

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OCTOBER 30, 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- 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.

Councilman Yeager brought up a letter that was received from Mr. Gottshall on Third Street who recently sustained a house fire. In order to complete the addition that was approved by the Planning Board they need to move the gas line, but the road was paved four years ago so they are asking for relief.

Councilman Yeager made a motion to approve the road opening which was seconded by Councilman Corbett.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0	MOTION CARRIED
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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.

Presentation

Update from 9/11 Memorial Committee- Will be done at a future meeting

Ordinance

Councilman Corbett presented O-16-17, “An Ordinance to Provide for a General Capital Project Enumerated Within for the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, and to Provide for the Funding Thereof,” on second reading by title only.

Mayor Chegwiddden opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on this Ordinance only.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Corbett and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-16-17 on second and final reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0	MOTION CARRIED
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Ordinance

Councilman Yeager introduced O-17-17, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 165, Article XI, Section 80 and 165b Schedule XI-1 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 Councilman Corbett and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-17-17 on first reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0	MOTION CARRIED
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Mayor Chegwiddden set the date of November 27, 2017 for second and final reading.

Ordinance

Council President Binkoski introduced O-18-17, “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.

Council President Binkoski advised that this is for no parking on one side of Elizabeth Street.

A motion was made by Council President Binkoski and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt O-18-17 on first reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0	MOTION CARRIED
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Mayor Chegwiddden set the date of November 13, 2017 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.

Approval of Bills: All bills referred to the finance committee to be paid if found correct.
Approval of Minutes from October 16, 2017
Resolutions: R-137-17: Improvement Authorization Cancellations R-138-17: Authorize Alliance Signing Contracts R-139-17: Authorize Issuance of Request for Qualifications for Professional Services

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.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence

- Copy of Minutes from Morris County Planning Board
- Notice of Resolution from NJ Assembly

Council Reports

Council President Binkoski: The Commander at the American Legion is selling shot glasses as a fundraiser. Everyone is welcome to stop by.

Councilman Corbett: He attended Hallowharton and would like to congratulate everyone involved in running it because it was well run and well executed. The American Legion fundraiser is for their 90th anniversary which is next year.

Councilwoman Hayes: Hallowharton was fantastic and she would like to thank everyone involved in running it especially the young volunteers.

Councilwoman Veres: She attended the Library Board Meeting on 10/17 and they have a program on 11/14 from 3-6:30 p.m. with a speaker on the new adoption reform act as a part of November being Adoption Awareness Month.

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: She also attended Hallowharton. It was very well run this year and she thanks everyone involved.

Councilman Yeager: He attended the Planning Board meeting where a subdivision was approved.

Mayor Chegwiddden's Report

He also attended the Planning Board meeting. He would like to thank Ms. Ghebreal and all of the volunteers who helped out at Hallowharton. The numbers were much more manageable this year, with it being only for Wharton residents. He also thanks the Police for handing out hot dogs to all of the attendees.

He had a discussion with Mr. Rheinhardt about what to apply for the CDBG this year, they are proposing applying for re-doing the bathrooms in the basement of the library. They are in bad shape.

He would like to bring to the Council's attention that for County Tax per person Wharton we are 4th lowest in the County, for County Open Space we are 4th lowest in the County, for District Schools we are 5th lowest in the County, for Regional Schools we are 2nd lowest in the County, and for Municipal Tax per person we are 2nd lowest in the County. The only town who is lower for Municipal Tax is Victory Gardens, which has no school, Police Department, or garbage collection, which makes the comparison a bit apples to oranges. For Library Tax we are 2nd lowest in the County and for total tax per person we're 4th lowest in the County. Councilman Corbett noted that in a lot of other towns you are also paying separately for garbage collection as well.

Open to the Public

Mayor Chegwiddden opened the meeting to the public.

Ed Nunn, Chief Wharton Fire Department: On October 17th 5 Members of the Fire Department- Kevin Finnegan, Joseph Harder, Robert O'Malley, William Shupe, and Frank Wheatley Sr. were honored by the County Clerk for being Veterans and

Fire Fighters. It was a very nice event. Since October is Fire Prevention Month, he would like to remind everyone to check their smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms. The batteries need to regularly be replaced and the entire detector needs to be replaced every 10 years. They've been having a lot of calls relating to this recently. Mayor Chegwidden advised that he will put a note in his next newsletter about this. Chief Nunn continued that, the safe trick or treat at the Firehouse is scheduled for tomorrow evening.

No one else wishing to be heard, Mayor Chegwidden 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 Council President Binkoski. This motion was approved by a voice vote.

October 30, 2017

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

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WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR**

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Gabrielle Evangelista,
Borough Clerk**