

**REGULAR MEETING- HELD VIRTUALLY**  
**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**APRIL 6, 2020**

Mayor Chegwiddden Called the Meeting to Order

Mayor Chegwiddden read the Open Public Meeting Statement

Mayor Chegwiddden 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, Attorney Roman Hirniak, and Attorney Leah Sandback.

**Flag Salute**

Mayor Chegwiddden to lead those in attendance with the salute to the American Flag.

Mayor Chegwiddden advised that the Borough has been sharing resources and information for business owners, employees, and residents on our website and social media accounts. We want to support them all as much as we can. We have also been sharing information through letters from the Mayor and Council. Town Hall is continuing to serve residents, you can find a packet on our website of how you can still get things done without coming into Town Hall. Garbage, recycling, and yard waste pick up are still functioning normally. We've sent paper packets of services to the Senior Building and have been mailing them to anyone else who requests it. We set up a volunteer program for people to shop for seniors who cannot or should not go out, which has been working very well. He thanks everyone who has volunteered for that. We've sent a hard copy of the Mayor's newsletter with important phone numbers for various resources for those who may not have internet access. The Health Department has been interviewing everyone who has tested positive and are following up on their cases. They are reaching out to anyone the person who tested positive may have had close contact with. We're utilizing different networks including the New Jersey League of Municipalities, New Jersey Conference of Mayors, the Governor's Office, and Morris County to help keep us up to date. He thanks St. Mary's food pantry for setting up 2 weeks worth of food for people as well as the County of Morris Meals on Wheels, and the Borough Schools for providing kids with breakfasts and lunches. The County Health Department, along with other departments has set up a testing center at County College of Morris, which takes a burden off of our hospitals so he thanks them for that. The County Health Department is now the one keeping track of the number of cases per town within Morris County. You can find that information updated every weekday on their website. Today in Wharton we have 6 new cases, giving us a total of 63 cases.

**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 Chegwiddden opened the meeting to the public. If you wish to be heard, please click the "Raise Hand" button, and we will be notified of your request to talk.

Mayor Chegwidden will recognize you, and your microphone will be un-muted to allow you to speak. Once you have completed speaking your mic will be re-muted.

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

Ordinance

Councilwoman Hayes presented O-06-20, “An Ordinance Fixing the Salary of Certain Officers and Employees of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey,” on second reading, by title only.

Councilwoman Hayes advised that we pass this ordinance with the salary ranges every year.

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

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Hayes and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-06-20 on second and final reading.

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

Councilwoman Wickenheisser introduced O-07-20, “An Ordinance Adopting an Amended Redevelopment Plan for Block 1317, Lots 1-23 in the Borough of Wharton,” on first reading, by title only.

Councilwoman Wickenheisser advised that this is a part of the Redevelopment Plan for Main Street which had been discussed at the previous 2 meetings.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wickenheisser and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt O-07-20 on first reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN-0	MOTION CARRIED
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Mayor Chegwidden set the date of April 20, 2020 for second and final reading.

Ordinance

Council President Binkoski introduced O-08-20, “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 advised that this is for water system improvements.

A motion was made by Council President Binkoski and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt O-08-20 on first reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN-0	MOTION CARRIED
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Mayor Chegwidden set the date of April 20, 2020 for second and final reading.

**Resolution**

Councilman Norton introduced R-59-20, “Resolution of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, New Jersey Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Agreements Subordinating the Borough’s Revisionary Interest in Centennial Court to the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency and Prudential Affordable Mortgage Company, LLC.”

Councilman Norton advised that this is just reaffirming the existing relationship for Centennial Court.

A motion was made by Councilman Norton and was seconded by Councilwoman Wickenheisser to adopt R-59-20.

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

**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.**

**Resolutions: R-60-20: Sell Washington Borough Vehicle  
R-61-20: Temporary Budget Amendment  
R-62-20: Prof. Services- CHA Well #3 Improvements  
R-63-20: Prof. Services- CHA MCMUA Interconnection Piping  
R-64-20: Update Borough Policy and Procedure Manual  
R-65-20: Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2019-003**

**Approve Recreation Application Wharton Babe Ruth for when fields re-open**

**Prior to making the motion, Council President Binkoski advised that our DPW has been working with Washington because they are switching back to collecting their own garbage. We are able to sell them a truck we no longer need that they are in need of. It’s a good example of towns working together.**

**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 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**Correspondence**

- Notice of Ordinances from Mine Hill and Randolph
- Monthly Report Clerk, Construction and Treasurer

**Council Reports**

**Council President Binkoski: He is happy that we are able to continue having meetings virtually and maintain social distancing while still getting things done. He has attended some Finance Committee meetings. He has spoken with Mr. Hutchins about the DPW. They are currently working on split shifts to help with their social distancing. They are still doing normal collections, but he asks that people be cognizant of that especially since a lot of people are cleaning up and putting out a lot more trash than normal. They are doing a great job.**

**Councilwoman Hayes:** No report. Stay safe everyone.

**Councilman Norton:** No report.

**Councilwoman Vasquez:** She is happy to see everyone and that everyone is healthy and can still work together to help the community.

**Councilwoman Wickenheisser:** Thank you to the Police Department, DPW, Fire Department, all of the nurses and doctors, and everyone else on the front lines. Thank you to the Mayor for everything that he has been doing. Thank you to all of the volunteers, the community has been coming together to help those that need help. It's nice to see everyone that is supporting our local businesses still. Stay safe and be well everyone.

**Councilman Yeager:** The First Department has closed their building to anything but fire calls. The Police Department has taken precautions to keep the officers safe and he thanks them all for their efforts.

**Mayor Chegwidden's Report:** He echoes everyone's sentiments and thanks. He thanks the Governor and the State for everything they are doing to keep people safe.

**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.

Mayor Chegwidden read the President's advice on "30 Days to Slow the Spread." He hopes everyone stays safe.

**Adjournment**

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

April 6, 2020

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

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WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,  
MAYOR

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Gabrielle Evangelista,  
Borough Clerk