

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MAY 8, 2017

Mayor Chegwidden Called the Meeting to Order

Mayor Chegwidden read the Open Public Meeting Statement

Mayor Chegwidden requested Roll Call:

Council President Binkoski - Absent
Councilman Corbett- Present
Councilwoman Hayes - Absent
Councilwoman Veres- Present
Councilwoman Wickenheisser-Present
Councilman Yeager - Absent

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 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.

John McCusker, 34 Ford Ave. and Nancy Grueter, 180 E. Central Ave. presented the Mayor and Council with the idea of having a 9/11 Memorial. This project would commence now and be finished for the 20th anniversary of 9/11.

They asked for the permission and endorsement of the Mayor and Council to start this project. Mayor Chegwidden suggested a committee be put together for the projects inception. Councilwoman Veres, and Councilman Corbett will be part of this committee. Mayor Chegwidden asked for periodic reports from this committee on their progress.

Mayor Chegwidden closed the meeting to the public.

Resolution

Councilwoman Veres introduced R-80-17, "Resolution Authorizing a Purchase of through the Morris County Cooperative Purchasing Program"

Motion by Councilwoman Veres and seconded by Councilman Corbett to adopt R-80-17.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA:3 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 3 ABSTAIN:

Resolution

Councilwoman Wickenheisser introduced R-81-17, "Resolution Authorizing a Purchase of through the Morris County Cooperative Purchasing Program"

Motion by Councilwoman Wickenheisser and seconded by Councilman Corbett to adopt R-81-17.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA:3 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 3 ABSTAIN:

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 24, 2017 Meeting

Resolutions: R-76-17 Wayne Smith Payout
R-77-17 Community Development and Home Activities Program

Approve Facility Application- Tennis Court Usage Daniel Schneider

Motion made by Councilman Corbett seconded by Councilwoman Wickenheisser to approve all of the items listed on the Consent Agenda.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA: 3 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 3 ABSTAIN:

Correspondence

- Minutes from Morris County Planning Board
- Notice of Ordinance from Jefferson Township
- RVRSA Meeting Minutes

Council Reports

Council President Binkoski: Absent

Councilman Corbett: Stated on April 27th he attended a tour of the pump station at the RVRSA.

Councilwoman Hayes: Absent

Councilwoman Veres: Stated that on April 18th she attended the Library Board of Trustees Meeting. She also attended the Municipal Alliance/Wharton Police "Screenagers" program on April 12th.

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: Stated that there will be a Town wide garage sale as part of Wharton Pride Day. Residents must still come in and get a garage sale permit for that day, but the \$5 fee will be waived. She stated that the Wharton Alliance/Wharton Fraternal Order of Police Carnival will be taking place on June 8th, 9th, 10th & 11th. Volunteers are needed. She stated that the Community Food Bank will be providing free breakfasts for the children at Summer Recreation. She thanked the Wharton Fire Department for the drill that they held at Avalon Bay.

Councilman Yeager: Absent

Mayor Chegwidde's Report: Stated that he too had attended the drill at Avalon Bay that was put on by Wharton Fire Department. He commended them on doing such a great job and for being so proactive. He stated that the Wharton Fire Department, Mayor and Council and Wharton Police had all come up with some long term goals.

He stated that there was some concern regarding the water run off at the Wharton Woods project. Scott Hutchins, Wharton Public Works Director spoke to the Mayor and Council stating that he checked the site and saw that there was flooding

in the surrounding area. He stated that he contacted a representative from the Wharton Woods project and the issue was immediately addressed.

Mayor Chegwidden stated that there was a grant from the County for \$80,000. The monies would be put towards the paving project of Oxford and Cambridge. The Mayor thanked the County of Morris and Jon Rheinhardt, Wharton Administrator for obtaining the grant.

Mayor Chegwidden stated that the progress on the new water tower is coming along nicely. It will improve the water pressure on that side of Town with its million gallon tank.

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Scott Hutchins, Wharton Public Works Director stated that Pop’s Chicken had opened and they served breakfast to the Wharton seniors free of charge.

Wharton Fire Chief Ed Nunn thanked the Mayor and Council members for attending the Avalon Bay drill. He also wished to thank Wharton Police Chief Fernandez and Lt. Young for attending.

Mayor Chegwidden closed the meeting to the public.

Resolution

Councilman Corbett introduced R-79-17, “Resolution to go into closed session to discuss Litigation”

Motion by Councilman Corbett and seconded by Councilwoman Wickenheisser to adopt R-79-17.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA:3 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 3 ABSTAIN:

Councilman Corbett made a motion to return to open session, which was seconded by Councilwoman Wickenheisser. This motion was approved by a voice vote.

Adjournment

Motion by Councilman Corbett seconded by Councilwoman Wickenheisser to close this meeting.

May 8, 2017

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR

Robin Ghebreal,
Deputy Borough Clerk