

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 8, 2021

Mayor Chegwidden called the Meeting to Order

Mayor Chegwidden read the Open Public Meeting Statement

Mayor Chegwidden requested Roll Call:

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

Also in attendance were Administrator Joseph Kovalcik Jr., Borough Clerk Gabrielle Evangelista, and Attorney Roman Hirniak.

Flag Salute

Mayor Chegwidden led those in attendance with the salute to the American Flag.

Open to the Public

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public.

No one else wishing to be heard, Mayor Chegwidden closed the meeting to the public.

Discussion

- Meeting Dates for 2022- Ms. Evangelista outlined the potential meeting dates for next year. It is a difficult one to schedule because of all the holidays that fall on Mondays. Everyone agreed on the following dates.

- Feb. 7
- Feb. 28
- March 14
- March 28
- April 11
- April 25
- May 9
- May 23
- June 13
- June 27
- July 18
- August 15
- Sept. 12
- Sept. 26
- Oct. 3
- Oct. 24
- Nov. 14
- Nov. 28
- Dec. 5
- Dec. 19
- Jan. 3, 2023 Tuesday
- Jan. 23, 2023

Councilwoman Hayes asked if it would be possible to move the 2022 re-organization meeting to January 4th instead of January 3rd as that is the date the New Year Holiday is being observed in many offices. Everyone agree that is ok and the change will be advertised.

Consent Agenda

The following items are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Mayor and Council and are approved by one motion. There is no separate discussion of these items unless a council member or citizen so requests, in which case, the item is 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: 10/25/21

**Resolutions: R-139-21: Approve Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2020-012
R-140-21: Accept FY2022 Municipal Alliance Grant
R-141-21: Budget Transfers**

A motion was made by Council President Wickenheisser, which was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to approve all of the items on the Consent Agenda.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence

- Notice of Grant Award- Robert St.
- Monthly Reports Clerk and Construction
- Notice of Ordinance Roxbury
- Morris County Planning Board Minutes

Council Reports

Council President Wickenheisser: She thanks everyone for their support during the election and congratulates Councilman Yeager on his victory. In honor of Veteran’s Day coming up this week, she thanks all veterans for their service including Councilman Binkoski.

Councilman Binkoski: He attended a negotiations meeting with the FOP. Congratulations to Council President Wickenheisser and Councilman Yeager on their election victory.

Councilwoman Hayes: Congratulations to Council President Wickenheisser and Councilman Yeager on their election victory. Negotiations with the FOP are ongoing.

Councilman Norton: Congratulations to Council President Wickenheisser and Councilman Yeager on their election victory. The American Legion is having their annual Veteran's Eve ceremony and parade on 11/10. The ceremony starts at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion and the parade immediately follows.

Councilwoman Vasquez: Congratulations to Council President Wickenheisser and Councilman Yeager on their election victory. They were unable to find a vet that was available on a Saturday so the Rabies Clinic will be on Thursday, December 9th.

Councilman Yeager: He thanks the voters for their support.

Mayor Chegwidden's Report: Congratulations to Council President Wickenheisser and Councilman Yeager on their election victory. It's nice that people recognize that this Council works hard and does what is right. Veteran's Day is this week and he thanks all veterans for their service. He attended a meeting about the preliminary stages of redevelopment on Harry Shupe Blvd. He attended the MacKinnon boys' soccer team championship game in Parsippany. Unfortunately, they didn't win, but they had a great season. Mr. Kovalcik is working with Mr. Vasquez on the property purchase on Main Street.

Open to the Public

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public.

Gene Minel, Chief Wharton Fire Department: Chief Minel congratulated Council President Wickenheisser and Councilman Yeager on their election victory. He also thanks the Police Department for their help with crowd control at the Safe Trick or Treat. Mayor Chegwidden thanked the Fire Department for hosting such a great event every year.

Scott Hutchins, Wharton DPW Director: Mr. Hutchins advised that during the construction on Main Street they interrupted power to a few of the street lights along Main Street. They are being fixed and he was assured it would be done by the end of this week.

David Young, Chief Wharton Police: They are still discussing parking issues on Main Street, but it is hard to fully address until the construction is complete. In the meantime, the business owners know to call if there is a car that is parked too long.

No one else wishing to be heard, Mayor Chegwidden closed the meeting to the public.

Adjournment

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

November 8, 2021

ATTEST:

Gabrielle Evangelista,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR