

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 28, 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 presented 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 second reading, by title only.

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on this ordinance only.

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

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN-0	MOTION CARRIED
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For Discussion and Possible Action

- O-02-22, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 165, Article VII, Section 38 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey.” This Ordinance outlines the zoning fee updates which have been discussed at previous meetings. Councilwoman Wickenheisser made a motion to approve this Ordinance on first reading, by title only, which was seconded by Councilman Norton.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN-0	MOTION CARRIED
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March 28, 2022 is the date for second and final reading of O-02-22.

- **O-03-22, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 315, Article II, Section 7 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey.” This Ordinance is relating to a parking issue on West Central Avenue and updates the area to be no stopping or standing in order to address it. Councilwoman Wickenheisser made a motion to approve this Ordinance on first reading, by title only, which was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes.**

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

MOTION CARRIED

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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: 1/24/22, 2/7/22

**Resolutions: R-52-22: Approve Change Order 3 SCADA System
R-53-22: Participate NJ Edge Co-Operative Purchasing Program
R-54-22: Approve Change Order 2 Parking Lots
R-55-22: Prof. Service- John Thomas**

**Approve Facility Application Jr. Knights
Approve Facility Application Wharton Soccer**

A motion was made by Council President Vasquez, which was seconded by Councilman Yeager 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 Ordinances- Roxbury, Mine Hill**
- **Morris County Planning Board Minutes**

Council Reports

Council President Vasquez: She attended the Library Board meeting. They moved their fundraiser to April. She attended a meeting in Wharton today that was run by Morris County to help businesses with making applications to the County’s small business grant program. It was a good meeting; she was able to assist 2 local businesses with their applications.

Councilman Binkoski: At this point in the winter, we are good with our stockpile of salt. Hopefully we won’t need to use too much more. He brought up an idea about looking into having people who work for the town needing to go to other towns to get inspections, similar to the requirement for elected officials to do so. After some discussion, it was decided that this isn’t necessary.

Councilwoman Hayes: The Finance Committee met to go over the 2022 budgets, which are looking good.

Councilman Norton: He attended a meeting on 2/9 with the various sports programs in town along with DPW Director Mr. Hutchins, DPW Foreman Mr. Rolph, and Mr. Kovalcik. It was a very productive and good meeting and they were able to go over a lot of items.

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: No report.

Councilman Yeager: The Chief looked into the speed signs that were discussed at the last meeting. They are approximately \$5000 each. Mr. Hutchins gave some more information about the sign options. It was decided to purchase a few if there is room in the budget. The Fire Department received 10 calls last month.

Mayor Chegwidden's Report: The Police have been continuing to address the complaints about speeding, etc. and have been writing a lot of tickets throughout town. There is an amendment coming to the Redevelopment Plan for the LE Carpenter Site. There should be a resolution referring the amendment to the Planning Board for review at our next meeting.

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.

Adjournment

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

February 28, 2022

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

ATTEST:

WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR

Gabrielle Evangelista,
Borough Clerk