

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**JANUARY 15, 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- Absent, Excused  
Councilwoman Wickenheisser-Present

**Flag Salute**

Prior to the Flag Salute, Mayor Chegwidden requested a moment of silence in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Mayor Chegwidden then 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.

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

**Ordinance**

Councilwoman Hayes introduced O-01-18, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 330, Section 20 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey,” on first reading, by title only.

Councilman Corbett advised that this is for water rate increases due to the County’s increasing what they charge us for the water.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Hayes and was seconded by Councilman Corbett to adopt O-01-18 on first reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0	MOTION CARRIED
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Mayor Chegwidden set the date of February 12, 2018 for second and final reading.

**Ordinance**

Councilman Corbett introduced O-02-18, O-02-18, “An Ordinance Providing for General Capital Projects Enumerated within for the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, and to Provide the Funding Thereof,” on first reading, by title only.

A motion was made by Councilman Corbett and was seconded by Council President Yeager to adopt O-02-18 on first reading.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Chegwidden set the date of February 12, 2018 for second and final reading.

### 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 December 27, 2017 and January 2, 2018**

**R-30-18: Authorizing Construction Change Order- Princeton Ave. Phase II Roadway Improvements**

**R-31-18: Approve Alliance Signing Carnival Contract**

**R-32-18: 2018 Fireworks Contract**

**R-33-18: Payout Resolution Mayhew**

**R-34-18: Approve Grant Application Safe and Secure Grant**

**Approval of Blue Light Permit Application for James Ricker**

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

### Correspondence

- Notice of Trails Grant Award from Morris County- Mayor Chegwidden noted that we need to still come up with names for the newly mapped trails and asked the Council to think of recommendations to discuss at the next meeting.
- Copy of Letter from RVRSA
- Monthly Reports from Clerk and Construction

### Council Reports

**Council President Yeager:** He attended the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Teddy Martin.

**Councilman Binkoski:** Congratulations to Ms. Ghebreal on passing her last clerk's course. The Police placed some new signs in and near various crosswalks about pedestrian safety. Mayor Chegwidden suggested adding one by the school as well.

**Councilman Corbett:** He attended various meetings of the RVRSA. The project to fix the issues caused by Hurricane Irene finally looks like it's almost finished. The lawsuit with Jersey City is ongoing. The lead attorney for the firm that is representing Jersey City is leaving to start his own firm and will be retained for this litigation. He is unsure how this will affect the trial. Along with Councilwoman Veres he met with Mrs. Grueter about the 9/11 Committee.

**Councilwoman Hayes:** She had a Kids First Foundation meeting last week and would like to remind everyone that the Lotsa Pasta Dinner is coming up on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Councilwoman Veres:** On January 10<sup>th</sup> she attended the Board of Health meeting. At the 9/11 Committee meeting they discussed the process for applying to obtain a Survivor Tree. There needs to be a location chosen as to where it will be planted, and we would need to make certain commitments as to the care of the tree. The committee is open to any suggestions for the location.

**Councilwoman Wickenheisser:** She attended a recreation meeting. Herself and Ms. Ghebreal are going to start attending meetings of the various sports prior to their seasons starting. She also attended a Municipal Alliance meeting, which went very well. There were attendees from other towns who wanted to see what we do.

**Mayor Chegwidden's Report:** He attended the Re-Organization Meeting of Mount Arlington because they were appointing the Judge for our new Court. He was appointed to the Board for the Morris County School of Technology for Criminology. He can't say enough good things about Wharton's Municipal Alliance Program. At the last meeting they had representatives from other towns attend to learn about what we do, and they couldn't believe everything that is achieved. He gives credit to the Council for always backing the program. He had a meeting with Mr. Crimi, and it looks like we should have some news soon about the Wharton Woods project.

**Open to the Public**

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public.

**Larry Biehler, Fire Department Battalion Chief:** He would like to bring the idea up of the Fire Department grounds as a location for the 9/11 Memorial Tree to the Fire Department's Trustees. Everyone liked this idea.

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

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Councilman Binkoski and was seconded by Council President Yeager to close this meeting.

January 15, 2018

ATTEST:

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Gabrielle Evangelista,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

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WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,  
MAYOR