

MINUTES
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
JULY 18, 2016

Council President Norton called the Meeting to Order

Council President Norton read the Open Public Meeting Statement

Council President Norton requested Roll Call:

Council President Norton
Councilman Binkoski
Councilman Corbett
Councilwoman Hayes
Councilwoman Wickenheisser
Councilman Yeager

Flag Salute

Council President Norton 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 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”.

Council President Norton opened the meeting to the public.

No one wishing to be heard, Council President Norton closed the meeting to the public.

Ordinance

Councilman Binkoski presented O-15-16, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 315, Article II, Section 7 of the Revised General Ordinance of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey” on second reading by title only.

Council President Norton opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on this ordinance only.

No one wishing to be heard, Council President Norton closed the meeting to the public.

A motion was made by Councilman Binkoski and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-15-16 on second and final reading.

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

Ordinance

Councilwoman Hayes presented O-16-16, “An Ordinance Adding Chapter 315, Article II, Section 13 to the Revised General Ordinance of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey” on second reading by title only.

Council President Norton opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on this ordinance only.

No one wishing to be heard, Council President Norton closed the meeting to the public.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Hayes and was seconded by Councilman Corbett to adopt O-16-16 on second and final reading.

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.

Resolutions: R-97-16: Amend R-93-16

R-98-16: Approve Municipal Alliance Supplemental Funding Grant Agreement

R-99-16: Approve Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2015-001

R-100-16: Approve Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2014-010

R-101-16: Approve Signing of Lease Amendment with New Cingular Wireless, PCS, LLC

R-102-16: Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation

Motion by Councilman Corbett and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes 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. Notice from Air Products re: application to DEP for Letter of Interpretation-Line Verification Extension rec'd July 1
2. Letter from NJ Legislators re: Governor Christie's proposed "Fairness Formula"
3. Notice of Ordinance from Roxbury Township rec'd June 30
4. Monthly Reports from Clerk and Construction

Council Reports

Councilman Binkoski: He had a meeting with the Chief of Police and the Lieutenant and he's very happy with the Department. He's glad that the town supports the Police.

Councilman Corbett: He attended multiple meetings of various committees of the RVRSA. The audit has been received for them. There are some financial challenges coming up, but there also are some sources of revenue that may help with that. There is an upcoming change in the rate structure for industrial users, but he thinks that it will actually help Whitlock Packaging. The project for West Central Avenue is on hold because of the suspension of DOT funding by the State.

Councilwoman Hayes: No Report.

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: No Report.

Councilman Yeager: No Report.

Council Presidents' Report: The Friends of the Wharton Public Library are hoping to host a fundraiser in the Library on Saturday, October First.

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Council President Norton opened the meeting to the public.

Ed Nunn, Wharton Fire Department: The Fire Chiefs would like to thank the Council for the SVAs that were purchased. They are fully operational now. The new apparatus will be starting construction next month.

No one else wishing to be heard, Council President Norton closed the meeting to the public.

Closed Session

Councilman Corbett introduced R-103-16, to close the meeting to the public for discussion upon Contract Negotiations which was seconded by Councilman Binkoski.

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

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Councilman Corbett which was seconded by Councilman Binkoski to return to open session. This was approved by voice vote.

Following Closed Session, Councilman Corbett introduced R-104-16, "Resolution to Approve Amendment to the Water Service Agreement with Pondview Estates, Inc." which was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Councilwoman Hayes then introduced R-105-16, "Resolution Awarding Bid," which was seconded by Councilman Binkoski.

Councilman Corbett asked Mr. Johnson if he was prohibited from voting because he sits on the RVRSA Board with someone who is a bidder for this project. Mr. Johnson replied that he is not.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Rheinhardt advised the Council about a grant opportunity from Morris County for trail projects. Along with Mr. Manna he met with a professional that will help with designing a trail system today and toured the town. Mr. Rheinhardt advised that we are not fully committing to anything yet, just allowing the process to move forward.

After some discussion, Councilman Corbett introduced R-106-16, "Resolution to Approve Submitting a Grant Application to the Morris County Trail Grant Program," which was seconded by Councilman Yeager.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment

Motion by Councilman Yeager seconded by Councilman Binkoski to close this meeting. The motion was approved by voice vote.

July 18, 2016

ATTEST:

**Gabrielle Evangelista,
Borough Clerk**

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

**ROBERT NORTON,
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**