

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**NOVEMBER 14, 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.

**Michael Arroyo, President Wharton FOP:** Officer Arroyo thanked the Mayor and Council on behalf of the Wharton FOP for their support and for the painting of the blue line on Main Street.

Mayor Chegwidden thanked Officer Arroyo and the rest of the department for everything that they do.

Chief Fernandez advised that the department has received great support from the community as a whole.

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

Mayor Chegwidden invited Chief Fernandez to address the Council about the updating of bus stops. Along with Mr. Rheinhardt, he met with NJ Transit and the County authority about the proposed changes. There were a few that were discussed at a previous meeting that needed changed again. After a short discussion, Councilman Binkoski introduced R-146-16, updating the bus stops in the Borough, and made a motion to approve said Resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Yeager.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6NAY-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 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 Binkoski to adopt O-18-16 on second and final reading.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Mayor Chegwidden advised that, this is phased in over a six year period.**

**Ordinance**

**Council President Norton introduced O-19-16, “An Ordinance to Provide for General Capital Projects Enumerated Within for the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, and to Provide the Funding Thereof.” on first reading, by title only.**

**A motion was made by Council President Norton and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-19-16 on first reading.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Mayor Chegwidden set the date of November 28, 2016 for second and final reading.**

**Resolution**

**Councilman Yeager introduced R-142-16, “Resolution Approving a Person-to-Person and Place-to-Place Liquor License Transfer.”**

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

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

**A motion was made by Councilman Yeager and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt R-142-16.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Mayor Chegwidden congratulated Mr. Stevenson on the new business.**

**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 October 24, 2016**

**Resolutions: R-143-16: Morris County Fire Department Mutual Aid  
R-144-16: Appropriation Transfer  
R-145-16: Tax Overpayment Refund Block 1707 Lot 7.01**

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Correspondence**

None

**Council Reports**

**Council President Norton:** He would like to thank all of the residents who came out to vote for Councilman Corbett and himself. Even though it wasn't the outcome he hoped for, he will still be active in the Borough. He would really like to thank the members of the Council for the honor of working with them for the past three years. He had a good time and will greatly miss everyone.

**Councilman Binkoski:** He attended HalloWharton as well as a Parking Committee meeting. There was discussion about the permit parking program and some necessary adjustments that need to be made. There will be an ordinance making these updates coming soon. He also attended the Fire Department Beefsteak dinner and the Veteran's Day Eve ceremony and parade.

**Councilman Corbett:** He also attended HalloWharton, the beefsteak, and the Veteran's Eve ceremony. He attended the Infrastructure Committee and the Finance Committee meetings of the RVSA. He was recently discussing the possibility of having an electric car charging station in the new parking lot with a resident. If there is grant money available for one that would be a good idea. He would also like to thank all of the voters and congratulate Ms. Ghebreal on her re-election to the School Board, Council President Norton on a well-run campaign, and Ms. Veres on her election. He is still waiting for the County to finish counting the provisional ballots to find out about his status.

**Councilwoman Hayes:** She would like to thank everyone who was involved with putting on a huge HalloWharton event. Unfortunately, there are not enough volunteers for that event which is something that needs to be addressed for next year. She also attended the Veteran's Eve event and would like to thank Councilman Binkoski for his service.

**Councilwoman Wickenheisser:** She also attended HalloWharton, the Veteran's Eve parade, and the Beefsteak.

**Councilman Yeager:** He also attended HalloWharton, the Veteran's Eve event, and the Parking Committee meeting.

**Mayor Chegwidden's Report:** He would like to thank Council President Norton for his service on the Council. It's been a great three years with him on the Board.

Councilwoman Hayes advised that the Wharton Kids First Foundation has set the date for their Lotsa Pasta fundraiser for February 10, 2017.

**Councilman Binkoski advised that he wants to thank the DPW for the great job with leaf removal this fall. Everyone agreed.**

**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.**

**November 14, 2016**

**ATTEST:**

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**Gabrielle Evangelista,  
Borough Clerk**

**BOROUGH OF WHARTON**

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**WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,  
MAYOR**