

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**MARCH 13, 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- Absent, Excused  
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.

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

**Ordinance**

Councilman Yeager presented O-03-17, “An Ordinance Fixing the Salary of Certain Officers and Employees 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.

A motion was made by Councilman Yeager and was seconded by Councilman Binkoski to adopt O-03-17 on second and final reading.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Ordinance

Councilwoman Wickenheisser introduced O-04-17, “An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14),” on first reading by title only.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wickenheisser and was seconded by Council President Binkoski to adopt O-04-17 on first reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-5 NAY-0 ABSENT-1 ABSTAIN- 0	MOTION CARRIED
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Mayor Chegwiddden set the date of March 27, 2017 for second and final reading.

2017 Municipal Budget:

Councilman Corbett introduced Resolution R-49-17 – the 2017 Municipal Budget.

A motion was made by Councilman Corbett and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt the introduction of the 2017 Municipal Budget.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-5 NAY-0 ABSENT-1 ABSTAIN- 0	MOTION CARRIED
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Mayor Chegwiddden set the meeting of April 10, 2017 for the public hearing on the 2017 Municipal Budget.

2017 Special District Budget:

Council President Binkoski introduced Resolution R-50-17 – the 2017 Special District Budget.

A motion was made by Council President Binkoski and was seconded by Councilman Corbett to adopt the introduction of the 2017 Special District Budget.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-5 NAY-0 ABSENT-1 ABSTAIN- 0	MOTION CARRIED
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Mayor Chegwiddden set the meeting of April 10, 2017 for the public hearing on the 2017 Special District Budget.

Appointment

Mayor Chegwiddden appointed Thomas P. Beirne as Wharton Police Chaplain as recommended by Chief Fernandez.

A motion was made by Councilman Yeager and was seconded by Councilman Corbett to confirm said appointment.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-5 NAY-0 ABSENT-1 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.
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**Approval of Minutes from February 27, 2017 Meeting**

**Resolutions: R-51-17: Budget Self-Exam  
R-52-17: Amend R-46-17  
R-53-17: Approve Grant Application- 2017 Distracted Driving Crackdown  
R-54-17: Professional Services CHA- Princeton Avenue, 2017 Road Projects, East Central Avenue Water Main Replacement Phase Two, Additional Services for West Central Avenue  
R-55-17: Approve Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2016-018  
R-56-17: Approve Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2014-015  
R-57-17: Recycling Tonnage Grant  
R-58-17: Approve Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2016-002**

**Approve Facility Application for Wharton Area Little League**

**Appoint Roy Konwiser as covering Electrical Inspector until the current Inspector returns to work.**

**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-5 NAY-0 ABSENT-1 ABSTAIN- 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Correspondence**

- **Monthly Reports from Clerk and Construction**
- **DEP Notification 67 N. Main St.**
- **Letter re: Central Morris County Relay for Life**

**Council Reports**

**Council President Binkoski: He had meeting last week with the Police Chief to discuss various things. He attended a meeting on Saturday about the Court.**

**Councilman Corbett: On 2/28 he attended the infrastructure meeting of the RVRSA. They discussed some necessary projects that are quite expensive. On 3/9 he attended the regular meeting of the RVRSA where they attempted to figure out the funding for said project. On 3/5 he attended the Wharton FOP event which was well attended. He did not attend the Morristown St. Patrick's Day parade due to the cold but attended a party.**

**Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public so that Deputy Fire Chief Gary Cole could speak. Deputy Chief Cole thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing the Fire Department to bring trucks to the St. Patrick's Day Parade.**

**Councilwoman Hayes: Absent**

**Councilwoman Veres: On 2/28 she attended the County's opiate epidemic training. It was extremely informative. On 3/4 she attended a class on municipal budgeting where both Mayor Chegwidden and Mr. Rheinhardt were speakers. She also attended the meeting about the Court on Saturday.**

**Councilwoman Wickenheisser: No Report**

**Councilman Yeager: No Report**

Mayor Chegwidden's Report

He advised about the budget class which himself and Mr. Rheinhardt have been a part of for a few years. There were 99 people in attendance from across the State and it's nice to have them ask questions about how we became debt free.

At the request of Mayor Morris of Mine Hill himself and Mr. Rheinhardt met with him and Mine Hill's CFO to discuss the police contract. It looks like they will be discussing the contract at their next meeting, it is a 2% increase on the base plus cost sharing on pension and health benefits. They would like to extend it 7-8 years. We will be getting more information from them soon. He also attended the Wharton FOP's Irishfest. It was very well attended and a nice event.

The update on the Court is that they have been working with the Superior Judge and his office to temporarily place the Court in Mt. Arlington. During that temporary time, they will be looking for a more permanent location. One option that they are looking at is finding out the cost for retrofitting Mt. Arlington's Town Hall. They are already in the process of redoing their Town Hall and have some available office space which may work. Council President Binkoski advised that he feels like there is a really good spirit of cooperation amongst the Towns.

Mayor Chegwidden continued that he received a letter from the County Freeholders about a meeting about the County EMS- mutual aid, if someone would like to attend from the Council. Councilwoman Wickenheisser volunteered. He also received a letter from the Wharton Schools inviting a representative to their strategic planning meeting. Councilman Yeager will attend.

He then advised that the DPW is prepared for the upcoming snow storm. He reminds everyone that they cannot park on the street during a storm and the Police will be towing vehicles that do not comply. There has been communication to residents about the storm through our various forms of communication throughout the day.

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

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

March 13, 2017

ATTEST:

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Gabrielle Evangelista,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

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WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,  
MAYOR