

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**DECEMBER 12, 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- Absent, Excused  
Councilman Yeager- Present

Also in attendance were Administrator 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.

**Mike Obremski, JCP&L:** He would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays. He wanted to give the Council an update about a new piece of equipment that is being installed in Wharton called a re-closer.

Mayor Chegwidden closed the meeting to the public.

**Presentation**

Tax Collection and Tax Sale Redemptions- Tax Collector, Diana Fernandez and Mr. Rheinhardt made a presentation about the process of tax collection and the annual tax sale.

**Ordinance**

Councilman Yeager introduced O-20-16, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 315 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey.” on first reading, by title only.

A motion was made by Councilman Yeager and was seconded by Council President Norton to adopt O-20-16 on first reading.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-5 NAY-0 ABSENT-1 ABSTAIN- 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Mayor Chegwidden set the date of December 27, 2016 for second and final reading.

**Ordinance**

Councilman Binkoski introduced O-21-16, “An Ordinance Adding Chapter 227 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey.” on first reading, by title only.

Councilman Binkoski advised that this is an Ordinance regulating second hand stores.

A motion was made by Councilman Binkoski and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt O-21-16 on first reading.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-5 NAY-0 ABSENT-1 ABSTAIN- 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Mayor Chegwidden set the date of December 27, 2016 for second and final reading.

**Ordinance**

Council President Norton introduced O-22-16, “An Ordinance Adding Chapter 287 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey.” on first reading, by title only.

A motion was made by Council President Norton and was seconded by Councilman Corbett to adopt O-22-16 on first reading.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-5 NAY-0 ABSENT-1 ABSTAIN- 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Mayor Chegwidden set the date of December 27, 2016 for second and final reading.

**Ordinance**

Councilwoman Hayes introduced O-23-16, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 330 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey.” on first reading, by title only.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Hayes and was seconded by Councilman Corbett to adopt O-23-16 on first reading.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-5 NAY-0 ABSENT-1 ABSTAIN- 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Mayor Chegwidden set the date of December 27, 2016 for second and final reading.

**Ordinance**

Councilman Corbett introduced O-24-16, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 247 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey.” on first reading, by title only.

A motion was made by Councilman Corbett and was seconded by Council President Norton to adopt O-24-16 on first reading.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-5 NAY-0 ABSENT-1 ABSTAIN- 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Mayor Chegwidden set the date of December 27, 2016 for second and final reading.

Ordinance

Councilman Binkoski introduced O-25-16, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey.” on first reading, by title only.

A motion was made by Councilman Binkoski and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt O-25-16 on first reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-5 NAY-0 ABSENT-1 ABSTAIN- 0  
MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Chegwidden set the date of December 27, 2016 for second and final reading.

Resolution

Councilman Corbett introduced R-148-16, “Resolution Authorizing 2017 Community Development Block Grant Application.”

Councilman Corbett explained that this is an annual grant we apply for to help rebuild our roads. This year’s application is for Oxford Road.

Mr. Rheinhardt gave a short presentation about how Oxford Road was chosen to be the focus of this year’s grant application. It does fit in the area of the highest concentration of low to moderate income in town and stands a good chance for receiving funding.

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

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

A motion was made by Councilman Corbett and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt R-148-16.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-5 NAY-0 ABSENT-1 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 November 28, 2016

Resolutions: R-149-16: Municipal Alliance FY2018 Grant Agreement  
R-150-16: Approve Vehicle Purchase- DPW  
R-151-16: Appropriation Transfer  
R-152-16: Prof. Services- Engineer, Washington Forge Pond Dam Inspection  
R-153-16: Approve Mayor Signing Recycling Contract with Morris County MUA  
R-154-16: Approve Alliance Signing 2017 Carnival Contract  
R-155-16: Approve Change Order #1- West Central Avenue

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- 5 NAY-0 ABSENT-1 ABSTAIN- 0

MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence

1. Opinion On Hazardous Condition Notification
2. Monthly Report from Construction
3. Morris County Planning Board Minutes

Council Reports

Council President Norton: He was unable to attend the tree lighting, but the park looks great. Along with Councilwoman Hayes, Councilman Yeager, and Mayor Chegwidden he awaited the arrival of the new fire truck last week. He'd like to wish the Fire Department the best of luck with the new truck. Merry Christmas to everyone.

Councilman Binkoski: He took a tour of the new fire truck and would like to thank the Truck Committee for their great work in acquiring that. It's nice to see these purchases that take a long time to plan and save for come to fruition. He attended the final parking committee meeting, the results of which were in the Ordinance which was introduced earlier. He also would like to note that the Police Chaplain post which was introduced in an Ordinance earlier, is not a paid position. It is a volunteer position which the Police Department asked to be created.

Councilman Corbett: He asked Mr. Johnson about the status of the Fair Share Housing Plan. Mr. Johnson advised that the court approved the updated plan and the Planning Board will be discussing and voting on it at their meeting on December 13<sup>th</sup>. He noted that one of the Ordinances introduced earlier is the water rate for 2017, and the rise in the rate is not from the Borough but from what the MUA charges us for water. They raised their rates by 4% even though we have a 2% CAP. On December 7<sup>th</sup> he attended the election re-count. It is still up the air, but he was impressed with how it was conducted. On December 8<sup>th</sup> he went to the fire house, but missed the actual arrival of the truck because he had to go to a RVRSA meeting. The current trial date for the Jersey City litigation is in March. He also found out that Whitlock was bought by a European group who are keeping Wharton as their American headquarters. Mayor Chegwidden advised that he will be meeting with the new ownership soon.

Councilwoman Hayes: She attended the fire truck arrival and the tree lighting. She'd like to thank everyone who was involved in that event. Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas.

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: Absent.

Councilman Yeager: He attended the tree lighting, and thanks the Fire Department for bringing Santa. He also attended the truck arrival, which looked great.

Mayor Chegwidden's Report: He is glad that the business that was Whitlock is staying in town. The company also bought the other side which is a redevelopment area. He would also like to thank everyone involved in the tree lighting. There was a great turn out and it was a very nice event. He met with the BPU and Cablevision. He attended a meeting on government energy aggregation in Mount Arlington. He would like to congratulate everyone at the Fire House on the new truck. It's nice to hear that other towns are looking to see how we were able to put that together. He would like to welcome Ms. Veres who is attending her first meeting.

Open to the Public

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public.

**Ed Nunn, Deputy Chief Wharton Fire Department: On behalf of the Fire Department and the Truck Committee, he wants to thank everyone for the new truck again. The manufacturer had nothing but praise for the Borough. The old truck has been bought by another department in the Midwest and will be on its way there after being refurbished.**

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.

December 12, 2016

ATTEST:

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Gabrielle Evangelista,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

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WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,  
MAYOR