

**REGULAR MEETING- HELD VIRTUALLY**  
**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**JUNE 22, 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.

**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.

**Ordinance**

Council President Binkoski presented O-11-20, "An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)," on second reading, by title only.

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 Council President Binkoski and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt O-11-20 on second and final reading.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN-0</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>
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**Discussion**

- For discussion and possible action:
  - Update to alcoholic beverages ordinance: Mr. Hirniak advised that he spoke with Chief Young and Ms. Evangelista about updating the ordinance to allow for those with outdoor dining permits and are BYOB restaurants to have the consumption of alcohol in accordance with the BYOB laws in their outdoor dining areas. Council President Binkoski thinks this is a good idea to give direction for our officers and the restaurant owners. Councilwoman Hayes likes that it gives clarity. Mayor Chegwidden thinks it helps our businesses.

Council President Binkoski made a motion to approve O-12-20 on first reading, which was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN-0</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>
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Ms. Evangelista advised that the second reading for this ordinance will be at the July 13, 2020 meeting.

**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.

<b>Approval of Bills: All bills referred to the finance committee to be paid if found correct.</b>
<b>Approve Minutes from 6/8/20</b>
<b>Resolutions: R-88-20: Budget Self-Exam</b>

R-89-20: Approve Grant Application Lafayette St.  
R-90-20: Increase Bid Threshold  
R-91-20: Amend R-38-20  
R-92-20: Water Connection Rate  
R-93-20: Sewer Connection Rate

Approve Recreation Application Wharton Area Little League

Approve Recreation Application Tyler Daniel Basketball

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence

- Monthly Report Treasurer

Council Reports

Council President Binkoski: The warm weather has given the DPW the opportunity to complete a lot of projects around town to beautify things.

Councilwoman Hayes: No report.

Councilman Norton: No report.

Councilwoman Vasquez: The Board of Health met on June 11<sup>th</sup> and received updates from our Health Officer. We are starting to see less infections, which is a good sign. The Library Board met on June 16<sup>th</sup>. The Library Director has resigned as of June 15<sup>th</sup>. Before we hire a new one, we want to have a discussion with the public about what they are looking for from the Library so we can carry out their vision with the new Director. The Virtual Summer Reading Program will begin on June 29<sup>th</sup> and they will have free to-go lunches for kids at the Library from July 6<sup>th</sup>-August 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:30-1 p.m.

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: Thank you to the Police Department for their food drive and to all of the people who donated to the drive.

Councilman Yeager: No report.

Mayor Chegwidden's Report: Thank you to the Police Department for the food drive. Similar to what we did with our Main Street Committee, we would like to do the same thing and request public input about our Library going forward. He will be

appointing a few people to that committee soon and they will work on bringing the public in. He received a letter from the State about the Rt. 80 and Rt. 15 interchange project. The packet he received was anywhere from 300-500 pages and asked us to provide them with any comments with 30 days. If any of the Council wants to review it, we can send them the link. The project is moving forward and will help alleviate some traffic in town since you won't have to cut through anymore. He received a letter from a resident, Zachary Orr, who asked if we would put a Pride Flag up in town during Pride Month. Mayor Chegwidden thought that the Council would likely be in favor of it and we have a flag pole near Maria's Pizza that can be used. He asked if anyone has any comments and no one had any so he will let him know that it is okay. Mr. Orr recently received an award from the Police Department and he thinks that this will be a nice thing.

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 Norton and was seconded by Councilwoman Wickenheisser to close this meeting.

June 22, 2020

ATTEST:

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Gabrielle Evangelista,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

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WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,  
MAYOR