

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
AUGUST 14, 2017

Mayor Chegwidden Called the Meeting to Order

Mayor Chegwidden read the Open Public Meeting Statement

Mayor Chegwidden requested Roll Call:

Council President Binkoski
Councilman Corbett
Councilwoman Hayes
Councilwoman Veres
Councilwoman Wickenheisser
Councilman Yeager

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.

Amy Murphy, 30 W. Dewey Ave. (Rockaway Twp.) stated that she has well water. Requested that she may be able to tap into Wharton’s water system. She was advised it would be at her expense to do so and she would need approval from Rockaway Twp.

Brian O’Malley, 36 W. Sterling St., requested that the yield sign on the corner of Kice Ave. and Robert St. be changed to a “Stop” sign. He was advised that they would check with Chief Fernandez but had no issue with the change.

Mayor Chegwidden closed the meeting to the public.

Presentation

Mayor Chegwidden presented the following recent recipients of the Eagle Scout Award with Proclamations honoring the occasion:

- Teddy Martin
- Alex Carpentiere was not present
- Robert Brink
- Jared Reddington
- Adam Yeager

Ordinance

Councilwoman Hayes introduced O-10-17, “An Ordinance Authorizing the Acceptance of Utility Easements,” on first reading, by title only.

Motion by Councilwoman Hayes and seconded by Councilman Corbett to adopt O-10-17 on first reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA:6	NAY: 0	ABSENT:	ABSTAIN:
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Mayor Chegwidden set the date of September 11, 2017 for second and final reading.

Ordinance

Councilman Corbett introduced O-11-17, “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.

Motion by Councilman Corbett and seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-11-17 on first reading.

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

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Ordinance

Councilman Yeager introduced O-12-17, “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.

Motion by Councilman Yeager and seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt O-12-17 on first reading.

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

Mayor Chegwidden set the date of September 11, 2017 for second and final reading.

Resolution

Councilman Corbett introduced R-114-17, “Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Not Exceeding \$2,608,000 Bond Anticipation Notes of the Borough of Wharton, in the County of Morris, New Jersey.”

Motion by Councilman Corbett and seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt R-114-17.

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

Discussion

- Intra-Municipal Taxi License Ordinance was discussed and will 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.

<p>Approval of Bills: All bills referred to the finance committee to be paid if found correct.</p> <p>Approval of Minutes from July 17, 2017</p> <p>Resolutions: R-115-17: Payout Resolution Krasnick R-116-17: Amend Personnel Policy “Employee Handbook” R-117-17: Approve Alliance Contract with Brilliant Partners R-118-17: Approve Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2016-003</p>
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R-119-17: Police Vehicle Purchase

Approve Fire Fighter Application Victor Cruz-Gil

Approve Facility Application for Columbia Street Park from Tyler Daniel for Wednesdays from 9/13 to 10/18.

Motion by Council President Binkoski seconded by Councilman Yeager to approve all of the items listed on the Consent Agenda.

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

Correspondence

- **RVRSA Meeting Minutes**
- **Morris County Planning Board Meeting Minutes**
- **Monthly Reports from Clerk and Construction**
- **Notice of Grant Funding from Morris County re: Morris Canal Lock 2 East**

Council Reports

Council President Binkoski: Stated that the Fire Department had won 6 trophies at the parade they recently attended. The American Legion Color Guard had also received one trophy. He stated that he met with Chief Fernandez on personnel issues. Wharton Police had interviewed over 100 people and are now down to 5 candidates for the opening for a Patrolman. He also attended the Eagle Scout party at the American Legion.

Councilman Corbett: Stated on August 4th he attended a finance meeting with the RVRSA. He stated that Pondview has applied for their first Certificate of Occupancy for their buildings. He also stated that the RVRSA trial with Jersey City is not moving forward until October.

Councilwoman Hayes: Stated that there is now a Business Development Committee and they are planning their first meeting with local business owners. She also stated that she had been up to Lafayette field and the soccer fields look amazing.

Councilwoman Veres: Stated that on July 25th she had attended the Library Board of Trustees meeting with Mr. Rheinhardt and they discussed long term capital planning.

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: Stated that Wharton Recreation ended on August 11th. The Football/Cheer pep rally will be on September 8th and opening day of Soccer will be on September 16th.

Councilman Yeager: Stated he wished to congratulate all the Eagle Scouts and Wharton Fire Department.

Mayor Chegwidde's Report: Stated he attended the Planning Board meeting. He stated there was a person there who was looking to add on to their home just so they could stay in Wharton. He stated that Costco is expanding and getting a bigger produce area in the store. He stated that the closing on the Green Ten property is finally complete and construction should start soon. He also stated that Canal Day is scheduled for August 19th and the Betty Poyer field is going to be dedicated at that event with a plaque. He thanked the Wharton Fire Department for their hard work. He also congratulated American Legion Post 91 for their trophy. He stated that the American Legion will be attending this year's 5K Camo Color Run with their Color Guard and inviting everyone back to the Post after the run.

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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 introduced R-120-17 to close the meeting to the public for discussion on Litigation.

Motion by Council President Binkoski seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to approve R-120-17.

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

Motion by Councilman Corbett seconded by Councilwoman Wickenheisser to return to open session.

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

Adjournment

Motion by Councilman Corbett seconded by Councilman Yeager to close this meeting.