

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
APRIL 4, 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.

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

Fire Department Appointment

Councilman Binkoski appointed Edward Nunn Fire Department Deputy Chief to fill the remainder of an unexpired term expiring 12/31/16

A motion to confirm said appointment was made by Councilman Binkoski and was seconded by Councilman Corbett

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

Council President Norton introduced R-61-15 “Resolution to Read the Budget by Title Only.”

A motion was made by Councilman Norton and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt Resolution R-61-16.

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

MOTION CARRIED

2016 Municipal Budget

Councilman Corbett presented Resolution R-51-16 – the 2016 Municipal Budget for final adoption.

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on the 2016 Municipal Budget only.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Corbett which was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt R-51-16 – the 2016 Municipal Budget.

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

MOTION CARRIED

2016 Special District Budget

Councilwoman Hayes presented Resolution R-52-16– the 2016 Special District Budget for final adoption.

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on the 2016 Special District Budget only.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Hayes and was seconded by Councilman Corbett to adopt R-52-16– the 2016 Special District Budget.

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.

Approve Minutes from 3/21/16

Resolutions: R-62-16: Authorize Mayor to Sign Agreement with Morris County

**R-63-16: Professional Services- Water Tank Construction
Observation**

**R-64-16: Professional Services- Phase 1 Administration and
Observation of Pondview Estates Water Main Installation and
Activation**

**R-65-16: Authorizing Participation in the North Jersey Municipal
Employee Benefits Fund Employee Wellness Program**

R-66-16: Group Affidavit for 2015 Audit

Approve Fire Department Application for Kelvin Figueroa

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence

1. Notice of Grant Award from NJDOT rec'd March 31, 2016
2. Notice of Ordinance from Mine Hill rec'd March 21, 2016
3. Morris County Planning Board Minutes rec'd March 21, 2016
4. Copy of Resolution re: Pilgrim Pipeline from the Rockaway River Watershed Cabinet rec'd March 21, 2016
5. Letter from Borough of Netcong re: A326 and A1475 rec'd March 22, 2016
6. Monthly Reports from Clerk and Construction rec'd March 31, 2016

Council Reports

Council President Norton: On March 26 he attended the Fire Department's Easter Egg Hunt. It was a nice event and they did a great job.

Councilman Binkoski: He had a meeting with the Fire Chiefs about some budgetary items, the new Chief, and new members. He also met with the Police Chief.

Councilman Corbett: He met with Mr. Rheinhardt about the budget. He'd also like to note the number one correspondence item which is for a \$240,000 grant from the NJDOT for Princeton Avenue.

Councilwoman Hayes: She also attended the Easter Egg Hunt. Everyone did a great job. She also met with Mr. Rheinhardt about the budget and thanks him for his flexibility with meeting with everyone. She'd like to thank the DPW for the repair of a water leak on Main Street.

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: No Report

Councilman Yeager: No Report

Mayor Chegwidden's Report: He'd like to thank the budget committee and Mr. Rheinhardt for another great budget. It takes a lot of time and effort creating the budget year after year. He'd like to form a committee for short and long term planning for the bank property the town just purchased. The committee will be headed by Councilman Binkoski and will include Councilwoman Wickenheisser and Councilman Yeager. He also would like to thank the Fire Department for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Open to the Public

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public.

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Closed Session

Council President Norton introduced and made a motion to approve R-67-16, "Resolution for Closed Session," which was seconded by Councilman Yeager.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Corbett made a motion to return to open session which was seconded by Councilman Yeager. This motion was approved via voice vote.

Adjournment

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

April 4, 2016

ATTEST:

**Gabrielle Evangelista,
Borough Clerk**

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

**WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR**