

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**APRIL 9, 2018**

Mayor Chegwidden called the Meeting to Order

Mayor Chegwidden read the Open Public Meeting Statement

Mayor Chegwidden requested Roll Call:

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

**Flag Salute**

Mayor Chegwidden then led those in attendance with the salute to the American Flag.

**Presentation**

Josh Benson from Tilcon New York was in attendance to present a donation for the new scoreboard for the Wharton Area Little League. He explained that Tilcon likes to be a strong supporter of the communities that they work in. He was happy to help because Little League is a fantastic way for kids to learn about teamwork and relationship building. Everyone thanked Mr. Benson and his company for their generous gift. Mayor Chegwidden advised that they always do a great job for the town and he thanks them for their \$3,000 donation.

**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.

**Ordinance**

Councilman Corbett presented O-07-18, “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 and 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 Council President Yeager to adopt O-07-18 on first reading.

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

Councilman Binkoski presented O-08-18, “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 Chegwiddden opened the meeting to the public for questions and comments on this ordinance only.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Discussion Item**

- **Ordinance changes for multi-stop intersections by the school and one-way streets during school hours: Mayor Chegwiddden advised that the Police Chief met with the Engineer about this and it would be possible. Councilman Binkoski advised that he met with the Police Chief to speak about this and there is no perfect way to address people speeding by the school but having the four way stops and the one-way roads during school hours are the best options available to us. The Chief will be discussing this with the School Board at their next meeting. Council President Yeager does not like the four way stops, he thinks they are unsafe and confusing for people because they do not know when it is their turn to go. He suggests stop signs on Central and making the cross street the through street. Councilman Corbett agreed with this recommendation. After more discussion, they will speak with the Police Chief and the Engineer to review that as another option. The discussion will continue at a future meeting.**

**Consent Agenda**

**Approval of Bills: All bills referred to the finance committee to be paid if found correct.**

**Approval of Minutes from 3/12/18 and 3/26/18**

**Resolutions: R-64-18: Prof. Service GZA Environmental  
R-70-18: Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2017-014  
R-71-18: Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2016-014  
R-72-18: Supporting the 2018 UDrive. UText. UPay. Distracted Driving Crackdown  
R-73-18: Audit Group Affidavit  
R-74-18: Amend the Borough Personnel Policy “Employee Handbook” for the Borough of Wharton  
R-75-18: Authorize Interlocal Agreement Morris County**

**Approve FOP fishing contest at Hugh Force Park on May 19, 2018**

**Approve facility application for Wharton Babe Ruth from April 1, 2018-July 15, 2018**

**Approve Fire Fighter application for Thomas M. Andes**

**A motion was made by Council President Yeager and was seconded by Councilman Binkoski to approve all of the items on the Consent Agenda.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Correspondence**

- **Notice of Resolution from Parsippany**
- **Morris County Planning Board Minutes**
- **RVRSa Minutes**
- **Monthly Reports from Clerk, Construction, Treasurer**

## Council Reports

**Council President Yeager:** No report

**Councilman Binkoski:** He attended the parents forum last week at the school. There was good turnout with the Prosecutor's Office, the Police Department, the Sheriff's Department, and the Dover Police. It shows how the town and the county are really working on trying to address the drug epidemic. The presentation given by Brad Seabury was great. He also had a meeting with the Police Chief about the traffic controls discussed already tonight, some personnel issues, and some new guidelines from the State AG that once again has the state telling us we need to spend money so that when people get upset about higher taxes the state can blame the towns.

**Councilman Corbett:** He attended the Knotty Pine's charity car show, which raised over \$4100 for suicide prevention. He attended the Sewer User Committee at the RVRSA, at which they discussed Refresco's request for relief which they should be able to do. They also discussed Mt. Arlington's request for approx. 15,000 gallons for houses with failing septic systems. They have the gallonage and the town is willing to contribute their share of the capital costs that are associated with that. He reviewed the Borough's annual audit for 2017 and is happy to share that it was essentially perfect. No recommendations or deficiencies were noted. He also met with the 9/11 Memorial Committee where they put together the proposal for the seedling. They hope to get an answer soon and will go in another direction if the answer is no.

**Councilwoman Hayes:** Absent, Excused

**Councilwoman Veres:** She attended the Library Board meeting.

**Councilwoman Wickenheisser:** Last week was the parents forum put on by the Municipal Alliance and the Police Department. She'd like to thank all of the presenters and everyone who attended. This Saturday, weather permitting, is the opening day for Little League and Soccer. The DPW is working very hard to try to get the fields ready, but the weather is making it challenging.

**Mayor Chegwiddden's Report:** The map of roadway improvements that have been completed and are proposed to be completed this year in town has been getting a lot of good comments. He thanks the Council for continuing to maintain the infrastructure and roadways in town. He thanks Councilwoman Wickenheisser and Ms. Ghebreal for putting together the parents forum that was held last week. They invited other towns and now those towns are planning to hold their own similar events. He feels like if they help one person, they did their job. He would like to remind everyone that at the next meeting they will be discussing the 2018 budget as well as proposed plans for the redesign of Memorial Park. He invited the American Legion to attend so they can contribute to the planning. One of the monuments is starting to fall apart so they can hopefully fix it during this redesign. Mr. Rheinhardt advised that the FOP has already offered to sponsor fixing it.

## Open to the Public

Mayor Chegwiddden opened the meeting to the public.

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

## Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman Binkoski and was seconded by Councilwoman Wickenheisser to close this meeting. This was approved via voice vote.

April 9, 2018

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

ATTEST:

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**Gabrielle Evangelista,  
Borough Clerk**

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**WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,  
MAYOR**