

MINUTES
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
JANUARY 18, 2021

Mayor Chegwidden called the meeting to order read the Open Public Meeting Statement as follows:

Roll Call

Mayor Chegwidden requested Roll Call:

Council President Nicole Wickenheisser
Councilman Vincent Binkoski
Councilwoman Sandra Hayes
Councilman Robert Norton
Councilwoman Paola Vasquez
Councilman Thomas Yeager

Flag Salute

Mayor Chegwidden lead those present in 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 via Zoom.

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Ordinance

Councilwoman Hayes introduced O-01-21, “An Ordinance to Provide for a General Capital Project Enumerated within for of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey,” on first reading, by title only.

Motion by Councilwoman Hayes seconded by Councilman Binkoski to adopt O-01-21 on first reading.

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

Mayor Chegwidden set the date of February 8th, 2021 for second and final reading.

Ordinance

Council President Wickenheisser introduced O-02-21, “An Ordinance to Provide for a General Capital Project Enumerated within for of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey,” on first reading, by title only.

Motion by Council President Wickenheisser and seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-02-21 on first reading.

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

Mayor Chegwidden set the date of February 8th, 2021 for second and final reading.

Ordinance

Councilwoman Hayes introduced O-03-21, “An Ordinance Fixing the Salary of Certain Officers and Employees 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 Binkoski to adopt O-03-21 on first reading.

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

Mayor Chegwidden set the date of February 8th, 2021 for second and final reading.

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.

- Resolutions: R-034-21: Tax Lien Redemption
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- R-036-21: Fireworks Contract
- R-037-21: Appointment of Judge, Public Defender and Prosecutor
- R-038-21 Provisions of Affordable Housing
- R-039-21: Unexpended General capital Improvement
- R-040-21: Tax Lien Redemption

- Minutes from 12/28/20 Meeting
- Minutes from 1/4/21 Meeting

A motion was made by Council President Wickenheisser and seconded by Councilman Yeager to move the items on the Consent Agenda.

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

Discussion and Possible Action:

0-04-21 - Stormwater Ordinance - Attorney Hirniak discussed with the Council the requirements by the DEP to pass this Ordinance. He deferred to Planner Caldwell and Engineer Borinski to discuss with Mayor and Council. Planner Caldwell discussed the requirements by the DEP that have been addressed in this Ordinance. Engineer Borinski explained the updated amendments to this Ordinance to comply with the DEP.

A motion was made by Councilman Yeager and seconded by Council President Wickenheisser to adopt O-04-21 on first reading.

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

Mayor Chegwidden set the sate of February 22nd, 2021 for a second and final reading.

Correspondence:

Letter from Morris County re: Solid Waste Management Plan

Council Remarks:

Councilman Binkoski: Stated that DPW was doing a great job around town with various projects.

Councilwoman Hayes: Stated that the Finance Committee had met and are very close to finishing the budgets.

Councilman Norton: No report.

Councilwoman Vasquez: Congratulated Councilwoman Hayes and Councilman Binkoski on their newly elected positions. She notified the Mayor and Council that the Library will be meeting on January 19th, 2021.

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: Notified the Mayor and Council that the Planning Board would be meeting on January 19th, 2021.

Councilman Yeager: No report.

Mayor Chegwidde's Remarks: Stated that he would add to his February newsletter to the residents a suggestion poll for where the town clock should be relocated. He also stated that he would add COVID vaccination station information to the newsletter. He stated that he was on a call with the Colonel from the New Jersey State Police. The Colonel notified the Mayors on the call that there is no credible threat in New Jersey right now. He suggested to the Council that we hold a Spring Job Fair as there are many companies looking to hire and many residents who are currently unemployed. He spoke with the Council about the letter he sent to the sending district Mayors and Morris Hills Regional School Board asking them to reduce or maintain last year's budgets so there would be no significant impact on the residents with tax increases. He thanked the Finance Committee for working so hard on our budget. He welcomed Father Lem to St. Mary's Church. He noted the demolition on Main Street for the new project to be coming in the spring. He also notified the Council that a letter had been sent to the owner of the green building on the corner of Main Street and Fern to resume the repairs on that building.

Public Portion

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Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Norton and seconded by Councilwoman Hayes.

All in favor.