

RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
JANUARY 2, 2018

Mayor Chegwidden called the Meeting to Order and to Read the Open Public Meeting Statement as follows:

"This is the Annual Re-Organization meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wharton which was advertised in the print media as required by law. A copy of the annual meeting schedule is posted in the Municipal Building."

Swearing in of Council Members

Mayor Chegwidden announced that the Morris County Clerk's Office has determined that at the last General Election, Vincent Binkoski and Sandra Hayes were duly elected to the positions of Council Members for the Borough of Wharton for a term of three years.

Mayor Chegwidden called both members to the platform to be sworn in. Congratulations were offered by all in attendance.

Mayor Chegwidden invited the newly elected members to address the public.

Councilman Binkoski: He would like to thank the people of Wharton for trusting him with another three years. He thanks everyone who helped with his campaign. It was great to meet all the new faces that they met and to say hello to some old friends.

Councilwoman Hayes: She thanks everyone who voted for her. This election was different than others she has participated in, they walked a lot and met a lot of people. It was good to do so, they were able to take care of some things right away and will take care of others as soon as they can.

Roll Call

Mayor Chegwidden requested Roll Call:

Councilman Vincent Binkoski- Present  
Councilman Glenn Corbett- Present  
Councilwoman Sandra Hayes- Present  
Councilwoman Patricia Veres- Present  
Councilwoman Nicole Wickenheisser- Present  
Councilman Thomas Yeager- Present

Flag Salute

Mayor Chegwidden led those present in the Salute to the American Flag.

Election of Council President

A motion was made by Councilman Binkoski and was seconded by Councilman Corbett to elect Councilman Yeager as Council President for the year 2018.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>
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Mayor Chegwidden congratulated Council President Yeager.

Fire Department Appointments

The following appointments 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 appointments unless a council member requests, in which case, the appointment will be considered separately.

Wharton Borough Fire Chief, Gary Cole, for the year 2018 - term to expire 12/31/18.

Wharton Borough Fire Department Deputy Chief, Kyle Dorr, for the year 2018- term to expire 12/31/18.

Wharton Borough Battalion Chief, Larry Biehler, for the year 2018- term to expire 12/31/18.

Wharton Borough Fire Department Captains:

- Jim Ayers
- Chris Krasnick

Wharton Borough Fire Department Lieutenants:

- Jim McCormick
- Kurt Roper

All one year terms to expire 12/31/18.

A motion to confirm all appointments was made by Councilman Binkoski and was seconded by Councilman Corbett.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>
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Mayor Chegwiddden and Councilman Binkoski administered the Oaths of Office for the Fire Department. Congratulations were offered by all in attendance.

<p><u><i>Consent Agenda</i></u></p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Resolutions:</b> R-1-18: 2018 Meeting Schedule for Mayor and Council Meetings R-2-18: Setting Hourly Fee for Independent Attorneys R-3-18: Liability Search Officer for 2018 R-4-18: Tax Search Officer for 2018 R-5-18: Fixing Interest Rate on Delinquent Taxes for 2018 R-6-18: Designating Official Newspapers for 2018 R-7-18: Designating Public Agency Compliance Officer R-8-18: Cash Management Plan for 2018 R-9-18: Professional Resolution R-10-18: Appointment of 2018 Local Emergency Planning Committee R-11-18: Authorizing the Tax Collector and Utility Collector to Cancel Any Balances under \$10.00 as Deemed Necessary R-12-18: Authorizing Required Notice of Tort Claims R-13-18: Authorizing Mayor to Execute Agreement with for Risk Management Consultant Services for the Year 2018 R-14-18: Authorizing Re-Establishment of Petty Cash Funds R-15-18: Temporary Budget for 2018 R-16-18: Volunteer Appreciation Program for 2018 R-17-18: Authorizing Participation in the Morris County Co-Operative Purchasing Program R-18-18: Authorizing Participation in the State Co-Operative Purchasing Program R-19-18: Authorizing Signatures on Borough Checks R-20-18: Authorizing Certain Payments Outside of Scheduled Council Meetings R-21-18: Establish Bid Threshold</p>
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R-22-18: Authorizing Mayor, Administrator and Borough Clerk to Execute and Submit Grant Applications if Due Date is Outside of Scheduled Council Meetings  
R-23-18: Authorizing Treasurer to Sign and Approve Purchase Orders in the Event the Administrator/CFO is not Available  
R-24-18: Authorizing Returned Check Fee  
R-25-18: Authorizing Participation in the Somerset County Co-Operative Purchasing Program  
R-26-18: Authorizing Participation in the Bergen County Co-Operative Purchasing Program  
R-27-18: Authorizing Participation in the Educational Services Commission of NJ Co-Operative Purchasing Program  
R-28-18: Approve Agreement Health Benefits Producer  
R-29-18: Temporary Capital Budget

Mayor's Appointments that Require Council Consent

Alternate School Crossing Guard– Suzanne Adams, Alice Doblosky, and Laura White. All one year appointments to expire 12/31/18.

Assistant Administrator– Gabrielle Evangelista, one year term to expire 12/31/18.

Assistant to Construction Official- Desinez Ruffo, one year term to expire 12/31/18.

Board of Health Member– Doreen Thompson, three year term to expire 12/31/20.

Board of Health Member– Shelly Chegwiddden, three year term to expire 12/31/20.

Board of Health Secretary- Carol Miller, five year term to expire 12/31/22.

Board of Health Secretary for Licensing- Robin Ghebreal, one year term to expire 12/31/18.

Certifying Payroll Officers- Diana Fernandez, Jon Rheinhardt, and Katelin Lorito one year terms to expire 12/31/18.

Clean Communities Coordinator- Patricia Craven, one year term to expire 12/31/18.

Community Affairs Coordinator- Robin Ghebreal, one year term to expire 12/31/18.

Court Administrator- Aida Anne Cahill, one year term to expire 12/31/18.

Deputy Borough Clerk– Robin Ghebreal and Diana Fernandez, one year terms to expire 12/31/18.

Deputy Emergency Management Coordinators- David Young and Leon Stickle, one year terms to expire 12/31/18.

Deputy Fire Official– Douglas Svoboda, one year term to expire 12/31/18.

Deputy Housing Enforcement Officer – Patrick Laverty, one year term to expire 12/31/18.

Deputy Tax Collector- Patty Craven, one year term to expire 12/31/18.

Deputy Water/Sewer Collector- Diana Fernandez, one year term to expire 12/31/18.

Director of Public Works – Scott Hutchins, one year term to expire 12/31/18.

Emergency Management Coordinator- Eugene Caulfield, three year term to expire 12/31/20.

Fire Official- Richard Cloughley, one year term to expire, 12/31/18.

Fire Sub Code Official- Timothy Culver, four year term to expire 12/31/21.

Grant Coordinator– John Manna, one year term to expire 12/31/18.

Matrons- Jennifer DePaul, Alice Doblosky, Laura Getchuis, Debra Malson, Jen O'Malley-Dorr, Vicky Santana-Stickle, and Bonnie Sullivan. All one year appointments to expire 12/31/18.

Morris County Open Space and Farmland Preservation Representative – John Manna, one year term to expire 12/31/18.

Municipal Alliance Coordinator – Robin Ghebreal, one year term to expire 12/31/18.

Municipal Housing Liaison for COAH – Patrick Laverty, one year term to expire 12/31/17.

Personnel Administrator- Gabrielle Evangelista, one year term to expire 12/31/18.

Planning Board Secretary- Patricia Craven, one year term to expire 12/31/18.

Public Health Nurse - Carol Miller, one year term to expire 12/31/18.

Qualified Purchasing Agent- Jon Rheinhardt, one year term to expire 12/31/18.

Recreation Director- Robin Ghebreal, one year term to expire 12/31/18.

Recycling Coordinator – Scott Hutchins, one year term to expire 12/31/18.

Rockaway River Watershed Cabinet Representatives- Glenn Corbett and Thomas Yeager, one year term to expire 12/31/18.

Rockaway Valley Regional Sewage Authority Representative- Glenn Corbett, five year term to expire 12/31/22.

School Crossing Guards – Martha Hoffman, Joyce Hon, Peggy Husti, Kathleena Jackson, Jackie Kelly, Maureen Macalalag, Penny Moraga, and Lois Werts. All one year appointments to expire 12/31/18.

Treasurer – Katelin Lorito, one year term to expire 12/31/18.

Water/Sewer Clerk- Patty Craven, one year term to expire 12/31/18.

Zoning/Housing Enforcement Official/Road Opening Official - Pedro Moreno, one year term to expire 12/31/18.

Committee Appointments:

Alternate Members to Finance Committee - #1 - Councilman Binkoski and #2 – Councilwoman Wickenheisser

Community Relations- (includes Recreation Committee, Celebration Public Events, Regionalization Committee- Shared Services, Senior Citizen Association) – Councilwoman Wickenheisser

Environmental Commission- Consists of Mayor and Council Members

Finance- (includes Insurance, Budget, Personnel, CFO, Street Lighting, Tax Assessor, Tax Collector, Community Development) - Councilman Corbett

Finance Committee- Councilman Corbett (Chair), Councilwoman Hayes, and Councilman Yeager

Health/Welfare- (includes Board of Health, Public Assistance, Library) – Councilwoman Veres

Personnel Committee- Councilman Corbett, Councilwoman Hayes (Chair), and Councilman Yeager

Public Affairs- (includes Building Inspector, Housing Inspector, Land Use Board, Licenses, Zoning Officer, School Sub-Committee, Youth Advisory) - Councilman Yeager

Public Safety- (includes Police Department, Fire Department, First Aid Squad, Municipal Court, Emergency Management, Elections) - Councilman Binkoski

Public Works- (includes Parks, Building/Grounds, Sanitation, Maintenance Shop, Engineering, Streets and Roads, Water and Sewer) – Councilwoman Hayes

*Council Appointments in Accordance with State Statutes:*

Council Representative to the Morris County Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee- John Manna, one year term to expire 12/31/18.

Planning Board Class III Member- Councilman Thomas Yeager, one year term to expire 12/31/18.

Prior to voting, Councilwoman Wickenheisser pulled R-01-18 from the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Council President Yeager and was seconded by Councilman Corbett to approve all of the items listed on the Consent Agenda except for R-01-18.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Councilwoman Wickenheisser made a motion to approve R-01-18 with the amendment of setting the time for all meetings to 7 p.m. which was seconded by Council President Yeager.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Chegwidden recognized Mike Stanzilis, Mayor of Mount Arlington and Bruce Sisler, 2017 Mayor of Morris Township who was attending on behalf of the Buccos and thanked them both for attending.

*Council Remarks*

Council President Yeager: Congratulations to Councilman Binkoski and Councilwoman Hayes on their re-election. Congratulations to all of the officers of the Fire Department. Happy New Year to everyone.

Councilman Binkoski: Congratulations to Councilwoman Hayes and all of the new Fire Department officers. He’s looking forward to a new year. A lot of good things happened last year and hopefully we can keep that going for the following year.

Councilman Corbett: Congratulations to Councilman Binkoski and Councilwoman Hayes on their re-election. Congratulations to all of the officers of the Fire Department. Happy New Year to everyone.

Councilwoman Hayes: She would like to thank everyone who helped with their recent campaign, Senator Bucco, Assemblyman Bucco, Freeholder Doug Cabana, Sheriff Gannon, Alan Zakin, and anyone else she may have forgotten. A special thank

you to Councilman Binkoski, her husband and Councilman Binkoski's wife. Happy New Year to everyone, we have a lot to do this year.

Councilwoman Veres: Congratulations to Councilman Binkoski and Councilwoman Hayes on their re-election, she looks forward to working with them again this year. Her first year as an elected official in Wharton has really been great. She thanks everyone for helping her learn the ropes and looks forward to continuing to learn. Happy New Year to everyone.

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: Congratulations to Councilman Binkoski and Councilwoman Hayes on their re-election. Congratulations to all of the officers of the Fire Department. Happy New Year to everyone, she's looking forward to working hard this year.

Mayor Chegwiddden's Remarks

Mayor Chegwiddden made the following appointments:

<p><u>Mayor's Appointments</u></p> <p><u>Alternate Member to the Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee-</u> Sandra Hayes, one year term to expire 12/31/18.</p> <p><u>Mayor Representative to the Morris County Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee-</u>Vincent Binkoski, one year term to expire 12/31/18.</p> <p><u>Planning Board Class IV Member-</u> Charlotte Kelly, four year term to expire 12/31/21.</p> <p><u>Trustee of Library-</u> Charlotte Kelly, five year term to expire 12/31/22.</p> <p><u>Trustee of Library-</u> Robert Norton, five year term to expire 12/31/22.</p> <p><u>Trustee of Library-</u> Debra Demattio, to fill the remainder of a five year term to expire 12/31/19.</p>
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A lot has happened in 2017. Throughout the course of the year the Municipal Alliance has done a lot for Wharton and he thanks Ms. Ghebreal for that because we serve as a model for other Alliances. This year they were involved in a lot of events: Screenagers at the schools, the Alliance/FOP Carnival which earned over \$26,000 that goes back into the community, 5K Color Run with the military, various drug and alcohol awareness programs and speakers at the schools, adopting the STOPIT app that was set up at the school which works to prevent bullying and suicide among students, HalloWharton, which was just for Wharton residents this year, dances at the schools, Narcan class, and setting up visits from the Hope One Van through the Sheriff's Department.

Also done this year were many road improvements including: Sherwood Place, Potter Lane, Hance Street, Maple Terrace, Cornell Street, Eileen Court, Atlanta Place, W. Clarence Street, Huff Street, Mt. Pleasant Ave., and Terry Lane. Princeton Ave. which was done with a grant for \$245,000, East Central Ave. which was done with a grant for \$80,000, Oxford/Cambridge Roads which were done with a grant for \$80,000. West Central Ave. which was done with a grant of \$160,000.

We also completed the new water tank at the North end of town. It holds one million gallons of water. We also expanded our holiday decorations on Main Street. We have received a lot of compliments on them. We need to thank the Police Department for giving us the grant to purchase the new decorations. In our parks, we have purchased a new soccer field concession stand and it will be open this spring season.

We continued to increase communication. Early in 2017, we created a Borough Twitter account and the Mayor's monthly newsletter. Both have received positive feedback from residents.

We have installed a new surveillance system at the recycling depot. People are still dumping in there, but now they are being fined for that illegal dumping. We purchased a new garbage truck, a new mason truck. We have a program to make sure that we keep our vehicles up to date.

On the horizon for 2018, we just received a trails grant for Irondale Mountain for \$71,000 to mark all of the trails up there. We're continuing work on revitalizing Main Street. The former green tent property will be breaking ground in the spring and there is other development that will be happening on Main Street. The Main Street extension is in the County's budget for 2018. He's been waiting a long time for that to come to fruition and it looks like it will finally happen this year. We're hoping that Wharton Woods also finishes their project this year.

Also, with the sale of the senior building we will be getting in 1.3 million. With some of that money we will be partnering with Habitat for Humanity for a program that helps seniors with projects that allow them to age in place in their homes. It's not COAH money, which is a big difference, but it can be used to help seniors with housing.

The CFO advised that we continue to be in great financial shape. We remain the second lowest municipal tax per capita for all of Morris County and the fourth lowest tax per capita for total taxes in Morris County. We're very proud of that. Councilman Corbett advised that we are also the lowest in combined water and sewer bills as well.

He would also like to congratulate Councilman Binkoski and Councilwoman Hayes. The entire Council are good workers. It is great that the Mayor and Council have always worked as a team here. He was glad to hear what Councilwoman Veres said in her report, because we always try to welcome everyone as family since we are all working for Wharton. It is a great little town and he hopes that we continue in the same direction this year coming up.

Public Portion

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public, if you wish to be heard, please stand stating your name and address.

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

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Corbett and was seconded by Councilwoman Veres.

January 2, 2018

ATTEST:

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Gabrielle Evangelista,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

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WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,  
MAYOR