

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
APRIL 25, 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 Borough Clerk Gabrielle Evangelista and Attorney Roman Hirniak.

Flag Salute

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

Proclamation

Mayor Chegwidden presented Robin Ghebreal with a Proclamation in honor of her service to the Borough.

Presentation

The Borough's Landscape Architect, John Thomas, presented draft plans for Orchard Mine Park. During the presentation Councilman Norton had to leave the meeting.

Discussion was held on the draft plans including several Council Members. Items that were discussed include accessibility, lighting, irrigation systems, and the inspiration behind the plans. Mayor Chegwidden thought this may be a good location for the relocation of the clock.

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public for discussion on the draft plan and Mr. Bezney, 1 Bartek Lane, had a few questions relating to potential boat access, whether we can utilize an existing building on site, and security cameras. Mayor Chegwidden then closed the meeting to the public.

Open to the Public

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public.

Mr. Bezney had a question about the plans for the Sterling Street water tower. Mayor Chegwidden advised that we are planning on rehabbing the existing tower not replacing it.

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

2022 Budget

Mr. Kovalcik made a presentation about the 2022 Budget. We continue to be in good financial shape.

Resolution

Council President Vasquez introduced R-67-22 “Resolution to Authorize Wharton Borough to Self-Examine the 2022 Municipal Budget.”

A motion was made by Council President Vasquez and was seconded by Councilman Binkoski to adopt Resolution R-67-22.

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

Councilwoman Wickenheisser introduced R-68-22 “Resolution to Read the Budgets by Title Only.”

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wickenheisser seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt Resolution R-68-22.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-5 NAY-0 ABSENT-1 ABSTAIN-0	MOTION CARRIED
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2022 Municipal Budget

Councilwoman Hayes presented Resolution R-61-22, The 2022 Municipal Budget for final adoption.

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on the 2022 Municipal Budget only.

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

A motion was by Councilwoman Hayes and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt R-61-22, The 2022 Municipal Budget.

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

MOTION CARRIED

2022 Special District Budget

Councilman Binkoski presented Resolution R-62-22, The 2022 Special District Budget for final adoption.

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on the 2022 Special District Budget only.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Binkoski and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt R-62-22, The 2022 Special District Budget.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance

Councilman Yeager presented O-09-22, “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),” 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 Councilman Yeager and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt O-09-22 on second and final reading.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance

The second reading for Ordinance O-07-22 originally scheduled for April 25, 2022 will now be May 9, 2022.

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- 4/11/22

R-69-22: Purchase Vehicle for Fire Department
R-70-22: 2022 Sewer Connection Rate
R-71-22: 2022 Water Connection Rate

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

- Notice of NJDOT Highway Safety Grant

Council Reports

Council President Vasquez: The Friends of the Library fundraiser is almost sold out. She attended the little league parade and it was very nice. She attended the opening day for soccer and it was great ceremony. She attended the Fire Department fundraiser. The concert was great and it was so nice to see families out at it.

Councilman Binkoski: In past years we have had a town-wide garage sale on Clean Communities Day and waived the application fee, he would like to make a motion to do the same for this year's event which is on June 4th. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes.

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

MOTION CARRIED

He attended the opening days of little league and soccer. He attended the concert and it was a lot of fun. He thanks DPW Director, Mr. Hutchins for applying for and getting a grant for an electric garbage truck.

Councilwoman Hayes: She attended the Fire Department's Easter egg hunt and thanks them for hosting it. She attended the Morris County League of Municipalities meeting, the guest speaker was from Atlantic Health. She attended the concert and baseball opening day. Thank you to Mr. Kovalcik and everyone who works on the budgets for their hard work.

Councilman Norton: Absent.

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: Thank you to everyone who attending the Planning Board meeting and thank you to the Board for handling it well. She attended the Fire Department's Easter egg hunt and the opening days of little league and soccer. Thank you to the DPW for their hard work on getting the fields ready. She attended the Fire Department's beefsteak dinner.

Councilman Yeager: Sgt. Zimmerman's last day is this Friday. The Police Department will be doing a clap out for him then. They are in the testing process for new officers and a sergeant. He also attended many of the events already mentioned.

Mayor Chegwidden's Report: Thank you to the DPW for their work getting everything ready for spring sports. Thank you to the American Legion Post 91 riders for participating in the little league parade.

Open to the Public

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public.

Ms. Daley, Library Director: She advised that the Library has 3 weeks in a row of good events planned starting this Saturday with a science and steam program.

Mr. Bezney: The concert was a great success, everyone handled it well. He asked if they are planning on doing the fishing contest again. That is an event that the FOP sponsored so he would have to check with them. He had a question about utility wires. The utility companies have been notified about them.

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 Councilwoman Hayes to close the meeting. This motion was approved via voice vote.

April 25, 2022

ATTEST:

**Gabrielle Evangelista,
Borough Clerk**

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

**WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR**