

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**SEPTEMBER 26, 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 – Present  
Councilman Corbett – Present  
Councilwoman Hayes- Present  
Councilwoman Wickenheisser- Present  
Councilman Yeager- Present

Also in attendance were Administrator/CFO Jon Rheinhardt and Borough Clerk Gabrielle Evangelista.

**Flag Salute**

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

**Presentation**

Presentation on government energy aggregation from Premier Energy Auctions.

**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.

**Bill Keller:** Mr. Keller had a question about the paving project on Main Street, he wanted to know who paid for the project. He thanks the Police Department for their traffic control during the project. Mayor Chegwidden replied that the County paid for the milling and the paving and the town paid for the striping. The contractor pays for the necessary policing, it’s a part of the price. Mr. Keller then expressed some concerns about the town buying the former Chase Bank property and using it for parking. A short discussion about that followed.

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

**Discussion**

- Mayor Chegwidden then invited Police Chief Anthony Fernandez to speak about bus stops on Main Street. When the street was restriped there was some interference with bus stops that had previously been approved. He explained to the Mayor and Council which stops there was an issue with and gave them proposed solutions. After a short discussion a consensus was

reached to approve a few changes as long as the County and State are okay with them. Once they approve the changes a Resolution will need to be passed, so the issue will come back before the Council.

- Mr. Rheinhardt then showed the Mayor and Council the preliminary design for the new parking lot in the center of town. He explained the different configurations that are possible and some options for the plaza area in the front of the lot. After some discussion, Mr. Rheinhardt advised that he will take the ideas to the architect to create the coming soon banner.
- Mayor Chegwiddden then brought up the idea of putting a blue line in support of the Police Department on Main Street. This has been happening in a lot of towns and he likes the idea. The cost would be \$1500, which we have available in the budget. Councilman Yeager made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Council President Norton.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

On behalf of the Department, Chief Fernandez thanked the Mayor and Council.

- Mayor Chegwiddden then advised that the second reading of O-17-16 is changed to the October 3, 2016 meeting.
- Mayor Chegwiddden advised that he would like to create a parking committee to help clarify and update the existing ordinance. Chief Fernandez explained some of the issues that need to be looked at to make it work better for both the residents and the town. Councilman Binkoski, Councilman Yeager, and Council President Norton all volunteered.

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 9/12/16**

- Resolutions:**
- R-129-16: Accept Grant Agreement Morris County Historic Trust Fund**
  - R-130-16: Authorize Exemption under Wharton Borough Community Rehab Program**
  - R-131-16: Amending Personnel Policy- "Employment Application"**
  - R-132-16: Amending Personnel Policy- "Employee Handbook"**
  - R-133-16: Approve Tax Exemption Block 608 Lots 1 and 1.02**

**Approve Field Use Application for WALL for 9/15/16-10/30/16**

**Approve request for road closure of Cutler Street between South Main and Ford Ave. for a car show on Saturday, October 8th**

**Council President Norton made a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda, the motion was seconded by Councilman Binkoski.**

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

MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence

1. Notice of Resolutions from Roxbury Township rec'd September 16 and 23, 2016
2. Notice of Resolution from Borough of Madison rec'd September 21, 2016
3. Notice of Resolution from Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders rec'd September 23, 2016
4. RVRSA Meeting Minutes rec'd September 16, 2016.

Council Reports

Council President Norton: On September 17th he attended the Opening Day Ceremonies of the Wharton Soccer Club. It was a great way to open the season. This past Saturday he supported the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class at the their Car Wash. On Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> the Friends of the Library are hosting a Gala benefit for the Library.

Councilman Binkoski: No Report

Councilman Corbett: On September 21<sup>st</sup> he attended the Morris County League of Municipalities meeting. He also attended the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Car Wash.

Councilwoman Hayes: She would like to thank Robin Ghebreal, the Police Department, and all of the volunteers at the Color Run this weekend. It was a great event.

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: She would also like to thank everyone involved in the Color Run. There was a great turn out and it was a nice event.

Councilman Yeager: No Report

Mayor Chegwidden's Report: He attended the Opening Day Ceremonies of the Wharton Soccer Club and the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Car Wash. He thanks Ms. Ghebreal and all of the volunteers that helped with the Color Run. He received a lot of compliments about the school and the event. He also attended the Morris County League of Municipalities meeting. They had a memorial for Mayor Art Ondish and he was able to give a speech about Mayor Ondish. They are raising funds for a scholarship for the Mt. Arlington schools in his honor. It was a really special event. The other speaker at the event was the President of JCP&L.

Open to the Public

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public.

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

Adjournment

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

September 26, 2016

ATTEST:

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Gabrielle Evangelista,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

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WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,  
MAYOR