

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OCTOBER 24, 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, 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.

Bill Skewes: Mr. Skewes had some questions about the agreement with the redeveloper that is coming later on the agenda and parking with the redevelopment. Mayor Chegwidden advised that we do not currently have the foot traffic to sustain businesses, so making parking available helps to promote new businesses. Mr. Skewes then asked about the salt content in the water. Mr. Rheinhardt advised that it occasionally exceeds the level which needs to be reported but not the level where action needs to be taken.

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

Resolution

Council President Norton introduced R-137-16, “Resolution Designating Equinet Properties LLC as Redeveloper for the Property Known as Block 1319, Lots 1 and 1.01 in the Borough of Wharton for the Development in Accordance with the Redevelopment Plan for Block 1319, Lots 1 and 1.01.”

A motion was made by Council President Norton and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to approve R-137-16.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance

Councilman Corbett introduced O-18-16, “An Ordinance Authorizing and Approving a Five Year Tax Agreement for New Construction Between the Borough of Wharton and Equinet Properties LLC Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:21-1 Et Seq.” on first reading, by title only.

A motion was made by Councilman Corbett and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt O-18-16 on first reading.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Chegwiddden set the date of November 14, 2016 for second and final reading.

Appointment

Councilman Binkoski appointed Suzanne Adams as an Alternate Crossing Guard for the Borough, effective immediately.

A motion to confirm the above appointment was made by Councilman Corbett which was seconded by Councilman Binkoski.

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 September 26, 2016 and October 3, 2016

**Resolutions: R-138-16: Refund for Tax Overpayment
R-139-16: Award Bid West Central Avenue
R-140-16: Authorize Borough Administrator to Issue Request for Qualifications**

Approval of Fire Fighter Application for Kyle Kepler

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence

- 1. Notice from Cablevision received October 11, 2016**
- 2. Monthly Report from Treasurer received October 19, 2016**

Council Reports

Council President Norton: No Report

Councilman Binkoski: He met with the Police Chief and Lieutenant about a couple of personnel items and some new ordinances that are being worked on. He asked Deputy Fire Chief Ed Nunn to give a report about the status of the new fire truck. Mr. Nunn advised that members of the department are traveling to do the final inspection of the truck. They are hoping it will be in New Jersey by Thanksgiving,

Councilman Corbett: He attended the RVRSA Finance Committee and regular meeting. He'd like to remind everyone that upcoming is HalloWharton and the Beefsteak Dinner. He then reported that on October 14, 2016 the Borough purchased \$2,142,000 of our own Bond Anticipation Notes of water capital and sewer capital debts. There were no general obligation debts, because we have achieved debt freedom. Mayor Chegwidden thanked the Council for working to achieve that goal.

Councilwoman Hayes: No Report

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: She also wants to remind everyone that HalloWharton is Saturday and they are still looking for volunteers.

Councilman Yeager: No Report

Mayor Chegwidden's Report: He met with Mayor Morris for a long time about the Police Contract. It was a good meeting and we should be expecting a letter from them in the future.

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.

Closed Session

Council President Norton introduced R-141-16 to close the meeting to the public for discussion on Litigation.

A motion was made by Council President Norton which was seconded by - Councilman Corbett to approve R-141-16.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0	MOTION CARRIED
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A motion was made by Councilman Yeager which was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to return to open session. This motion was approved via voice vote.

Councilman Yeager made a motion to authorize the settlement with The Fair Share Housing Center as discussed in closed session which was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes.

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

October 24, 2016

ATTEST:

**Gabrielle Evangelista,
Borough Clerk**

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

**WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR**