

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
DECEMBER 11, 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.

Police Appointments

Council President Binkoski introduced R-148-17, “Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of a Police Officer.”

A motion was made by Council President Binkoski and was seconded by Councilman Corbett to adopt R-148-17.

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

Mayor Chegwidden, Council President Binkoski, and Police Chief Fernandez administered the Oaths of Office for Officer Sean Duffy, Officer Timothy Drake, and Officer Briana Gaspich.

Each Officer was called up and sworn in. Chief Fernandez read a short biography of each officer.

Congratulations were offered by all in attendance.

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.
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Approval of Minutes from November 27, 2017

**Resolutions: R-149-17: Approve DPW Vehicle Purchase
R-150-17: Approve Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2017-020
R-151-17: Appropriation Transfer**

Approve Red Light Permit Application Kyle Dorr

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

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

Correspondence

- **Monthly Reports Clerk and Construction**
- **Letter from Morris County re: Municipal Alliance Funding**
- **Notice from Town of Dover: re discontinuing EMS Mutual Aid**

Council Reports

Council President Binkoski: The new holiday decorations around town look great. He'd like to thank Chief Fernandez and the DPW for their work on them. He thinks the recent snow event was handled well. He would like to remind everyone that cars cannot be parked on the streets during snow events. He attended the Tree Lighting on 12/3, which was very nice. He attended a meeting with representatives from the FOP, where they discussed ideas for improvements to the department. They will discuss the ideas with the Finance Committee and see how they fit into the long term goals for the department.

Councilman Corbett: The new holiday decorations look great. He was out and returning home around 11 p.m. during the snow event and Wharton's roads were at blacktop then. He was away during the last Council meeting so prior to that, he attended the NJ League of Municipalities Convention where he attended three seminars, including one seminar that lowers our insurance premium. On 12/6 he attended the DPW union negotiations. They are reviewing the financial impact of union's requests and will meet again next week. He has multiple RVRSA meetings in the next few days.

Councilwoman Hayes: She attended the recent presentation on cyber safety at the schools. It was very well done and informative. She attended the DPW union negotiation meeting. She attended the Tree Lighting and wants to thank all of the participants for making it a fantastic event. Since it's the last meeting before Christmas, she would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilwoman Veres: No Report

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: She attended the recent presentation on cyber safety at the schools, which was very informative and helpful for parents. She attended the Tree Lighting and thanks everyone involved in that event.

Councilman Yeager: No Report

Mayor Chegwidde's Report: He attended the cyber safety presentation, which was brought to the Borough by the Municipal Alliance. They do a great job utilizing that grant money for a variety of programs, unlike a lot of others. He recently met with the Pastor at Wharton United Community Church at St. John's. They are hoping to become more of a community center. Their food pantry is utilized by a lot of people and is always in need of more donations. Avalon Bay made a donation to both food pantries in town for the holidays. He also recently met with the American Christian School and they are looking to get more involved in the community. They invited the

seniors to attend their Christmas show, offered to go caroling in the senior building, and participated in the Tree Lighting. He also recently met with a representative from Habitat for Humanity about a program that assists seniors with projects to help them “age in place.” We’ve had a lot of luck with their other program so he is happy to participate in this one as well. There will be information about it in his next newsletter. He also attended a meeting of the County’s Opioid Task Force where Sheriff Gannon spoke. It was a good meeting and the Sheriff is doing a great job with the Hope One Van and other ways to combat the epidemic. He has sent his, and encourages the rest of the Council to send in the pledge supporting the State of New Jersey’s Fight against Opioid Addiction. He also attended a strategic planning meeting at Morris County with other Mayors from the County. They had a great conversation including discussion about open space, a light rail to address traffic issues throughout the County, and water systems. He was reminded that it is a good thing that we own our own water system and put the effort into maintaining it. They will meet again in 3 months. He also attended the meeting with the FOP. He wants to make sure that everyone saw the correspondence from Dover about them no longer providing EMS Mutual Aid to surrounding towns.

Councilwoman Hayes advised that she forgot to mention that there is a free tricky-tray for seniors on Saturday and the date for the Kids First Foundation’s Lotsa Pasta Dinner has been set for February 9th.

Open to the Public

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Adjournment

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

December 11, 2017

ATTEST:

Gabrielle Evangelista,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR