systems are fiscally sound, some of the others are not which is why they are trying to lump them together to make it look like things are in dire straits. He also attended the FOP fishing contest which was a great day. He also attended the School Board budget meeting and he was only audience member. They have a good budget it's going up \$88 and they are doing some important improvements. We have also recently reached out to local businesses about a meeting with the NJ Clean Energy Program which can help with upgrades. The meeting is next Tuesday prior to the Planning Board Meeting. Also ongoing is the Wharton Repair Program, which we have partnered with Habitat for Humanity on. They had a table in the park and started going door to door to advertise the program. The money that funds this program is through COAH from new construction. It is now coming back into the community. It's a no interest loan that gets paid back when the house is sold. Finally, the Spring Concert Series is starting on May 31st.

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-85-15 to close the meeting to the public for discussion on Contract Negotiations.

A motion was made by Council President Wickenheisser and was seconded by - Councilman Yeager to approve R-85-15.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-5 NAY-1 (Corbett) ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0 MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Councilman Corbett to return to open session. This was seconded by Council President Wickenheisser. This motion was approved by a voice vote.

Resolutions

Councilman Corbett introduced R-86-15 “Resolution Authorizing the Borough of Wharton to Enter into an Amended Agreement with the Southeast Morris County Municipal Utility Authority for Water,” and made a motion to approve said Resolution as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilman Yeager to approve R-86-15.

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

Councilman Corbett introduced R-87-15 “Resolution Authorizing the Borough of Wharton to Enter into an Agreement with Pondview Estates Inc.,” and made a motion to approve said Resolution as amended. The motion was seconded by - Councilman Yeager to approve R-87-15.

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

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.

May 4, 2015

ATTEST:

Gabrielle Evangelista,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR