

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**JUNE 26, 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- Present  
Councilwoman Wickenheisser- Absent, Excused  
Councilman Yeager- Present

Also in attendance were Administrator Jon Rheinhardt, Borough Clerk Gabrielle Evangelista, and Attorney George Johnson.

Mayor Chegwidden requested a moment of silence in honor of the passing of former Councilman Paul McGinley; after which everyone expressed their respect and fondness for Mr. McGinley.

**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.

**Closed Session**

Council President Binkoski to introduce R-95-17 to close the meeting to the public for discussion on Contract Negotiations.

A motion was made by Council President Binkoski and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to approve R-95-17.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-5 NAY-0 ABSENT-1 ABSTAIN- 0</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>
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A motion was made by Councilman Corbett and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to return to open session. This motion was approved via voice vote.

Council President Binkoski introduced and made a motion to approve R-99-17, “Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Wharton, in the

**County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing and Approving an Interlocal Services Contract with the Borough of Mount Arlington for a Shared Municipal Court, which was seconded by Councilman Corbett**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Mayor Chegwidden thanked Mount Arlington for working so well with Wharton on behalf of both towns' citizens. He is looking forward to continuing our great relationship as we move through the process of sharing our Court.

**Presentation**

Richard Komissar representing Verizon Wireless presented Verizon's request for consent to operate in the public-rights of way by adding small network nodes on existing poles in the right of way. They are planning on using existing poles and putting antenna and small radio boxes to increase wireless service and connectivity in the area. This request is for consent to use the poles in the public right-of-way and when specific locations are chosen they will apply for building permits. He estimates it will be a few (1-3) additional boxes.

After a short discussion, Council President Binkoski made a motion to give the consent for them to use the existing poles in the public right-of-way which was seconded by Councilman Yeager.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Ordinance**

Council President Binkoski presented O-09-17, "An Ordinance Adding Chapter 134 to the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey," on second reading by title only.

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

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

A motion was made by Council President Binkoski and was seconded by Councilman Corbett to adopt O-09-17 on second and final reading.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Fire Chief Ed Nunn thanked the Mayor and Council for passing this Ordinance.

**Discussion**

Request from Threadneedle Wharton LH LP re: consent to transfer a controlling interest in Wharton Investors II, LLC to Threadneedle Wharton LH LP under the Redevelopment Agreement for Block 903, Lot 2.03. Mr. Johnson advised that more information is needed about this request and that the issue should be tabled until July's meeting. Everyone agreed to revisit this at the July 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**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 June 12, 2017 Meeting**

**Approval of Closed Session Minutes from 4/4/16, 6/27/16, 7/18/16, and 10/24/16**

**Resolutions:** R-96-17: Approve Change Order 2. East Central Avenue  
R-97-17: Liquor License Renewal  
R-98-17: Approve Summer Recreation Agreement with Premiere Outdoor Movies

**Approve Blue Light Permit Application for Alex Ortiz**

**Council President Binkoski pulled the approval of the June 12, 2017 minutes as they were not finalized yet. 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 except for the approval of the June 12, 2017 minutes.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

### Correspondence

- Morris County Planning Board Minutes
- RVRSA Minutes
- Notice of Municipal Alliance Supplemental Funding Approval

### Council Reports

**Council President Binkoski:** The Fire Department has been busy lately and he thanks them for their quick and effective response to a recent house fire. He asked Chief Nunn to give a report about the fire. Chief Nunn advised that they were called out for a working garage fire with the potential for movement into the home. Luckily, the fire door from the garage into the house worked very well at keeping the fire out of the house. Picatinny, Mine Hill, and St. Clare's all responded in addition to Wharton and he thanks everyone who responded. He commends his Department on a great job. Council President Binkoski continued that he also met with Lieutenant Young and that they are working on a few things.

**Councilman Corbett:** He attended the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony. On May 30<sup>th</sup> he attended the RVRSA user rate meeting. They are considering some changes that may be positive for Refresco. On May 31<sup>st</sup> he attended the RVRSA Infrastructure meeting where they discussed many projects. On June 20<sup>th</sup> he attended the Audit review for the RVRSA. The Audit had no comments. On June 21<sup>st</sup> he participated in the Borough's Wellness Program and later attended the Morris County League of Municipalities meeting. On June 23<sup>rd</sup> he attended a celebration of Paul McGinley's life at the American Legion.

**Councilwoman Hayes:** She met with the DPW Director, Mr. Hutchins, who was recently out for a short time. She thanks Mr. Bradley and Mr. Rolph for their help while Mr. Hutchins was out.

**Councilwoman Veres:** She attended the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony. On June 20<sup>th</sup> she attended the Library Board meeting. The Library is serving lunch through the Community Food Bank to eligible children. They are looking for volunteers to assist if anyone would like to help out. The Library has set the date for their Fall Gala for October 7<sup>th</sup> so save the date.

**Councilwoman Wickenheisser:** Absent.

**Councilman Yeager:** He thanks Chief Nunn and the Fire Department for a great job in dealing with the recent fire.

**Mayor Chegwidden's Report**

He is happy to report that the carnival raised \$26,000. He thanks all of volunteers who helped to make that a great event. He attended the Memorial Day Parade and celebration. Afterwards he saw a great photo of people who came to watch the Parade holding umbrellas over the Fire Department personnel who were participating.

He is starting an electronic monthly Mayor's newsletter that residents can sign up for on the Borough's website in order to share news that is happening around town and help to promote local businesses. The first issue will be a hard copy that will be mailed out, but all following issues will be opt-in electronic ones.

Following the recent joint meeting with the Planning Board, he wants to set up a Business Development Committee in order to assist with promoting local businesses. He would like Councilwoman Hayes and Councilwoman Wickenheisser to head the committee.

He attended the Mount Arlington Mayor and Council Meeting to discuss the shared court. He also attended the kick off of the Library's Summer Reading Program where he was put in a giant bubble, which was a lot of fun. He attended the NJLM Executive Board meeting where the topic of the sunset of the 2% arbitration CAP for Police and Fire. Both Republicans and Democrats agreed that it's very important for this to be extended.

Councilwoman Hayes asked about when the activity on the paving program is going to be started. Mayor Chegwidden advised that we have a lot of roads scheduled to be paved this year and they should be starting soon.

**Open to the Public**

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public.

**Harold Kay, Westview:** Mr. Kay thanked the Mayor and Council for having the expanded meeting earlier in June. Mayor Chegwidden advised that there will be another in the fall.

**Ed Nunn, Chief Wharton Fire Department:** The Fire Department recently had 3 Fire Fighter One candidates graduate. The Library is going to be bringing kids for a tour of the Fire House. The Department is going to be participating in a drill at Dover General. He is happy to report that he had 34 members show up to the fire last Saturday.

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

**Adjournment**

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

June 26, 2017

ATTEST:

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Gabrielle Evangelista,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

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WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,  
MAYOR