

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**FEBRUARY 7, 2022**

Mayor Chegwidden called the Meeting to Order

Mayor Chegwidden read the Open Public Meeting Statement

Mayor Chegwidden requested Roll Call:

Council President Vasquez- Present  
Council Binkoski- Present  
Councilwoman Hayes- Present  
Councilman Norton- Present  
Councilwoman Wickenheisser- 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 wishing to be heard, Mayor Chegwidden closed the meeting to the public.

**Ordinance**

Councilwoman Hayes introduced O-01-22, "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.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Hayes and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-01-22.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN-0</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>
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Mayor Chegwidden set the date of February 28, 2022 for second and final reading.

**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.

<p><b>Approval of Bills: Approve all bills referred to the Finance Committee.</b></p> <p><b>Approval of Minutes: 12/20/21, 1/4/22</b></p> <p><b>Resolutions: R-45-22: Apply Tax Overpayments</b> <b>R-46-22: Police Vehicle Purchase</b> <b>R-47-22: Public Auction</b> <b>R-48-22: Participate HGAC Co-Operative Purchasing Program</b> <b>R-49-22: Payout Bates</b> <b>R-50-22: Authorize Change Order #2 SCADA System Improvements</b></p>
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**R-51-22: Online Public Auction- Fire Truck**

A motion was made by Council President Vasquez, 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**

- Letter re: Senior Building
- Notice of Ordinance from Roxbury
- Minutes from Morris County Planning Board
- Monthly Reports from Clerk and Construction

**Council Reports**

**Council President Vasquez:** No report.

**Councilman Binkoski:** The DPW has been doing a great job with the recent snow events.

**Councilwoman Hayes:** No report.

**Councilman Norton:** Unfortunately, the weather for this weekend is too warm for Saturday's planned ice-skating event. We are going to postpone it and try to reschedule for another day when the weather is cold enough.

**Councilwoman Wickenheisser:** There's a Planning Board meeting tomorrow 2/8.

**Councilman Yeager:** The Fire Department had 12 calls last month. The new fire truck should be in next week.

**Mayor Chegwiddden's Report:** The Police Department has recently received complaints about speeding, stop sign issues, and parking issues. He asked Police Chief, David Young to explain this further. Chief Young advised that in response to these issues they have been increasing ticketing as necessary for these items. They have also added lights over certain stop signs to ensure that people can see them. He also wants to make sure that people know they can submit complaints for things like speeding on the Police Department website. It helps them to know which areas need increased patrols. We will add that to the Mayor's newsletter as well. There was also discussion about the digital speed signs and Chief Young will come up with some options to see about purchasing more. Mayor Chegwiddden asked Utility Supervisor, Tom Quillinan to explain the SCADA system for people who may not know how it works. Mr. Quillinan advised that we have 3 wells in town that pull water that travels through water mains to the 2 water towers. If along the way someone calls for water it will divert there, the system is a loop that goes around the entire town. We also get some of our water from the Morris County MUA. The State allows us to pump 40 million gallons per month and we typically will use between 45-50 million so we make up the difference from the MUA. To do all of that when the tanks get to a preset level the wells shut off and when it gets down to a certain level it turns the wells back on. What the SCADA system does, is it's a computerized system that will control helps monitor and control the water system. It will allow us to remotely see what's going on with the wells and respond to any alarms without having to send someone in to turn off nuisance alarms. Everything we currently do with the wells someone from the DPW is required to go there 365 days a year, so this will replace some of that. Some things still require a person to physically be there, but this helps with efficiency among other things. They are also adding VFDs that run the pumps in the wells much more efficiently, which helps save money and helps the environment. Part this project includes beefing up the internet security for this system. Mayor Chegwiddden advised that this system is a part of our continued

investment in our infrastructure. Mayor Chegwidden continued that he spoke with Mr. Manna and Mr. Kovalcik who are going to start working on the open space grant application for the park on Main Street.

**Open to the Public**

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**Adjournment**

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

February 7, 2022

**BOROUGH OF WHARTON**

**ATTEST:**

**WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,  
MAYOR**

**Gabrielle Evangelista,  
Borough Clerk**