

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
JUNE 13, 2016

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 Norton – Present
Councilman Binkoski – Absent, Excused
Councilman Corbett – Present
Councilwoman Hayes- Present
Councilwoman Wickenheisser- Present
Councilman Yeager- Present

Also in attendance were Administrator/CFO Jon Rheinhardt, Borough Clerk Gabrielle Evangelista, and Attorney George Johnson.

Mayor Chegwidden asked for a moment of silence for the victims of the Orlando attack and for Bill Webber.

Flag Salute

Mayor Chegwidden led those in attendance with the salute to the American Flag.

Presentation

William McKelvey made a presentation about a proposal for a vintage trolley shuttle on the former RR right of way above the canal in Hugh Force Park to complement a future canal boat ride and increase tourism potential. The project would be funded by the Liberty Historic Railway as well as other organizations. Mayor Chegwidden advised that the Morris County Park Commission is also on board. Right now we are waiting on the survey from the Park Commission to be completed. Councilman Corbett and Councilwoman Hayes had questions about what the cost will be relating to insurance. Mr. Rheinhardt advised that the exact tract of land being discussed is actually owned by the County so it will be looked into. More discussion about this followed.

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.

Joe Macasek, President of NJ Canal Society: Mr. Macasek advised that the Canal Society is in agreement with and excited about the project mentioned in the presentation.

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

Ordinance

Councilman Corbett presented O-14-16, “Bond Ordinance Providing for the Construction of a Water Tank in and by the Borough of Wharton, In the County of Morris, New Jersey, Appropriating \$1,500,000 therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of ,” 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 Corbett and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-14-16 on second and final reading.

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

Councilwoman Wickenheisser introduced R-82-16, “Resolution to Award a Contract for Building Demolition.”

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wickenheisser and was seconded by Council President Norton to adopt R-82-16.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-5 NAY-0 ABSENT-1 ABSTAIN- 0	MOTION CARRIED
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Councilman Yeager introduced R-83-16, “Resolution to Award a Contract for Asbestos Removal.”

A motion was made by Councilman Yeager and was seconded by Councilman Corbett to adopt R-83-16.

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

1. **Parking on Washington Street:** Ms. Evangelista advised the Council that we are considering making residential parking permits for Washington Street for when the new apartments are constructed in order to make sure that the people who live on Washington Street can continue to park on their street. A lot of cities have this practice, they create “zones” and the permits are only good for certain “zones.” Mayor Chegwidden advised that he was approached by people who live on the street asking for something like this.
2. **Recreation with Nearby Towns:** Council President Norton advised that he has been working with Rec. Directors and Council People from the towns who send students to Morris Hills Regional District about creating a joint recreation program for some youth sports. He wants to get feedback from the rest of the Council about the idea. They’ve discussed using soccer as a pilot project to see if it would work. After more discussion including Ms. Ghebreal, everyone agreed they support the concept but want to hear more details.
3. **Proposed Ordinances-**
 - a. Including parking prohibited on the east side of Hance Street for the entire length:

After a short discussion about the parking issues on that street, Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public.

Pat Daley, St. Mary's Street: Ms. Daley advised that the problem with the right side is deep sewer grates. Mr. Rheinhardt advised that those will be fixed when the road is re-done.

After more discussion everyone agreed with the proposed ordinance.

b. Road Markings- Adding the following:

“Road Markings”

When The Director of Public Works shall cause lines or appropriate markings to be painted on the surface of a municipal roadway outlined and designated each parking space. Every vehicle shall be parked within the lines or markings.

It shall be unlawful for any operator to park any vehicle outside of the lines or markings or to park any vehicle in such a position that it shall not be entirely within the space designated by the lines or markings.

The Police Chief made the recommendation for this ordinance, because it will be needed for enforcement with the updates to Main Street.

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.

Approve Minutes from 5/23/16

Resolutions: R-84-16: Authorize State Co-Op Purchase- Fire Fighter Equipment
R-85-16: Resolution in Support of Release of Update of New Jersey Water Supply Master Plan
R-86-16: Authorize County Co-op Purchase- Curbing
R-87-16: Authorize Renewal of Contract for Cingular Wireless
R-88-16: Liquor License Renewals
R-89-16: Authorize Renewal of Morris County Co-Op Agreement

Waive Garage Sale Permit Fee for the Friends of the Library Sale on June 18, 2016

Approve Blue Light Permit for Michael Loury

Approve Jr. Fire Fighter Application for Gary Toscano III

Council President Norton made a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda which was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence

1. Monthly Reports from Clerk, Construction, and Treasurer
2. NJNG Press Release
3. Notice of Resolutions from West Milford Township

Council Reports

Council President Norton: He would like to thank all of the voters who came out in the Primary Election. He would like to recognize the great job that was done by everyone involved with the carnival. The parking lot of the Library was recently paved. The Closing Ceremony of the Wharton Area Little League will be on this Saturday at 11 a.m.

Councilman Binkoski: Absent

Councilman Corbett: He would also like to thank the voters who came out in the Primary Election. He briefly attended the carnival and attended the Memorial Day services. On June 2nd he attended a RVRSA Infrastructure Meeting about a variety of projects. On June 9th he attended the regular RVRSA meeting.

Councilwoman Hayes: No Report

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: She would like to congratulate Councilman Corbett and Council President Norton on their victories in the Primary Election. She would also like to thank everyone who was involved with the carnival.

Councilman Yeager: No Report

Mayor Chegwidde's Report: He would like to thank the voters who came out to the Primary Election. The Memorial Day Service was very nice and he thanks the school for allowing us to use their gym. The carnival was a success and each of the three organizations received \$5,000. He also wants to thank everyone who volunteered and made it a great event. He then gave an update on the status of the Main Street paving project being done by Morris County. He then provided the Council with some concept drawings to consider for the former bank building property. Mr. Rheinhardt advised the Council about each concept. There has also been an evaluation of the fields, particularly Lafayette Street. The company has said they can restore the field but it will need to be closed for the fall. Mr. Rheinhardt advised the Council about a grant opportunity for a trails grant. There is a range available from \$5,000 to \$420,000 with a 20% match. The match includes in-kind services. He then showed a map and with Mayor Chegwidde explained possible locations for a trail that attaches to the Morris Greenway. More discussion about this followed. No final decisions need to be made right now, but we do need to sign a letter of intent that we would be able to pay the match or use in-kind services for it. There's no commitment yet. Mr. Rheinhardt then showed the Council the trail mix suggested by the contractor for the roadway over Iron Mountain. After a short discussion, everyone agreed that they did not like the proposed mix and would like to see another proposal.

Open to the Public

Mayor Chegwidde opened the meeting to the public.

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

Closed Session

Council President Norton introduced and made a motion to approve R-90-16, "Resolution for Closed Session," which was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes. This Resolution was approved via voice vote.

Councilman Corbett made a motion to return to open session which was seconded by Councilman Yeager.

Adjournment

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

June 13, 2016

ATTEST:

**Gabrielle Evangelista,
Borough Clerk**

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

**WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR**