

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MAY 7, 2018

Mayor Chegwidden Called the Meeting to Order

Mayor Chegwidden read the Open Public Meeting Statement

Mayor Chegwidden requested Roll Call:

Council President Yeager
Councilman Binkoski
Councilman Corbett
Councilwoman Hayes
Councilwoman Veres
Councilwoman Wickenheisser

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 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.

John McCusker from 34 Ford Ave. stated that he attended the Wharton Board of Education meeting. He went to invite anyone from the school who would like to be a part of the 9/11 Memorial Committee. He stated that Mr. Herdman, Wharton School Superintendent may know of someone that has a piece of material from 9/11. Mr. Herdman would try and find out if the 9/11 Memorial Committee can have it.

Mayor Chegwidden closed the meeting to the public.

Discussion

- Amending Littering Ordinance:

The Mayor and Council discussed potential amendments to the Littering Ordinance. Councilman Corbett asked if this newly updated Ordinance overlapped with our Property Maintenance Ordinance. Mayor Chegwidden stated that this was a separate Ordinance and did not overlap. Councilman Corbett asked if the term “enclosed container” meant an enclosed area for garbage cans. Gabrielle Evangelista, Assistant Administrator advised the council that “enclosed container” was a garbage can. Department of Public Works does not take garbage that is not in a garbage can. Councilman Binkoski stated that currently the Department of Public Works is leaving stickers for people who are not putting garbage in cans or who repeatedly leave out excess bags. Mayor Chegwidden suggested that Scott Hutchins, Public Works Director be invited to the next Council meeting to discuss.

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 4/23/18

**Resolutions: R-80-18: 2019 Reassessment Program
R-81-18: Municipal Alliance Supplemental
R-82-18: Chapter 159- Highlands**

Approve Blue Light Permit Application- Thomas Andes

Concur with NJDOT replacement of traffic signal controller cabinets with generator adapted controller cabinets

Appoint Frank Nelson as the Humane Law Enforcement Officer for Wharton Borough for an appoint effective until 12/31/18.

Motion by Council President Yeager and seconded by Councilman Binkoski to approve all items listed on the Consent Agenda.

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

Correspondence

- **Letters re: Wharton History – Mayor Chegwiddden stated that Mr. Paul Gallagher had sent a letter with information on the history of Wharton.**
- **Letter from Senator Booker re: Opportunity Zone Designation**
- **Morris County Planning Board Minutes**
- **Notice of Resolution from Kinnelon**
- **Grant Information re: Morris County Economic Development Alliance Grant**
- **Monthly Reports Clerk and Construction**

Council Reports

Council President Yeager: Stated that he attended the Morris Hills Regional School Board meeting. The Morris Hills School's new budget will reflect an increase of \$33.00 per household in Wharton.

Councilman Binkoski: Stated that he visited the Morris County Prosecutors "Use of Force" forum. He stated that on April 26th he attended the 200 Club dinner where Officer Fernandez, Cpl. Katsigiannis, Detective Lupia and Officer Ornelas were all recognized for saving 2 individuals from a burning home.

Councilman Corbett: Stated that on May 2nd he attended the User Charge meeting at the RVRSA. He stated that he attended the 9/11 Memorial Committee meeting. The 9/11 Memorial Committee has been approved for the survivor tree seedling. They are working on a location to plant the seedling and to any additions to the 9/11 Memorial site.

Councilwoman Hayes: Stated that the recycling center will now have new hours. The new hours have been posted and Town Hall has flyers for residents with the new information. The lawn bags will no longer be in Town Hall, they will be at the recycling center.

Councilwoman Veres: Stated that she attended the 9/11 Memorial Committee meeting.

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: Stated that the Wharton Alliance/Fraternal Order of Police Carnival is on June 7th until June 10th. We need volunteers to cover all the shifts.

Councilwoman Wickenheisser made a motion to waive the required \$5 fee for garage sale permits for any resident that holds a garage sale on Saturday, June 2nd which is Wharton Pride Day. The motion was moved and carried.

Mayor Chegwidden's Report: Stated that he nominated an employee for the Cissy Laurey's Recognition Award. The ceremony is May 22nd at the County Arboretum.

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John McCusker, 34 Ford Ave. asked Councilwoman Wickenheisser where volunteers were needed. She stated they were needed for different sections of the carnival.

Mayor Chegwidden closed the meeting to the public.

Adjournment

Motion by Councilman Corbett seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to close this meeting.

May 7, 2018

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

**WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR**

**Robin Ghebreal,
Deputy Borough Clerk**