

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**APRIL 24, 2017**

**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 Binkoski – Present  
Councilman Corbett – Present  
Councilwoman Hayes- Present  
Councilwoman Veres- Absent, Excused  
Councilwoman Wickenheisser- Present  
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.

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

**Ordinance**

Councilman Corbett introduced O-05-17, “An Ordinance to Provide for General Capital Projects Enumerated Within for the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris and to Provide for the Funding Thereof,” on first reading by title only.

A motion was made by Councilman Corbett and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-05-17 on first reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-5 NAY-0 ABSENT-1 ABSTAIN- 0	MOTION CARRIED
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Mayor Chegwidden set the date of May 8, 2017 for second and final reading.

**Ordinance**

Councilwoman Hayes introduced O-06-17, “An Ordinance to Provide for General Capital Projects Enumerated Within for the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris and to Provide for the Funding Thereof,” on first reading by title only.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Hayes and was seconded by Councilman Corbett to adopt O-06-17 on first reading.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Mayor Chegwiddden set the date of May 8, 2017 for second and final reading.

**Resolution**

Council President Binkoski introduced R-71-17, “Resolution Consenting to the Transfer of Block 903 Lot 2.03 and the Assignment by Realty Associates of Interest in the Redevelopment Agreement as Amended to Wharton Investments II LLC.”

A motion was made by Council President Binkoski and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt R-71-17.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Discussion**

1. **Ordinance updating time off section of personnel ordinance:** Ms. Evangelista advised that we recently switched to a new time off request system through our payroll system which brought to light some things in the vacation time section of the personnel ordinance that no longer reflect our current practice. This ordinance makes the appropriate updates. Council President Binkoski suggested one additional change and asked a question about why one week is required to be taken at once. Mr. Rheinhardt advised that is an internal control, as you can see if there are issues when a person is out of the office for a full week. Everyone agreed that the ordinance could be on the next agenda for first reading.
2. **Ordinance updating due dates for water bills:** Mr. Rheinhardt advised that the current ordinance had no set times when water bills were to be due on. We feel that it would be easier for residents to plan ahead if they know that they will always have a water bill due on a specific date. He noted that the proposed dates are opposite of those when sewer and tax are due in order to lessen the financial burden all at once. After a short discussion, everyone agreed that the ordinance could be on the next agenda for first 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.

**Approval of Bills:** All bills referred to the finance committee to be paid if found correct.

**Approval of Minutes from April 10, 2017 Meeting**

**Resolutions:** R-72-17: Updating 2017 Cash Management Plan  
R-73-17: Authorize Signing of Federal Aid Safe Routes to School Agreement  
R-74-17: Professional Services, CHA- Terry Lane Improvements

A motion was made by Council President Binkoski and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to approve all of the items listed on the Consent Agenda.

Correspondence

- RVRSA Meeting Minutes

Council Reports

**Council President Binkoski:** He attended some meetings with the Police Chief and Lieutenant regarding parking and taxis. They are still working on the taxi licenses. There will be soon be a meeting of the committee along with Patrick Lavery from Dover to continue work on this issue. He went to see the County's Hope Van when it came into town recently. They provide a great service to the County's residents in assisting them and providing support with drug related issues. They praised our Police Department for their assistance. He attended the Fire Department's Easter egg hunt, the Screenagers screening, and the Fire Department's Beefsteak fundraiser.

**Councilman Corbett:** On 4/13, he attended the RVRSA Infrastructure and regular meetings. On 4/20, he spoke with the Police Chief about the taxi issue. He also attended the Fire Department's Beefsteak. He has another RVRSA Infrastructure meeting on 4/27.

**Councilwoman Hayes:** She also attended the Screenagers screening which was very well attended. She also attended the Fire Department's Beefsteak and the opening day of Baseball and thanks all the people who volunteer for the program even after their kids are done with the program. She also wishes spring soccer well with their season.

**Councilwoman Veres:** Absent. Mayor Chegwidden noted that Councilwoman Veres is away on vacation celebrating her birthday. He wishes her a very Happy Birthday.

**Councilwoman Wickenheisser:** She also attended the Screenagers screening. She also attended the baseball parade and the Fire Department's Beefsteak.

**Councilman Yeager:** No report.

Mayor Chegwidden's Report

He also attended the Screenagers screening and thanks Ms. Ghebreal and Lt. Young for putting that together. It's nice for the parents to learn more about the kids. He also attended baseball opening day. It is always nice to be at our fields and hear the compliments on them. He thanks the Council for maintaining them steadily with small projects throughout the years.

He spoke with the Sheriff following the Hope Van's visit to town and was informed that, that day they assisted 3 people in checking themselves into rehab. It's a great program and he's glad it came to town and will ask for it to come to town again. For the short time that the Sheriff has been there he has been doing a great job. He also attended the Fire Department's Beefsteak. He attended the Mt. Arlington's Mayor's Ball.

He'd like to bring up the progress that is being made with the water tower. They are working quickly and it will be nice when that's completed. It will certainly help with the fire pressure on the North side of town.

Open to the Public

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public.

**Fire Chief Ed Nunn:** Chief Nunn thanked everyone who attended the Fire Department's Beefsteak dinner last Saturday. He would like to remind everyone that the drill at Avalon Bay is on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor and Council are welcome to attend if they wish. It will be posted on the electronic sign, an Everbridge message will go out, and it will be posted about on our social media so people are aware it's just a drill. He will report back to the Mayor and Council on the results of the drill after it takes place.

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

**Closed Session**

Council President Binkoski introduced and made a motion to approve R-75-17, closing the meeting to the public for discussion upon litigation, which was seconded by Councilman Corbett.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-5 NAY-0 ABSENT-1 ABSTAIN- 0</b>
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<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>
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Councilman Corbett made a motion to return to open session, which was seconded by Council President Binkoski. This motion was approved by a voice vote.

**Adjournment**

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

April 24, 2017

**BOROUGH OF WHARTON**

ATTEST:

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**WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,  
MAYOR**

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**Gabrielle Evangelista,  
Borough Clerk**