

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**JANUARY 20, 2020**

Mayor Chegwidden Called the Meeting to Order

Mayor Chegwidden read the Open Public Meeting Statement

Mayor Chegwidden requested Roll Call:

Council President Binkoski- Present  
Councilwoman Hayes- Present  
Councilman Norton- Present  
Councilwoman Vasquez- Present  
Councilwoman Wickenheisser- Present  
Councilman Yeager- Present

Also in attendance were Administrator Jon Rheinhardt, Borough Clerk Gabrielle Evangelista, and Attorney Roman Hirniak.

**Swearing in of Fire Department**

Mayor Chegwidden and Councilman Yeager administered the Oath of Office for Fire Chief, Brian Cronin and Fire Captain, Christopher Krasnick. Congratulations were offered by all in attendance.

**Presentation**

Maureen Idleman from Avidd Community Services & Bethel Ridge Corp. presented to the Mayor and Council about a grant application. They have applied to Morris County Community Development for a CDBG grant for a group home in Wharton. The application is considered to be "County-Wide" and therefore not counted to be against an application from the Borough of Wharton. There were no issues with the application and everyone thanked Ms. Idleman for the work her organization does.

**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 Binkoski presented R-31-20, "Resolution Extending Liquor License."

A motion was made by Council President Binkoski and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to approve R-31-20.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN-0</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>
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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 12/09/19, 12/30/19, and 1/6/20**

**Resolutions:**

- R-32-20: Appoint SEM Representatives**
- R-33-20: 2020 Fireworks**
- R-34-20: Public Auction**
- R-35-20: Tax Overpayments Applied**
- R-36-20: Shared Service QPA Rockaway Borough**
- R-37-20: Join Union County Co-Op Purchasing**
- R-38-20: Purchase Surveillance System**
- R-39-20: Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2016-011**
- R-40-20: Budget Transfers**

**Mayor's Appointment to Municipal Alliance Committee, Theresa Yeager, one-year Term to expire 12/31/20**

**Council President Binkoski made a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda which was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 (Councilman Norton and Councilwoman Vasquez voted yes to all items except for the approval of minutes from 2019 for which they abstained)**

**NAY-0 ABSENT-0**

**ABSTAIN- Councilman Norton and Councilwoman Vasquez voted yes to all items except for the approval of minutes from 2019 for which they abstained**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Correspondence**

None

**Council Reports**

**Council President Binkoski: He had an outgoing meeting with the Police Department and an ingoing meeting with the DPW. They brought him up to speed with everything that is happening there. One item he suggested to them was working on creating a social media presence. He attended the Town Holiday Party which was a nice event.**

**Councilwoman Hayes: No Report.**

**Councilman Norton: He attended the Library Board meeting in December. They have been struggling to have a quorum for the Board. The Director told them she would like to find new service contractors for the elevator and the HVAC because she is unhappy with the current ones. He met with the President of Wharton Area Little League, their Board is considering moving from Little League to join the Cal Ripken League. This requires a 50/70 field, which we do not currently have. They are looking to do so in 2021. Many of the other local teams have done this. More discussion about this followed. There will be a Rutgers Certification and CPR class for coaches scheduled in February.**

**Councilwoman Vasquez: She attended the Board of Health meeting. Mrs. Corbett was re-elected as President.**

**Councilwoman Wickenheisser: She recently received a question from someone about putting in a halfway house in town. She wasn't sure if we have anything in**

our ordinances or regulations about it. No one was sure, we will ask the Planner to find out.

**Councilman Yeager:** He met with the Fire Department, the Mayor, and Mr. Rheinhardt, about the Fire Department’s budget for this year. It was a good meeting. Their membership is up and they are looking to continue to expand their membership. He met with Chief Young about a few items as well.

**Mayor Chegwidden’s Report:** He attended the Fire Department Budget meeting. He attended the swearing in of Assemblyman Brian Bergan. He attended the Governor’s “State of the State” address. He attended the Town Holiday Party. He stopped in the Senior Building to check out the improvements that have been completed there. It looks very nice and it should be almost finished. He met with Mr. Hutchins this morning. During the winter, the DPW works on indoor projects, one of which was fixing up the inside of one of the pump houses. They did a great job with it. He attended the re-organization portion of the Planning Board meeting. They have a lot on their plate for this year.

He then asked to observe a moment of silence for Dr. Martin Luther King.

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As there was no one in the audience, Mayor Chegwidden asked for a motion to adjourn.

**Adjournment**

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

January 20, 2020

ATTEST:

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Gabrielle Evangelista,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

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WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,  
MAYOR