

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**NOVEMBER 27, 2017**

Mayor Chegwidden called the Meeting to Order

Mayor Chegwidden read the Open Public Meeting Statement

Mayor Chegwidden requested Roll Call:

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

**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.

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

**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 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.

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

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA:5      NAY: 0      ABSENT: 1      ABSTAIN: 0</b>
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**Resolution**

Councilman Corbett introduced R-143-17, “Resolution Authorizing 2018 Community Development Block Grant Application.”

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

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

Motion by Council President Binkoski seconded by Councilwoman Veres to adopt R-143-17.

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

**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 November 13, 2017**

**Resolutions: R-144-17: Sewer Capital Ordinance Cancellation  
R-145-17: Appropriation Reserve Transfers  
R-146-17: Cancelling Appropriation Balance  
R-147-17: Water Capital Ordinance Cancellation**

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

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

**Correspondence**

- **RVRSA Meeting Minutes and Resolutions**

**Council Reports**

**Council President Binkoski:** Stated that he had attended the Fire Department inspection and dinner. It was very nice to see all of our Fire Department members and enjoyed the dinner. He asked the Mayor and Administrator Rheinhardt if the parking signs are up on Elizabeth Street. He informed the Mayor and Council members that there were a few residents that had inquired about having a dog park in Wharton. It was discussed among the Council and they will look into it being feasible.

**Councilman Corbett:** Absent/Excused

**Councilwoman Hayes:** No Report

**Councilwoman Veres:** Stated that she had attended the Library Board of Trustees meeting. She commented to the Council that the Library Board was very receptive to the offer the Mayor and Council made to apply for a grant to have the bathrooms downstairs renovated and new carpeting.

**Councilwoman Wickenheisser:** Stated that she had attended the Fire Department inspection and dinner. Was very well attended and she enjoyed it. She stated that she also attended the Cyber Safety Alliance program for parents at MacKinnon School. She mentioned to the Mayor and Council that on Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> there was a program at Morris Hills and Morris Knolls sponsored by Wharton Alliance, Rockaway Alliance & Denville Alliance. She stated that the Wharton tree lighting would be on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Memorial Park at 6:00 pm.

**Councilman Yeager:** No Report

**Mayor Chegwidde's Report:** Stated that he attended the Fire Department inspection and dinner. He was very happy to see that Chick Loury was honored for having 50 years of service with the Fire Department. He stated that he attended the Library Board of Trustees meeting and the offer to apply for a grant to do

renovations at the library was well received. He attended the American Legion's 90<sup>th</sup> Celebration Committee meeting. The American Legion is planning a large celebration this year in honor of William J. Hocking Post 91. It will be on Memorial Weekend. They are asking the Town to provide a Proclamation, lights and police services for traffic. The American Legion will also be selling raffle tickets for the Super Bowl. He attended the Canal Day Executive Board meeting. Canal Day this year raised over \$8,000. They have a donor who would like to donate \$100,000 towards the purchase of a canal boat. He stated that while he was at the New Jersey League of Municipalities he attended the Energy Aggregation Panel. There are many towns who are getting on board to join in a plan like ours. He stated that there have been many Wharton residents who have received his Mayors newsletter and have signed up for the Energy Aggregation program. He stated that going forward he would like to keep sending out the Mayors newsletter hard copy and mailing it to residents. He stated that also while at the New Jersey League of Municipalities he attended the Opiate Forum. He relayed to his colleagues how Morris County Sheriff now has services for addiction and recovery like Hope One and also through their corrections department. He asked the Council members to sign with him a pledge from the Governor's office to help with the addiction crisis in New Jersey. He thanked Mike Obremski from JCP&L for attending that night's meeting and for helping with the lights in Town.

Open to the Public

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public.

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

Adjournment

Motion by Council President Binkoski seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to close this meeting.

November 27, 2017

ATTEST:

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Robin Ghebreal,  
Deputy Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

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WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,  
MAYOR