

REGULAR MEETING- HELD VIRTUALLY
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MAY 4, 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.

Flag Salute

Mayor Chegwidden led those in attendance with the salute to the American Flag.

Mayor Chegwidden advised that he would like to thank all of our essential workers for everything they are doing during the difficult time, especially our Police Department, DPW, and Fire Department. As of today, we have 147 total cases in Wharton, 56 recoveries, and 4 deaths. He would like to take a moment of silence for those residents who have passed.

Following the moment of silence-

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. 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.

Resolution

Council President Binkoski introduced R-70-20, “Resolution of the Borough of Wharton, in the County of Morris, New Jersey Making Application to the Local Finance Board Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 12A-67(g) and N.J.S.A. 40A:12-A-29(a)(3).”

A motion was made by Council President Binkoski and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt R-70-20.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution

Councilwoman Hayes introduced R-71-20, “Resolution Authorizing the Borough of Wharton’s Tax Collector to Prepare and Mail Estimated Tax Bills in Accordance with P.L. 1994, C.72.”

A motion was made by Councilwoman Hayes and was seconded by Councilman Norton to adopt R-71-20.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution

Councilwoman Wickenheisser introduced R-72-20, “Resolution of the Borough of Wharton, in the County of Morris, New Jersey Authorizing the Execution of Various Agreements in Connections with the North Main Street Redevelopment Project.”

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wickenheisser and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt R-72-20.

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.

Approve Minutes from 3/9/20, 4/6/20, and 4/20/20

- Resolutions:**
- R-73-20: 2019 Audit**
 - R-74-20: Tax Sale Premium**
 - R-75-20: Safe and Secure Grant Application**
 - R-76-20: Award Well #3 Valve Chamber Improvements**
 - R-77-20: Award Well #3 Main Line Valve Installation**

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

- **Monthly Report Clerk and Construction**
- **Notice of Resolution from Montville Township.**

Council Reports

Council President Binkoski: He echoes the Mayor's thanks of all of the essential workers. He thanks them for a job well done and appreciates their efforts in trying to keep things as normal as we can.

Councilwoman Hayes: She also echoes the Mayor's thanks of all of the essential workers.

Councilman Norton: He also echoes the Mayor's thanks of all of the essential workers.

Councilwoman Vasquez: No report.

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: She also echoes the Mayor's thanks of all of the essential workers. Also thank you to Taylor Clawson for the beautiful notes that she had left on her and others doorsteps.

Councilman Yeager: No report.

Mayor Chegwidden's Report: Governor Murphy announced that schools are going to continue to be virtual for the remainder of the school year. Please do not dispose of PPE items such as masks and gloves in recycling. They are trash and should be placed in trash bags due to potential contamination. The Primary Election has been moved to July 7, 2020. We are uncertain about Memorial Day, but will keep people updated as we know more. Perhaps we will move the ceremonies to July 4th instead. We are also looking at moving the dates of the carnival to later in the summer and again will let everyone know as we know more. There is going to be a soft start for our re-opening.

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

May 4, 2020

ATTEST:

Gabrielle Evangelista,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR