

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**FEBRUARY 3, 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 Battalion Chief Gene Caulfield. Congratulations were offered by all in attendance.

**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-01-20, “An Ordinance to Provide for General Capital Projects Enumerated within for the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris and to Provide for the Funding Thereof,” on first reading, by title only.

Mr. Rheinhardt advised that this Ordinance is for various general capital items and projects.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Hayes and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-01-20 on first reading.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN-0</b>
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<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>
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Mayor Chegwidden set the date of February 24, 2020 for second and final reading.

**Ordinance**

Councilman Norton introduced O-02-20, “An Ordinance to Provide for a General Capital Project Enumerated within for the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris and to Provide for the Funding Thereof,” on first reading, by title only.

Mr. Rheinhardt advised that this Ordinance is for the purchase of a new senior bus, which is half funded through a CDBG grant.

A motion was made by Councilman Norton and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-02-20 on first reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN-0	MOTION CARRIED
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Mayor Chegwiddden set the date of February 24, 2020 for second and final reading.

Ordinance

Council President Binkoski introduced O-03-20, “An Ordinance to Provide for a Water Utility Capital Project Enumerated within for the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris and to Provide for the Funding Thereof,” on first reading, by title only.

Mr. Rheinhardt advised that this Ordinance is for the East Dewey Water Main.

A motion was made by Council President Binkoski and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt O-03-20 on first reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN-0	MOTION CARRIED
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Ordinance

Councilwoman Hayes introduced O-04-20, “An Ordinance to Provide for a General Capital Project Enumerated within for the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris and to Provide for the Funding Thereof,” on first reading, by title only.

Mr. Rheinhardt advised that this Ordinance is for Saint Mary’s Street Project which is funded through a grant from the NJDOT.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Hayes and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-04-20 on first reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN-0	MOTION CARRIED
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Mayor Chegwiddden set the date of February 24, 2020 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.
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Approval of Minutes from 01/20/20
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Resolutions: R-41-20: Liquor License Renewal R-42-20: Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2016-006 R-43-20: Prof. Services Financial Consulting R-44-20: Prof. Services East Dewey Ave.
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R-45-20: Prof. Services SCADA System  
R-46-20: Approve Change Order #2 Wharton Library Bathroom Renovation  
R-47-20: Prof. Services- Oakhurst Lane Additional  
R-48-20: Prof. Services- 2019 Water Main Improvements Additional  
R-49-20: Prof. Services St. Mary's Street Improvements

Appoint Robert Westenberger, Fire Sub Code Official to fill the remainder of a term to expire 12/31/21

Approve Fire Department Application Tyler Muzzilo

Council President Binkoski made a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda which was seconded by Councilman Yeager.

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

MOTION CARRIED

### Correspondence

- Morris County Planning Board Minutes
- Monthly Report Treasurer, Construction, Clerk

### Council Reports

**Council President Binkoski:** He met with Mr. Hutchins. They are going to start using a new signage company that helps people who are getting rehabilitated from the prison system to re-enter society. The quality of signs is equal to or better than what we currently use and the price is better. They are in the State Co-Op so we can utilize them. He recently had a question from someone from another town about why sometimes half a road is dug up and repaved. He let them know that, that try to avoid that in Wharton. That can happen when either the town or the gas company work on their lines, usually the water and sewer mains are on half of the road and the gas lines are on the other half of the road. We try to coordinate with the gas company to do all of the work at the same time so that that doesn't happen here. It also helps to lower the cost since we're splitting the re-paving costs.

**Councilwoman Hayes:** The Wharton Kids First Foundation's Lotsa Pasta event is on February 21st

**Councilman Norton:** On 1/23 the Municipal Alliance held their first meeting of the year. It was very well attended. The programs that are planned for this year look very informative. We are starting to plan for this year's Summer Recreation program. Pete Cervona has been offered and accepted the Director position for another year. We will start the hiring process for the other positions soon. The Rutgers Coaching and CPR classes will be held on the last Friday and Saturday of the month.

**Councilwoman Vasquez:** She attended the Re-Organization meeting of the Library Board on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Mary Ryan is still the President and Deb Demattio is the Vice President.

**Councilwoman Wickenheisser:** No report.

**Councilman Yeager:** He met with Chief Young. They received 2 reports about speeding in town, 1 on Summit and 1 on Hance. They investigated both and found that on Summit there was speeding mainly overnight and are following up with that.

**Mayor Chegwiddden's Report:** He also attended the Municipal Alliance meeting. He would like to acknowledge the passing of Bill Fichter, who was a Councilman in the 1960s, 1970s and 1990s. He attended his wake and gave his family a Proclamation in honor of his service to Wharton. Mr. Fichter was an all-around good guy and he will

be missed. He recently had the opportunity to visit Centennial Court. The renovations there look great. He is happy to report that in 2 weeks Morris County will be starting the new Main Street extension. The anticipated completion date is October of this year.

Open to the Public

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public.

**John McCusker, 34 Ford:** Mr. McCusker had a question about what types of signs we will be using the new company for. Council President Binkoski advised that they make pretty much everything- street signs, no parking signs, stop signs, etc. We're not replacing any current ones, just that we'll use them as a new vendor as we need to order new ones.

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

Closed Session

Council President Binkoski introduced R-50-20 to close the meeting to the public for discussion on Contract Negotiations.

A motion was made by Council President Binkoski and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to approve R-50-20.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN-0	MOTION CARRIED
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A motion was made by Council President Binkoski and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to return to open session. This was approved via voice vote.

After returning to open session, Council President Binkoski made a motion to approve, as amended, R-51-20, "Resolution of the Borough of Wharton, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Designating a Redeveloper and Authorizing the Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement for the Property Commonly Known as Block 1317, Lots 1, 2, 3, and 9 (Inclusive of Former Lot 8) Through 12, Inclusive, on the Tax Map of the Borough," this motion was seconded by Councilman Yeager.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN-0	MOTION CARRIED
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Adjournment

A motion was made by Council President Binkoski and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to close this meeting.

February 3, 2020

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

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WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,  
MAYOR

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Gabrielle Evangelista,  
Borough Clerk