

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

Council President Binkoski called the Meeting to Order

Council President Binkoski read the Open Public Meeting Statement

Council President Binkoski requested Roll Call:

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

**Flag Salute**

Council President Binkoski led those in attendance with the salute to the American Flag.

**Volunteer Appreciation**

Councilwoman Wickenheisser presented Resolution R-152-17, “Honoring Qualified Members of the Wharton Fire Department.”

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wickenheisser and was seconded by Councilman Corbett to adopt Resolution R-152-17.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-3 NAY-0 ABSENT-2 ABSTAIN- 1-Yeager MOTION CARRIED
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Council President Binkoski and Fire Chief Nunn presented the clothing allowance to the qualified volunteers. Thanks and Congratulations were offered by all in attendance.

Council President Binkoski advised that this year they were able to raise the amount to \$300. The Borough really appreciates all of the members of the Fire Department for everything that they do.

**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”.

Council President Binkoski opened the meeting to the public.

**Ed Nunn, Fire Chief:** Chief Nunn thanked the Mayor and Council and Mr. Rheinhardt for working with him throughout the year. It’s been a great year, and it was great working with everyone. Happy New Year to everyone.

Everyone thanked him for his service as Chief this year.

No one else wishing to be heard, Council President Binkoski closed the meeting to the public.

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 December 11, 2017**

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-4 NAY-0 ABSENT-2 ABSTAIN-0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Correspondence

- Minutes from Morris County Planning Board
- Monthly Reports from Treasurer

Council Reports

**Councilman Corbett: He attended Finance Committee, Infrastructure Committee, and the regular meeting of the RVRSA. On 12/19 he attended negotiations with the DPW Union.**

**Councilwoman Hayes: Absent**

**Councilwoman Veres: Absent**

**Councilwoman Wickenheisser: She would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year.**

**Councilman Yeager: He also attended negotiations with the DPW Union. He would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year.**

**Council President Binkoski: He advised that Mayor Chegwiddden was unable to attend tonight's meeting because he is hosting family. He also wishes everyone a Happy New Year.**

Open to the Public

**Council President Binkoski opened the meeting to the public.**

**No one wishing to be heard, Council President Binkoski closed the meeting to the public.**

Closed Session

**Councilman Corbett introduced R-153-17 to close the meeting to the public for discussion on Litigation and Contract Negotiations.**

**A motion was made by Councilman Corbett and was seconded by Councilwoman Wickenheisser to approve R-153-17.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-4 NAY-0 ABSENT-2 ABSTAIN-0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**A motion was made by Councilman Corbett and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to return to open session. This motion was approved by voice vote.**

**Adjournment**

**Motion by Councilman Corbett seconded by Councilwoman Wickenheisser to close this meeting.**

**December 27, 2017**

**BOROUGH OF WHARTON**

**ATTEST:**

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**WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,  
MAYOR**

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**Gabrielle Evangelista,  
Borough Clerk**