

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**MARCH 27, 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.

**Ed Nunn, Wharton Fire Chief:** Chief Nunn advised the Mayor and Council about a drill that the Fire Department will be hosting on April 30<sup>th</sup> at Avalon Bay. The County and other mutual aid partners have been invited. The Fire Department wants everyone to be prepared in case of an emergency at the complex.

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

**Ordinance**

Councilman Corbett presented 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 second reading by title only.

Mr. Rheinhardt advised that this Ordinance allows us to exceed our limits but we do not do so. Instead, it allows us to bank the excess in case of an emergency in the future.

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 Corbett and was seconded by Councilman Binkoski to adopt O-04-17 on second and final reading.

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

MOTION CARRIED

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 March 13, 2017 Meeting

- Resolutions: R-59-17: Approve Agreement Health Benefits Producer  
R-60-17: Approve Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2016-005  
R-61-17: Appropriation Reserve Transfer  
R-62-17: Salary Resolution  
R-63-17: Award Bid East Central Ave. Phase 2 Water Main Improvements  
\*R-64-17: Approve Grant Application Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund  
R-65-17: Approve Tax Overpayment Refund Block 302 Lot 25

Approve Facility Application for Babe Ruth Baseball

Approve Facility Application Wharton Fire Department

Approve Facility Application for NJ Lynx Baseball

\*Councilman Corbett requested that R-64-17 be removed from the Consent Agenda

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 except for R-64-17.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution

A short discussion including Grant Coordinator, John Manna, was had about the status of the Morris Canal Lock 2 East restoration and the grant application discussed in R-64-17. Councilman Corbett was advised that the match money necessary for this grant application will be coming from a previous grant received for the Morris Canal Lock 2 East restoration and not from the Borough's budget.

Council President Binkoski then made a motion to approve R-64-17 which was seconded by Councilman Yeager.

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

MOTION CARRIED

### Correspondence

- Morris County Planning Board Minutes
- Notice from Verizon
- Treasurer's Report
- Notice of Ordinance from Jefferson Township

### Council Reports

**Council President Binkoski: No Report**

**Councilman Corbett: He would like to congratulate the DPW on a job well done during a difficult storm. He knows there were some complaints but when he looked at the streets the following day they were plowed to black top. He has a meeting tomorrow evening for the RVRSA Infrastructure Committee.**

**Councilwoman Hayes: No Report**

**Councilwoman Veres: No Report**

**Councilwoman Wickenheisser: Baseball and spring soccer are underway. We are starting to accept applications for Summer Recreation Counselors. The Municipal Alliance and Wharton PD are hosting Screenagers on April 12<sup>th</sup> at MacKinnon School.**

**Councilman Yeager: He attended the Strategic Planning meeting for Wharton Schools. He also attended the Tenancy Review Board meeting.**

### Mayor Chegwidden's Report

We had a closeout for one of the Wharton Repair Program homes in our partnership with Habitat for Humanity. He would like to thank them for their assistance and the Council for approving the program as a way to use our funds wisely.

He wanted to note that the project that we awarded in R-63-17 came in \$80,000 under budget, which means we can use that money to pave another road.

He also attended the Strategic Planning meeting for the Wharton Schools, which was a very good night. They discussed the positives and negatives of the schools and we really have so many positives. He thanks the School Board for that.

He also received a few complaints about the snow removal, which were addressed by the DPW. He had many people from other towns approach him to say how wonderful our roads were. It was a weird and difficult storm with the ice factor and they did their best to respond to it. We have a very high expectation of them and our guys do a great job, but sometimes people get a little anxious. People need to remember that they cannot throw snow into the street after it has been plowed. Mr. Rheinhardt advised more about the storm and noted that there were some residents who were challenging the DPW as they were trying to plow the roads, which can be hazardous for everyone involved.

### 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-66-17, closing the meeting to the public for discussion of purchase of real property and made a motion to approve said Resolution, which was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes.

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

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Councilman Corbett and was seconded by Council President Binkoski to return to open session. This motion was approved by a voice vote.

A short discussion about responsibility for clearing the driveways of bank owned properties followed.

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 27, 2017

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

ATTEST:

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WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,  
MAYOR

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Gabrielle Evangelista,  
Borough Clerk