

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MAY 9, 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.

Susan Davis, 39 Ford Avenue: Ms. Davis wanted to say how much she appreciated the recent municipal calls and asked how someone without a computer could sign up for the Everbridge service. Mr. Rheinhardt advised that they can come into Town Hall or call Town Hall. We have also attended various senior meetings in order to sign them up. She then asked if the income level for participation in the senior tax freeze is set by the Town, County, or State. Mayor Chegwidden advised that, that is a State program. More discussion about the program continued.

Mike Bezney, 1 Bartek Lane: Mr. Bezney had a question about a number in the most recent water report. DPW Director Scott Hutchins advised that the number in question was a typographical error and they have reached out the State to see what needs to be done to address it. After more discussion about the format of the report, which is required by the DEP, everyone talked about looking into an additional way in which the information can be shared. Mr. Bezney then discussed an issue about runoff from the construction on Mill St. and asked if there could be a fix. Mayor Chegwidden advised that would not be a problem.

Jim Mantanan, 119 E. Central Ave. American Legion Baseball: Mr. Mantanan came to discuss issues with parking at Robert Street Park. Mr. Rheinhardt advised that since that area was purchased with Green Acres Funds it is not easy to expand parking areas. Councilman Binkoski advised that they are looking into how to

better utilize the existing parking areas and any other options. More discussion about this followed.

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

Ordinance

Councilman Binkoski introduced O-12-16, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 315, Article II, Section 7 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey,” on first reading by title only. This is an ordinance about parking.

A motion was made by Councilman Binkoski and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to approve O-12-16 on first reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0	MOTION CARRIED
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Mayor Chegwidden set the date of May 23, 2016 for second and final reading.

Ordinance

Council President Norton introduced O-13-16, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 40, Article I, Section 4 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 approve O-13-16 on first reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0	MOTION CARRIED
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Mayor Chegwidden set the date of May 23, 2016 for second and final reading.

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.

<p>Approval of Bills: All bills referred to the finance committee to be paid if found correct.</p>

<p>Approve Minutes from 4/18/16</p>
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| <p>Resolutions: R-73-16: Tax Exemption Block 1317 Lot 3
R-74-16: Approve Signing of Agreement for Carnival
R-75-16: Municipal Alliance Supplemental Funding
R-76-16: Recycling Tonnage Grant Application
R-77-16: Update Policy and Procedures Manual Index
R-78-16: Adding to the Borough Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual
R-79-16: Approve Purchase Vehicle for DPW</p> |
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<p>Approve FOP use of Hugh Force Park on May 14th for the Annual Fishing Contest</p>
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<p>Approve Blue Light Permit for Justin Ayala</p>
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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. Letter from Tax Assessor re: refund for COAH obligation 179 S. Main St.
2. Letter from Fire Department requesting approval of taking some apparatus out of town for parades
3. Letter from Morris County re: Trails Grant Program
4. Agreement for Princeton Avenue Grant from NJDOT
5. Notice of Gypsy Moth Spraying from Rockaway Township and Jefferson Township
6. Notice of Resolutions from Montville Township and Mine Hill Township
7. Monthly Report from Clerk and Construction

Councilman Binkoski brought up correspondence item 2. He asked Chief Krasnick to explain the request, which he did. Councilman Binkoski made a motion to approve said request, which was seconded by Councilman Corbett. This motion was approved by voice vote.

Council Reports

Council President Norton: He would like to reconsider a recreation application which was discussed at the previous meeting. After receiving some more information about scheduling he would like to make a motion to approve the application with the condition that if the DPW thinks they are abusing the field in any way the approval will be rescinded, which was seconded by Councilman Yeager.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-5 NAY-1 (Hayes) ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0

MOTION CARRIED

Continuing his discussion about fields Council President Norton noted that after all of the rain this weekend the fields were very soft and unplayable. Despite that, someone used the fields. He would like the DPW be authorized to make the decision about whether or not the fields are open or closed. Everyone agreed with this.

Councilman Binkoski: We received estimates for the parking at the former chase bank site. Mr. Rheinhardt advised that the engineer's estimate was for just under \$350,000 for the entire site which includes \$45,000 for the environmental abatement and \$60,000 for the building demolition, both of which came in lower than we anticipated. After more discussion about this, Councilman Binkoski made a motion to go ahead with this plan, which was seconded by Councilwoman Wickenheisser.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Binkoski continued his report that he had a meeting with the Police Department about traffic enforcement. The Chief had a discussion with the officers about increasing enforcement.

Councilman Corbett: He attended an infrastructure meeting of the RVRSA. He also attended the MacKinnon Car Wash on Saturday. There is a regular meeting of the RVRSA this Thursday.

Councilwoman Hayes: No Report.

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: She'd like to thank the Police Officers who were involved in the "Hidden in Plain Sight" program at the school.

Councilman Yeager: He attended the Morris County League of Municipalities Program. He also had a meeting with Mr. Moreno about a few issues.

Mayor Chegwiddden's Report: He met with Carol Quinn about the property across from Hot Rods. Mr. Quinn is going to bring a plan to the planning board for a parking lot. He stressed that we want a soft entrance into town with trees, hedges, and the lights we have on Main Street. Also a possibility, is a brewery and an indoor soccer facility that are looking to go onto that site. The buildings on the former Green Tent property came down and apartments are going to be built there. Similar to Avalon Bay, there are not a lot of children predicted to be entering the school system from these units. He recently went out with Mr. Hutchins to ask residents along certain streets about planting trees in their front yards to create more streets with a tree line. Most residents were very receptive to the idea. He also spoke with the Police Chief about speeding issues and they are ramping up enforcement. He advises everyone to watch their speed. He attended the New Jersey Conference of Mayor's Conference. They discussed a number of interesting topics. One that was of particular interest was a 911 tax that the state is supposed to be giving to the programs and instead keeps it. They also discussed the energy tax and someone told them bluntly that the money is not coming back to the towns. He also went to the MacKinnon Car Wash.

Open to the Public

Mayor Chegwiddden opened the meeting to the public.

Henry Landin, 316 Eastview: Mr. Landin advised that he thinks that the holiday lights on Dewey Ave. are beautiful. He also is happy with new pathways that have been created.

Mike Bezney, 1 Bartek Lane: Mr. Bezney commented on speeding in town. He made some suggestions as to how to address the issue. More discussion about this followed.

Pat Daley, 55 St. Mary's Street: Ms. Daley advised that the police should pay attention to the people behind those who are driving the speed limit.

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

Adjournment

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

May 9, 2016

ATTEST:

Gabrielle Evangelista,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR