

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 6, 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.

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.

Leon Stickle, 40 Irondale Rd.: Mr. Stickle discussed an ongoing problem at 41 Kice Ave. There are multiple cars parked at the residence and 3 cars always on the street forcing cars traveling on the street to go around them. He suggests changing the road to no parking on one side to perhaps alleviate the issue. Mayor Chegwidden advised that he will ask the Police Chief to look into it. The discussion about traffic continued with Mr. Stickle asking if it has ever been considered to change West Central to Mill to alternate side parking. Mr. Rheinhardt advised that is has come up many times throughout the years, but keeping parking there serves as a way to force cars to slow down. Mr. Stickle then asked about Main Street traffic, as he remembers that it was a campaign issue. Mayor Chegwidden advised that the Main Street extension has been put back into the County’s budget. Mr. Stickle then advised that the Jr. Knights are hosting a beefsteak dinner as a fundraiser at the American Legion on March 25th.

Ed Nunn, Wharton Fire Chief: Mr. Nunn noticed that there were cones in some of the former parking spaces on Main Street and asked if they were getting put back in. Mr. Rheinhardt advised that they are not, NJ Transit required that certain spots be moved for the bus stops along Main Street. Mr. Nunn is happy that they were removed so that the Fire Truck has enough room.

Abraham Ghebreal, 25 Columbia St.: Mr. Ghebreal wanted to thank Mr. Rheinhardt for the hard work that he does for the Borough.

Susan Davis, 39 Ford Ave.: Ms. Davis noted that the light in the front vestibule by the drop box is out and suggests putting in a motion light.

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

Ordinance

Councilwoman Hayes presented O-01-17, “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 second reading by title only.

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

Councilwoman Hayes advised that this ordinance includes funding for road improvements to Sherwood Place, Potter Lane, Hance Street, Maple Terrace, Cornell Street, Eileen Court, Atlanta Place, West Clarence Street, Huff Street, Mt. Pleasant Avenue, and Terry Lane.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Hayes and was seconded by Councilman Corbett to adopt O-01-17 on second and final reading.

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

Councilman Corbett introduced O-02-17, “Bond Ordinance Providing for the Improvement of the Water Supply and Distribution System in and by the Borough of Wharton, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Appropriating \$745,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$420,000 Bonds or Notes of the Borough for Financing Such Appropriation,” on first reading by title only.

A motion was made by Councilman Corbett and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-02-17 on first reading.

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

Resolution

Councilman Yeager introduced R-34-17, “Resolution Authorizing 2017 Temporary Capital Budget for the Borough of Wharton.”

A motion was made by Councilman Yeager and was seconded by Councilman Corbett to adopt R-34-17.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0	MOTION CARRIED
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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 January 16, 2017 Meeting

**Resolutions: R-35-17: Authorizing Construction Change Order #2 West Central Avenue
R-36-17: Approve Tax Sale Redemption TSC #2014-020
R-37-17: Approve Tax Sale Redemption TSC #2016-004
R-38-17: Cancel Unexpended Grant Balances
R-39-17: Cancel Balances Various Capital Improvements
R-40-17: Appropriation Transfer**

Approve Fire Department request to bring apparatus to the following parades in 2017- Morris County St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 11, 2017, Roxbury Co. 1 Fire Dept. Anniversary Parade on August 12, 2017, and Boonton Fireman's Parade on September 2, 2017

Approve Fire Department request for use of Borough truck for their annual Clambake on February 18, 2017

Approve Blue Light Permit for James McCormick and Justin Ayala

A motion was made by Council President Binkoski and was seconded by Councilman Corbett 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

- 1. RVRSA Meeting Minutes**
- 2. Morris County Planning Board Meeting Minutes**
- 3. Monthly Report from Clerk and Construction**

Council Reports

Council President Binkoski: He attended a meeting with the new Fire Chief where they were able to order some packs that needed to be ordered. He also met with the Chief of Police about various items including contract negotiations with Mine Hill. He is glad that we can continue to have a positive relationship with them. He attended a meeting about relocating the court.

Councilman Corbett: On January 26th and February 2nd he attended meetings with the Library finance committee to discuss their budget. Mr. Rheinhardt was able to work on some of the figures and they were able to adjust their budget to address the deficit. He will be attending the RVRSA Re-Organization meeting this week.

Councilwoman Hayes: She also attended the meetings with the Library finance committee. The Wharton Kids First Foundation's Lotsa Pasta Dinner is coming up on Friday, February 10th from 5-8.

Councilwoman Veres: On January 14th she met with the Library Director which was a positive meeting. She also attended the meetings with the Library finance committee.

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: On January 24th she attended the Municipal Alliance meeting. It went very well, there are a lot of great things scheduled for this year. On February 2nd we hosted a CPR class for coaches, which was very well attended. Mark did a great job teaching it. She then asked the Council to consider extending the time for residents to get a dog license without penalty due to the

overwhelming response to Saturday's rabies clinic. She made a motion to extend the time until the end of February, which was seconded by Councilman Yeager.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0	MOTION CARRIED
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Councilman Yeager: He also attended the meetings with the Library finance committee. He attended a tenancy review committee meeting for Taco Bell. There are some issues with parking and a pick up zone. They will address those and come back for more meetings.

Mayor Chegwidden's Report: He also attended the Municipal Alliance meeting. There are a lot of great things planned for this year. He attended another meeting about relocating the court. This one included the Judge, which was very helpful to gain his insight. More meetings are planned and he will continue to report on what is happening. He also met with Mr. Beltran about his organization called Town TV. The organization puts TVs in local businesses that would include information that we would provide them with about Borough events. There is no cost to the Borough and it would be another way of communicating on top of the many ways in which we already communicate with residents.

Mr. Rheinhardt advised that the New Jersey State League of Municipalities had approached the Mayor about writing an article for them about the Borough's debt freedom. In 2016 we extinguished all of our general obligation debt, in 2017 we will extinguish all of our sewer debt, and hopefully in 2018 we will extinguish all of our water debt. The article can be found on our website and twitter.

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.

Closed Session

Council President Binkoski introduced R-41-17 to close the meeting to the public for discussion on Purchase of Real Property

A motion was made by Council President Binkoski and was seconded by - Councilwoman Hayes to approve R-41-17.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0	MOTION CARRIED
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A motion was made by Councilman Corbett and was seconded by Council President Binkoski to return to open session.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0	MOTION CARRIED
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Returned to Open Session

Councilman Corbett made a motion to authorize Mr. Johnson to contract to make a purchase on behalf of the Borough which was seconded by Councilman Yeager

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0	MOTION CARRIED
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Council President Binkoski made a motion to approve the Fire Department's donation of equipment which was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment

No further business to attend to this evening, Council President Binkoski made a motion to adjourn this meeting. This was seconded by Councilman Yeager. This motion was approved by a voice vote.

February 6, 2017

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

ATTEST:

**WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR**

**Gabrielle Evangelista,
Borough Clerk**