

MINUTES
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 22, 2021

Mayor Chegwidden called the meeting to order and 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

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public.

The Wharton Girl Scout Troop presented an idea to put some upgrades into the dog park on W. Dewey Ave. The Troop will be at the March 8th meeting to go over their plans.

Mayor Chegwidden closed the meeting to the public.

Administrator Jon Rheinhardt went over with the Mayor and Council the plans for the new parking project here at 10 Robert Street.

Ordinance

Councilman Binkoski introduced O-04-21, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 267, Article I, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, on second reading, by title only.

Motion by Councilman Binkoski and seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-04-21 on second and final reading.

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

Resolutions:

R-053-21: Tax Overpayment Block 1802 Lot 49
R-054-21: 2021 Salary Resolution

R-055-21: Police Vehicle Purchase

Wharton Area Little League Recreation Application

Minutes for the February 8th, 2021 Meeting

Motion 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:0

Correspondence

None

Council Remarks

Councilman Binkoski: Asked the Mayor and Council when in person meetings will resume. The Mayor and Council decided to have meetings in person going forward. Tables will be spaced apart and masks will be worn.

Councilwoman Hayes: Stated she attended the Municipal Alliance Sleigh Riding night. She said everyone had a great time and there was a good turnout. She asked that everyone wear masks at all in person meetings.

Councilman Norton: Stated he attended the Sleigh Riding night and there was a great turn out. He stated the Borough will be holding a Spring Job Fair on April 21st. There are over 25 companies attending so far.

Councilwoman Vasquez: Stated she attended the Sleigh Riding night with her children. Everyone had a fun night. She stated that the Library Board of Trustees meets next week and they are looking into doing some community projects.

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: She thanked the Department of Public Works, the Police Department and the Fire Department for all their hard work.

Councilman Yeager: No Report

Mayor Chegwidde's Remarks: Stated that he attended the Sleigh Riding night. There was a good turnout and it was fun to see the kids out enjoying the night. He stated that this is the ninth year the Borough is holding the Job Fair. The idea started back when the unemployment rate was high in the Borough and since then the Job Fair gets bigger every year. He stated that the new Senior Tax Freeze information will be in his April Newsletter so seniors can take advantage of that. He stated that the Cannabis Law was signed today by the Governor. There will be a future Borough Ordinance presented forbidding the sale of cannabis in town. He asked Planner Caldwell, Attorney Hirniak and Chief Young to all help prepare that Ordinance. He thanked the Department of Public Works for their great job cleaning up the town after every snow storm. He thanked the employees in Town Hall for keeping everything open and running through the pandemic.

Public Portion

Mayor Chegwidde opened the meeting to the public.

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Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Binkoski and seconded by Councilman Norton.