

MINUTES
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MAY 24, 2021

Mayor Chegwidden Called the Meeting to Order.

Mayor Chegwidden read the Open Public Meeting Statement.

Mayor Chegwidden requested Roll Call:

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

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Ordinance

Council President Wickenheisser introduced O-12-21, “An Ordinance by the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, New Jersey, to Amend Chapter 165, “Land Use and Development,” Section 165-90, “General Provisions,” Subsection 165-90A, “Prohibited Uses” of the Borough Municipal Code, to Prohibit the Operation of Any Class of Cannabis Businesses within the Borough’s Geographical Boundaries,” on first reading, by title only.

Motion by Council President Wickenheisser and seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-12-21 on first reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA:6	NAY: 0	ABSENT:0	ABSTAIN:0
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Mayor Chegwidden set the date of June 28, 2021 for second and final reading.

- Councilman Binkoski stated that the State of New Jersey did not do a good job implementing this bill into municipalities or offering any guidance.
- Councilwoman Hayes thanked Attorney Hirniak and Chief Dave Young for their input and initiative on this Ordinance.

Ordinance

Councilman Yeager introduced O-13-21, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 315 Section 7B 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 Councilman Yeager and seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt O-13-21 on first reading.

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

Mayor Chegwiddden set the date of June 14, 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.

<p>Approval of Bills: Approve all bills referred to the Finance Committee.</p> <p>Approval of Minutes: Approve Minutes from 5/3/21 Meeting</p> <p>Resolutions: R-82-21: Authorize Grant Application- Improvements to Robert St. R-83-21: 2020 Audit R-84-21: Tax Sale Redemption TSC # 2020-015 R-85-21: Public Auction R-86-21: Prof. Services- Municipal/Library Parking Lot- Phase 2 R-87-21: Award Bid Improvements to Municipal Building and Library Parking Lot R-88-21: Approve Local Recreation Improvement Grant Application</p> <p>Appoint John Webber as Deputy Fire Official for the remainder of a one-year term to expire 12/31/21.</p> <p>Approve Recreation Facility Application-Tyler Daniel Basketball</p> <p>Approve Recreation Facility Application- Wharton Soccer Club</p> <p>Motion by Council President Wickenheisser and seconded by Councilman Yeager to approve all items listed on the Consent Agenda.</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA:6 NAY: 0 ABSENT:0 ABSTAIN:0</p>
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Correspondence

- Notice of Ordinances Roxbury
- Notice of Ordinance Rockaway
- Monthly Report Construction

Council Reports

Council President Wickenheisser: No Report

Councilman Binkoski: Stated that he met with the negotiations committee for the Police Department union contract. He stated he spoke with Administrator Rheinhardt regarding best practices for the residents to contact Department of Public Works with their issues. He thanked Chief Young for all his work on Chegwiddden Way.

Councilwoman Hayes: No Report

Councilman Norton: Stated that a grant was submitted to the Department of Community Affairs for recreation improvements at Robert Street Park. He asked the Council to use money from the Babe Ruth budget, which has not been used in three years, to cover the cost of a tent for summer camp.

A motion was made by Councilman Norton and Seconded by Councilman Binkoski. All in favor: 6

Councilwoman Vasquez: Stated the Library added one day a week that they are open later. She stated the Library extended their hours for the month of June and are now open on Saturdays.

Councilman Yeager: No Report

Mayor Chegwiddden's Report: Stated that he has been out campaigning and residents are telling him how happy they are with the new Chegwiddden Way. It is helping with traffic flow. He thanked the County for following through and finishing the road. Chief Young mentioned that Chegwiddden way is now on GPS direction apps. Mayor Chegwiddden stated that there are garbage issues at Sterling Street Park. He went to the park and spoke with the children who were playing there. He said he told the children that if they do not keep the basketball courts and park clean, he will take down the basketball nets. He stated the children were respectful and cleaned up the garbage. He stated that the 10 Main Street project is moving quickly. He stated that the Memorial Day Parade and Services would be on Monday, May 31st.

- Chief Young stated that there are complaints from residents around the school area of speeding and failure to stop at stop signs. The Police Department is looking into the issues on Lafayette, E. Central, Baker, Sterling and Columbia streets.

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Adjournment

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

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ATTEST:

Robin Ghebreal,
Deputy Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR