

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 24, 2020

Council President Binkoski Called the Meeting to Order

Council President Binkoski read the Open Public Meeting Statement

Council President Binkoski requested Roll Call:

Council President Binkoski
Councilwoman Hayes
Councilman Norton
Councilwoman Vasquez – Absent and Excused
Councilwoman Wickenheisser
Councilman Yeager

Flag Salute

Council President Binkoski 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”.

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Ordinance

Councilwoman Hayes presented 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 second reading, by title only.

Council President Binkoski opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on this Ordinance only.

No one wishing to be heard, Council President Binkoski closed the meeting to the public.

Motion by Councilwoman Hayes and seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-01-20 on second and final reading.

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| ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA:5 | NAY: 0 | ABSENT:1 | ABSTAIN: |
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Ordinance

Councilman Norton presented 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 second reading, by title only.

Council President Binkoski opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on this Ordinance only.

No one wishing to be heard, Council President Binkoski closed the meeting to the public.

Motion by Councilman Norton and seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-02-20 on second and final reading.

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| ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA:5 NAY: 0 ABSENT:1 ABSTAIN: |
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Ordinance

Councilman Yeager presented 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.

Council President Binkoski opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on this Ordinance only.

No one wishing to be heard, Council President Binkoski closed the meeting to the public.

Motion by Councilman Yeager and seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt O-03-20 on second and final reading.

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| ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA:5 NAY: 0 ABSENT:1 ABSTAIN: |
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Ordinance

Councilwoman Hayes presented 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 second reading, by title only.

Council President Binkoski opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on this Ordinance only.

No one wishing to be heard, Council President Binkoski closed the meeting to the public.

Motion by Councilwoman Hayes and seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-04-20 on second and final reading.

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| ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA:5 NAY: 0 ABSENT:1 ABSTAIN: |
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Ordinance

Councilwoman Wickenheisser introduced O-05-20, “An Ordinance of the Borough of Wharton, in the County of Morris, New Jersey Approving an Application for a Long-Term Tax Exemption and Authorizing the Execution of a Financial Agreement with Wharton CHA Urban Renewal, LLC,” on first reading, by title only.

Motion by Councilwoman Wickenheisser and seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-05-20 on first reading.

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| ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA:5 NAY: 0 ABSENT:1 ABSTAIN: |
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Council President Binkoski set the date of March 9, 2020 for second and final reading.

Resolution

Councilman Yeager presented R-52-20, “Resolution Authorizing the Permanent Appointment of Police Officers.”

Motion by Councilman Yeager and seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt R-52-20.

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| ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA:5 NAY: 0 ABSENT:1 ABSTAIN: |
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Discussion

- Recommended Ordinance Change from Planning Board was tabled until both parties of Quinolly LLC and Sussex Meat Packing were both notified.
- Resident Request to Purchase Borough Property was tabled until a deed restriction on the property is created.

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.

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| Approval of Bills: All bills referred to the finance committee to be paid if found correct. |
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| Approval of Minutes from 02/03/20 |
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| Resolutions: R-53-20: Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2016-009 R-54-20: Refund Tax Overpayment Block 2120 Lot 10 R-55-20: Award Bid Passenger Bus |
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| Motion by Councilman Norton seconded by Councilman Yeager to approve all items listed on the Consent Agenda. |
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| ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA:5 NAY:0 ABSENT:1 ABSTAIN: |
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Correspondence

- Monthly Report Treasurer

Council Reports

Council President Binkoski: Stated that he attended the budget meeting with Administrator Jon Rheinhardt. He advised the Council and the public that Mayor Chegwidden, Councilwoman Vasquez and Jon Rheinhardt were currently at the County applying for a grant for the Borough. He stated that they are always doing their best to make improvements to the Borough.

Councilwoman Hayes: Stated that on February 12th she met with Administrator Rheinhardt regarding the 2020 budget. On February 19th she attended the CDRS luncheon at the library. She also attended the League of Municipalities dinner that same evening. On February 21st she attended the Lotsa Pasta dinner and on February 23rd she attended the Finance Committee meeting.

Councilman Norton: Stated that he attended the CDRS luncheon at the library and the League of Municipalities dinner that evening. He attended the Lotsa Pasta dinner at school. He spoke with the Council members about the use of outside agencies using the soccer and little league fields. Due to the renovations on both fields, the Council will not accept applications this year for outside agencies and will revisit this next year. He stated that Municipal Alliance has a quote from Premiere Outdoor Movies to rent an inflatable screen for a March 5th event. The Council voted in favor of the contract being signed. Yea: 5 Nay: 0

Councilwoman Vasquez: Absent and Excused

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: Stated she attended the CDRS luncheon at the library and the League of Municipalities dinner that evening. She also attended the February 11th Planning Board meeting.

Councilman Yeager: Stated he attended the League of Municipalities dinner. He also attended the Lotsa Pasta dinner at school. He advised the Council that the Wharton Fire Department had 11 call outs in January.

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Adjournment

Motion by Councilman Yeager and seconded by Councilman Norton to close this meeting.

February 24, 2020

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

**VINCENT BINKOSKI,
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**Robin Ghebreal,
Deputy Borough Clerk**