

MINUTES
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
DECEMBER 7, 2020

Mayor Chegwidden Called the Meeting to Order

Mayor Chegwidden read the Open Public Meeting Statement

Mayor Chegwidden requested Roll Call:

Council President Binkoski
Councilwoman Hayes
Councilman Norton
Councilwoman Vasquez
Councilwoman Wickenheisser
Councilman Yeager

Flag Salute

Mayor Chegwidden lead 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.

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Ordinance

Councilwoman Hayes introduced O-18-20, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 330 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey,” on first reading, by title only.

Motion by Councilwoman Hayes and seconded by Councilman Norton to adopt O-18-20.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	YEA 6	NAY 0	ABSENT 0
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Mayor Chegwidden set the date of December 28th, 2020 for second and final reading.

Ordinance

Council President Binkoski introduced O-19-20, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 247 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey,” on first reading, by title only.

Motion by Council President Binkoski and seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-19-20.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	YEA 6	NAY 0	ABSENT 0
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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 11/9/20

**Resolutions: R-127-20 (Revised) Person to Person Transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License
R-135-20: Authorize Participation in the HGAC Co-Operative Purchasing Program
R-136-20: Authorize Purchase of Vehicle through the HGAC
R-137-20: Public Auction
R-138-20: Transfer of Funds
R-139-20: Interlocal Service Agreement with Mt. Arlington
R-140-20: North Jersey Municipal Benefits Funds Renewal**

Motion by Council President Binkoski and seconded by Councilman Yeager to approve all items listed on the Consent Agenda.

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

Correspondence

- Letter from LAN Associates
- Award letter from the New Jersey Department of Transportation
- Statement of Determination for Sandy Hayes and Vince Binkoski

Council Reports

Council President Binkoski: Stated he had attended the Department of Public Works negotiations meeting. He attended the Library Committee meeting which was very productive.

Councilwoman Hayes: Stated that she attended the Department of Public Works negotiations meeting. She stated how nice the town looks with the holiday decorations. She congratulated Gabby and her family on their new baby.

Councilman Norton: Stated that the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on Sunday, December 13th at 6:00 pm in Memorial Park.

Councilwoman Vasquez: Stated that she attended the Library Committee meeting. There were 61 people who responded to the library surveys. She stated she tried to stop into the Annual Free Rabies Vaccine Clinic but there was no parking. Councilman Norton stated that he did attend the clinic and there were too many out-of-town people at the event that caused much more traffic and people attending. Mayor Chegwiddden stated that we will try and hold the clinic on a Saturday next year.

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: Stated that the town looked great with the holiday decorations and thanked the DPW for putting them up. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy holiday.

Councilman Yeager: Stated he had met with Chief Young and discussed some new ideas for signage outside the Police Department to make it easier for the public.

Mayor Chegwidden's Report: *Stated that he and Jon Rheinhardt, Administrator, received information from Morris County regarding free COVID tests for residents. Morris County residents will be offered 2 free tests per month. Residents will need to show ID to go to be tested or receive at home tests. He stated he walked the new road and adjoining property and there is a lot of overgrown bushes and trees that need to be removed. He stated that we need to have the rabies clinic next year on a Saturday again and for a longer period of time to accommodate everyone attending. He stated that he and Councilwoman Vasquez attended the NJLM dinner in Long Hill Twp. He attended the Veteran's Day Eve ceremony at the American Legion and the Eagle Scout project presentations. The Eagle Scout project was great and when we resume in person meeting's he will invite Eagle Scout Gonazalez to attend a Mayor & Council meeting to be presented with a proclamation. He stated that he was sworn in as Vice President of the New Jersey League of Municipalities and it was an honor to hold that station. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday.*

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Scott Hutchins, Director of DPW, stated that we could find out the costs of buying rabies vaccines and not getting them through Morris County and then we could hold the Annual Free Rabies Clinic for Wharton residents only.

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Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilwoman Hayes and seconded by Councilman Yeager to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.