

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**JANUARY 14, 2019**

Mayor Chegwidden Called the Meeting to Order

Mayor Chegwidden read the Open Public Meeting Statement

Mayor Chegwidden requested Roll Call:

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

Also in attendance were Administrator Jon Rheinhardt, Borough Clerk Gabrielle Evangelista, and Attorney Matthew Petracca.

**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.

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

**Resolution**

Council President Corbett introduced R-33-19, "Resolution Authorizing 2019 Community Development Block Grant Application."

Mr. Rheinhardt explained that the application is for a grant for half of the purchase price for a new bus for our senior citizen transportation program. The total cost is \$88,000 and we are asking for half because we have the other half in reserves that we have been saving.

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

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

A motion was made by Council President Corbett and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt R-33-19.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0
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MOTION CARRIED
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**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 12/17/18 and 1/2/19

**Resolutions:** R-34-19: Approve Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2018-003  
R-35-19: Authorize Construction Change Order 2 for Improvements to Baker Avenue Including Union Street and Division Street  
R-36-19: Approve Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2018-005  
R-37-19: Approve Overpayments Applied  
R-38-19: Approve Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2018-008

**Approve Fire Fighter Applications** from Alexander Arias and Adam Yeager

A motion was made by Council President Corbett and was seconded by Councilwoman Wickenheisser to approve all items listed on the Consent Agenda.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

### Correspondence

- Notice from RVRSA
- Monthly Reports from Clerk, Construction, and Treasurer

### Council Reports

**Council President Corbett:** He attended the Police Function on 1/2. On 1/3 he attended a user charge meeting for the RVRSA and on 1/10 he attended the regular meeting of the RVRSA. One of the things that they discussed was the timing of the trial with Jersey City, which may not take place until next year. On 1/14 he attended a meeting of the Finance and Personnel Committees and preliminary work on the budget looks very good for this year. Prior to this meeting, he attended the 9/11 Committee meeting. They have set another meeting date for March 11<sup>th</sup> and are advising that if only himself and one other committee member attend the committee will be dissolved.

**Councilman Binkoski:** He participated in the interview process for new police officers. They selected 2 for the 2 open positions and 2 others for the pending positions. They had some really strong candidates this round. They utilized a different process, which he feels gave them the most qualified and most interested candidates. He noticed some complaints about the park on Sterling Street, which he checked out and didn't see anything too bad. Mayor Chegwidden advised that the DPW will take care of any problems in the Spring.

**Councilwoman Hayes:** She attended the Finance and Personnel Committee meetings. She attended the information session on the Government Energy Aggregation Program prior to this meeting, there were 6 people in attendance at that information session. Currently the DPW is working on getting supplies ready for the park maintenance in the spring. They have painted and refurbished all of the well houses and fixed a step at the recreation building. Mr. Hutchins has applied for a grant to put in charging stations, which he thinks that we will get. They have also been cleaning out their buildings and going through their equipment, as well as filling pot holes, trimming trees, and continuing the signage replacement throughout town. She has a meeting scheduled this week to discuss the Langdon Street Park.

**Councilwoman Veres:** On 1/9 she attended the Board of Health meeting. At our next meeting there will be a Resolution regarding continuing the current level of statewide delivery services for the library. Apparently, the State library cut off the

inter-delivery service that had traditionally been supplied to all libraries for sharing resources. The immediate impact on our library is we received a bill for \$500 for the first half of the year, which is a big hit to the library's budget. The Library Board has already passed the resolution and they would like to send it to the Governor's Office and the State Librarian.

**Councilwoman Wickenheisser:** She has been attending meetings with the various sports teams. She wants to make sure there is open communication and to help them to get what they need. Mr. Hutchins has also been attending these meetings as well.

**Councilman Yeager:** He attended the Tenancy Review meeting. He also attended the Planning Board meeting where Ken Loury was re-elected as Chairman. The Canal House application was moved to next month's meeting. He also attended the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting today. An update on the Dog Park is that they are looking at the site on West Dewey that used to be the volleyball court. The committee is going to check out the site.

**Mayor Chegwidden's Report:** He also attended the Planning Board meeting. There was discussion that CCKK has been doing many of the requested improvements on the site and our engineer is happy with it. They are working on the items that the Borough has asked them to address. They haven't addressed the conservation area yet, but they will start that in the spring. He received a letter from a resident on Fern Ave requesting relief for a road opening permit to put in natural gas. That road was paved 4 ½ years ago. If they can't do it now, they will have to put in oil again. Councilman Yeager made a motion to approve this request, which was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0
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**Open to the Public**

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public.

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

**Adjournment**

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

January 14, 2019

ATTEST:

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Gabrielle Evangelista,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

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WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,  
MAYOR