

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
APRIL 5, 2021

Council President Wickenheisser called the Meeting to Order

Council President Wickenheisser read the Open Public Meeting Statement

Council President Wickenheisser requested Roll Call:

Council President Wickenheisser- Present
Council Binkoski- Present
Councilwoman Hayes- Absent, Excused
Councilman Norton- Present
Councilwoman Vasquez- Present
Councilman Yeager- Present

Also in attendance were Administrator Jon Rheinhardt, Borough Clerk Gabrielle Evangelista and Attorney Roman Hirniak.

Flag Salute

Council President Wickenheisser 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”.

Council President Wickenheisser opened the meeting to the public.

Representatives from Jr. Knights Wrestling were in attendance to share their plans with the Council about the wrestling program becoming a separate entity. They have had a lot of enrollments and have parents who are willing to volunteer from Rockaway Township but they currently aren’t able to. If they separate from the other Jr. Knights sports, they are able to have those parents volunteer. They are not looking to make any other changes and it should be a simple process. They will become their own 501 3c. Councilman Binkoski had a question about insurance for the new entity. They will have their own policy and will most likely use the same company that they already are using. No one on the Council had any issues with the plan. Council President Wickenheisser made a motion that the Council approves the change being made, which was seconded by Councilman Binkoski.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-5 NAY-0 ABSENT-1 ABSTAIN-0

MOTION CARRIED

No one else wishing to be heard, Council President Wickenheisser closed the meeting to the public.

Ordinance

Councilman Yeager presented O-06-21, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 40, Article I, Section 7C of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey,” on second reading, by title only.

Council President Wickenheisser opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on this Ordinance only.

No one wishing to be heard, Council President Wickenheisser closed the meeting to the public.

A motion was made by Councilman Yeager and was seconded by Councilman Binkoski to adopt O-06-21 on second and final reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-5 NAY-0 ABSENT-1 ABSTAIN-0

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance

Councilman Binkoski introduced O-07-21, “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.

Council President Wickenheisser opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on this Ordinance only.

No one wishing to be heard, Council President Wickenheisser closed the meeting to the public.

Mr. Rheinhardt advised that the title of this Ordinance is kind of misleading. We pass this every year as an insurance policy in case of an emergency need.

A motion was made by Councilman Binkoski and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-07-21 on second and final reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-5 NAY-0 ABSENT-1 ABSTAIN-0

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance

Councilman Norton introduced O-08-21, “An Ordinance to Provide for General Capital Projects Enumerated Within for the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, and to Provide for the Funding Thereof,” on first reading, by title only.

A motion was made by Councilman Norton and was seconded by Councilman Binkoski to adopt O-08-21 on first reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-5 NAY-0 ABSENT-1 ABSTAIN-0	MOTION CARRIED
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Council President Wickenheisser set the date of April 19, 2021 for second and final reading.

Ordinance

Councilwoman Vasquez introduced O-09-21, “An Ordinance to Provide for General Capital Projects Enumerated Within for the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, and to Provide for the Funding Thereof,” on first reading, by title only.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Vazquez and was seconded by Councilman Binkoski to adopt O-09-21 on first reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-5 NAY-0 ABSENT-1 ABSTAIN-0	MOTION CARRIED
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Council President Wickenheisser set the date of April 19, 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.

Approval of Bills: Approve all bills referred to the Finance Committee.
Approval of Minutes: Approve Minutes from 3/22/21 Meeting
Resolutions: R-68-21: Purchase Police Body Worn Cameras R-69-21: Purchase Police Vehicle

Appoint Gregory Chontow, Electrical Inspector, to the fill the remainder of an unexpired term to expire 12/31/22

Approve Recreation Applications: Arnaldo Ortiz and Melissa Kaban for Community Yoga and Jr. Knights

A motion was made by Councilman Binkoski and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to approve all items listed on the Consent Agenda.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA: 5 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 1 ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence

- **Morris County Planning Board Minutes**

Council Reports

Council President Wickenheisser: She expressed her condolences to Councilwoman Hayes on the loss of her mother.

Councilman Binkoski: He met with the DPW Director and the Department is in a good place. They have some projects coming up and are in good shape with equipment. The contract negotiations finished and the new contract was approved at the last meeting.

Councilwoman Hayes: Absent, excused.

Councilman Norton: He shared his condolences to Councilwoman Hayes on the loss of her mother. On April 21st is the outdoor Job Fair. As of today, there are 50 companies attending that are looking for employees.

Councilwoman Vasquez: They are working on opening the library. It will hopefully be next week.

Councilman Yeager: He met with the Police Chief about body worn cameras, as they are now required by the State. The purchase of the cameras was approved earlier on the agenda. They have started working on the updates to the parks ordinance that were discussed at the last meeting.

Open to the Public

Council President Wickenheisser opened the meeting to the public.

No one wishing to be heard, Council President Wickenheisser closed the meeting to the public.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman Binkoski and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to close the meeting. This motion was approved by voice vote.

April 5, 2021

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

**WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR**

**Gabrielle Evangelista,
Borough Clerk**