

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 28, 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 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.

Ordinance

Councilman Corbett presented 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 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-19-16 on second and final reading.

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

1. 2017 December Meeting Date- Ms. Evangelista advised that the previously discussed meeting date for the second meeting in December 2017 will be on a

date that Town Hall will be closed in observation of the Holidays. Everyone agreed with moving the date to Wednesday, December 27, 2017.

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 November 14, 2016

Resolutions: R-147-16: Professional Services- Trail Feasibility Study

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

1. Letter from Morris County MUA re: 2017 water rates
2. RVRSA Meeting Minutes

Councilman Corbett noted that the MUA raised the water rates by 4% despite knowing that we are under a 2% CAP. Mr. Rheinhardt wrote them a letter asking for a justification of the difference.

Council Reports

Council President Norton: No Report.

Councilman Binkoski: No Report

Councilman Corbett: He attended a special meeting of the RVRSA on 11/22. Among the things they discussed was applying for an EIT loan for a phosphorus treatment plant.

Councilwoman Hayes: She attended the Fire Department's Inspection. They did a good job as usual.

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: There are still flu shots available. If anyone needs one they should contact the Public Health Nurse. The Tree Lighting is this Sunday, December 4th at 6 p.m. She also attended the Fire Department's Inspection and dinner. It was a great evening.

Councilman Yeager: He also attended the Fire Department's Inspection and dinner. He attended a fire parade and Wharton's Fire Department looked really good.

Mayor Chegwidde's Report: He attended the New Jersey State League of Municipalities Convention. While there, he attended the Morris County League of Municipalities' event where the newly elected County Sheriff was the speaker. He did a great program on counter-terrorism. He also attended the Legislative Leaders meeting, and presented on a panel about the Joint-Court system. He attended the closing ceremony for Wharton Soccer and the Fire Inspection and dinner. He thanks both groups for inviting him.

Open to the Public

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Pat Gallagher, 24 St. Mary's St.: He wants to submit a notice of a hazardous condition about a fence on his neighbor's property. Because of the location, he has trouble seeing when he pulls out of his driveway. He is unhappy with the response from the Borough so far. Mayor Chegwidden advised that he will have it looked into and if necessary, will have a Zoning Officer from another town give another opinion.

Councilwoman Hayes asked about putting together a similar program on counter-terrorism to what Sheriff- Elect Gannon presented at the Morris County League Meeting with our Emergency Management Coordinator. Everyone agreed that will be a good idea.

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

Adjournment

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

November 28, 2016

ATTEST:

Gabrielle Evangelista,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR