

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 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 – Absent, Excused
Councilwoman Wickenheisser

Flag Salute

Mayor Chegwidden led those in attendance with the salute to the American Flag. A moment of silence was held in honor of September 11th and in Memory of Fire Fighter Dan Brice.

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.

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

Appointments

Councilman Binkoski appointed Tonya M. Jackson-Provost as a Crossing Guard for the Borough and Tina L. Ayala and Melissa J. Phelan as Alternate Crossing Guards for the Borough, effective immediately.

Motion to confirm the above appointments made by Councilman Binkoski and seconded by Councilwoman Hayes.

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

Discussion

- Recommendation from Planning Board for Sign Ordinance Updates. Councilman Binkoski stated that Mr. Moreno, Housing and Zoning Officer, has been working diligently on having businesses conform with the Boroughs Sign Ordinance.

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 8/13/18

Resolutions: R-120-18: Approve Grant Submittal NJDOT
R-121-18: Prof. Services- CHA Oakhurst Lane Improvements
R-122-18: Tax Overpayment Refund Block 101 Lot 18
R-123-18: Prof. Services- CHA Orange, Cutler, Ford, Kitchell, Downs, Summit Improvements
R-124-18: Update Employment Application
R-125-18: Approve Change Fund for Color Run
R-126-18: Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2016-020

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

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

Correspondence

- Letter from Wharton Schools – Mayor Chegwidden asked the Council to attend.
- Memo from Picatinny
- RVRSA Meeting Minutes
- Monthly Reports Clerk, Construction, Treasurer

Council Reports

Council President Yeager: Stated that he attended Canal Day. It was a great turnout of people and as always a great event.

Councilman Binkoski: Made an appointment of a Junior Fire Fighter Dennis Hnatiuk to our Fire Department. The motion was made by Councilman Binkoski and seconded by Councilman Corbett. Yea:5 Nay: 0 Absent: 1
He stated that he met with Lt. Young and discussed the new changes to the traffic patterns at school. Lt. Young will speak with the residents who live directly in front of the school pick up lane. He invited the Mayor and Council to the Wharton Library Gala on October 20th.

Councilman Corbett: Stated that he attended Canal Day. It was a beautiful day and a great event. He stated the Town Attorney, George Johnson, was made aware that there is no decision yet on the RVRSA case. The RVRSA meeting will take place later in the week.

Councilwoman Hayes: Stated that she attended Canal Day. She wished to thank John Manna for all his hard work on the event and thanked all the volunteers that helped make the event so great.

Councilwoman Veres: Absent

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: Stated that the Borough will be holding a Job Fair on September 20th at the American Legion. She also discussed needs for field usage for sports in Town and some extra storage space at Robert Street Park. She stated that the 5K Color Run will be held on September 30th.

Mayor Chegwidden's Report: Stated that he attended the Library Art Reception for local resident Jessica Darling. The event was very nice and Ms. Darling is selling some of her artwork. He stated that he attended the Alliance Quarterly meeting and there is a great deal of support by local sending district Towns and Schools for the event. He stated that he attended a meeting at Centennial Court with the residents there and the new owners of the building Avanath. There was a big turnout of residents and they had a lot of questions for both Avanath and the Borough. Very positive meeting for all involved. He stated that he received

compliments on both the senior trip and the new traffic patterns at school. He stated he attended Canal Day. It was such an amazing event and gets better each year. He wanted to thank John Manna for all of his hard work. He stated he was at the Planning Board meeting with CCKK and they are moving forward with correcting some outstanding issues. He asked the Council to attend the Job Fair on September 20th. He stated he received a call from a resident of Ross Street. The resident had questions about what was being built across the street from her. He stated that the current proposal for the property are for a micro-brewery and an indoor sports facility. They will be coming before the Planning Board.

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In accordance with Local Ordinance O-18-03, "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. Wharton Fire Chief Gary Cole thanked the Mayor and Council for the moment of silence for Dan Brice. He asked Mayor Chegwidden if the fireworks will stay on Labor Day going forward. Mayor stated that it was just due to the weather that it was rescheduled and the fireworks will stay on Canal Day date. He stated to that he responded to a fire call on No. Main Street. He had concerns about the building being not safe or accessible to the Fire Department in case of an emergency. He was advised to immediately contact Mr. Moreno in cases such as this.

Mayor Chegwidden closed the meeting to the public.

Adjournment

Motion by Councilman Binkoski and seconded by Councilman Corbett to close this meeting.

September 10, 2018

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

ATTEST:

WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR

Robin Ghebreal,
Deputy Borough Clerk