

**MINUTES**  
**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**FEBRUARY 12, 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.

Mr. Skewes from E. Central Ave. brought up the issue of speeding on E. Central Ave. He stated that his son’s car was hit from behind while parked on the street. The driver was driving approximately 40 mph and was texting. The driver could have easily hit a pedestrian on the sidewalk. Mr. Skewes was concerned that with so many children on the streets and sidewalks during the morning and afternoon that the speeding could lead to a dangerous situation. He asked the Mayor and Council to put speed bumps in from Third Street to Princeton Ave. Mayor Chegwidden said he would speak to Chief Fernandez about the issue.

Mayor Chegwidden closed the meeting to the public.

**Ordinance**

Councilwoman Hayes presented 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 second reading, by title only.

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on this Ordinance only.

Mayor Chegwidden closed the meeting to the public.

Motion by Councilwoman Hayes and seconded by Councilman Corbett to adopt O-01-18 on second and final reading.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA:6</b>	<b>NAY: 0</b>	<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>ABSTAIN:</b>
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**Ordinance**

Councilman Corbett presented 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 second reading, by title only.

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on this Ordinance only.

Mayor Chegwidden closed the meeting to the public.

Motion by Councilman Corbett and seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt O-02-18 on second and final reading.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA:6</b>	<b>NAY: 0</b>	<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>ABSTAIN:</b>
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**Ordinance**

Council President Yeager introduced O-03-18, “An Ordinance Fixing the Salary of Certain officers and Employees of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey,” on first reading, by title only.

Motion by Council President Yeager and seconded by Councilwoman Wickenheisser to adopt O-03-18 on first reading.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA:6</b>	<b>NAY: 0</b>	<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>ABSTAIN:</b>
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Mayor Chegwidden set the date of February 26, 2018 for second and final reading.

**Ordinance**

Councilman Corbett introduced O-04-18, “An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14),” on first reading, by title only.

Motion by Councilman Corbett and seconded by Councilman Binkoski to adopt O-04-18 on first reading.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA:6</b>	<b>NAY: 0</b>	<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>ABSTAIN:</b>
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Mayor Chegwidden set the date of February 26, 2018 for second and final reading.

**Ordinance**

Councilwoman Hayes introduced O-05-18, “An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Agreement with the Wharton Borough Teamsters Union Local 469,” on first reading, by title only.

Motion by Councilwoman Hayes and seconded by Councilman Corbett to adopt O-05-18 on first reading.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA:6</b>	<b>NAY: 0</b>	<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>ABSTAIN:</b>
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Mayor Chegwidden set the date of February 26, 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 January 15, 2018**

**Approval of Closed Session Minutes from February 22, 2016, May 8, 2017, and June 26, 2017**

- R-35-18: Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2017-001**
- R-36-18: Establish Job Description-Custodian**
- R-37-18: Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2017-002**
- R-38-18: Municipal Alliance Application FY 2019**
- R-39-18: Approve Alliance Contract with Premiere Outdoor Movies**
- R-40-18: Appropriation Transfer**
- R-41-18: Liquor License Renewal-Pocket License**
- R-42-18: Support Refresco RVRSA Variance Application**
- R-43-18: Refund for Tax Overpayment Block 201 Lot 25 Qualifier C062F**
- R-44-18: Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2017-006**
- R-45-18: Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2017-013**
- R-46-18: Grant for Lock 2 East**
- R-47-18: Paving County Co-op Purchase**
- R-48-18: Paving County Co-op Purchase**
- R-49-18: Grant Application for Highway Safety Fund Blue Light Permit Application**

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

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

### **Discussion Items**

- 1. Trails Names. There are 12 trails that need to be named as a part of the Irondale Mountain trails network.**
- 2. Marijuana Sales – discussion will be tabled until Administrator Rheinhardt can get more information out to Council members.**

### **Correspondence**

- Historical Preservation Info for Route 80-Route 15 Interchange Project**
- Notice of Highway Safety Fund Grant Award**
- Letter from Morris County Freeholders re: Budget Meeting**
- Copy of Resolutions from Morris Township and Borough of Madison**
- Minutes from Morris County Planning Board**
- Monthly Reports from Clerk and Construction**

### **Council Reports**

**Council President Yeager: Stated that he attended the budget meeting with Administrator Rheinhardt. He attended the tenancy review meeting where the Town was approached with putting in an apartment unit on North Main Street. He also attended the Lotsa Pasta dinner. He said there was a good turnout at the dinner.**

**Councilman Binkoski: Stated that he met with our new Fire Chief. The Borough has an older police car that is not in use. The Fire Department would like to use the vehicle as a utility vehicle. He stated that he met with Police Chief to discuss various activities. He let the Mayor and Council know that the morale at the police station is great and the new police officers are doing well. Tickets were being issued by our police department for residents who did not take care of their sidewalks after the storm.**

**Councilman Corbett:** Stated that he attended the Finance Committee meeting for the town budget. Stated he attended the finance meeting with the library along with Councilwoman Hayes and Councilwoman Veres. He stated that he toured the Refresco plant with our Public Works Director as some changes with the RVRSA will impact them. He also attended the RVRSA meeting and the trial with them resumes on February 14<sup>th</sup>. He attended the “Dine to Donate” at the Canal House. He advised the Mayor and Council that the 9/11 Memorial Committee is discussing a location in town for the survivor tree.

**Councilwoman Hayes:** Stated that she thought putting a notice in the next Mayor’s newsletter regarding residents cleaning their sidewalks might be beneficial. She stated she had attended the Lotsa Pasta dinner and that Mrs. Yeager had done a great job putting it together.

**Councilwoman Veres:** Stated that she had attended the finance committee meeting with the library. She stated she had also attended the Library Board of Trustees finance meeting. She attended the American Legion steak night on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Councilwoman Wickenheisser:** Stated that she attended the senior prom at Centennial Court. The students from American Christian School were such a big help and fun. She stated that she has attended with Wharton Area Little League Board meeting with the Recreation Director. They will be attending the Jr. Knights and Wharton Soccer Board meetings as well.

**Mayor Chegwiddden’s Report:** *Stated he attended the Lotsa Pasta Dinner and the American Legion Steak Dinner. He informed the Council that he received many complaints from residents regarding the lack of sidewalks being cleaned in town. He advised the Council that many tickets were issued for that reason from Wharton Police. He stated he attended the Planning Board meeting where they addressed the many concerns on the property at 105 W. Dewey Avenue. He stated that coming in the next couple months before the Planning Board will be a developer looking to put apartments where the Canal House is located. He stated that the Wharton Woods Project has been sold and the new owner will be starting with construction soon. He stated that Port Oram project has also been sold and will resume developing shortly. He stated that he reached out to Congressman Lances’ office regarding the issues here in town with the mail.*

#### **Open to the Public**

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Mayor Chegwiddden opened the meeting to the public.

Mr. Skewes from E. Central Ave. stated that he was very much against Wharton opening any marijuana dispensaries in town. He stated that he hoped that Wharton would not support the possible upcoming legislation on legalized marijuana.

Mayor Chegwiddden closed the meeting to the public.

#### **Adjournment**

Motion by Councilman Binkoski and seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to close this meeting.