

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MAY 23, 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- Absent, Excused
Councilman Norton- Present
Councilwoman Wickenheisser- Present
Councilman Yeager- Present

Also in attendance were Administrator Joseph Kovalcik Jr., Attorney Roman Hirniak, and covering Secretary Desi Ruffo.

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.

Laura Sancic, 5 Sunset Dr.: Ms. Sancic suggested closing South Main Street between Orange and Cutler so that patrons can support local businesses there.

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

Ordinance

Councilwoman Wickenheisser introduced O-10-22, “An Ordinance of the Borough of Wharton, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Adopting the L.E. Carpenter Redevelopment Plan for Block 301, Lot 1.01, Block 801, Lot 3, and Block 903 Lots 2 & 2.03,” on first reading by title only.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wickenheisser and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-10-22 on first reading.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Chegwidden set the date of June 13, 2022 for second and final reading.

Ordinance

Councilman Yeager introduced O-11-22, “An Ordinance to Provide for General Capital Projects Enumerated Within for the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, and to Provide for the Funding Thereof,” on first reading by title only.

A motion was by Councilman Yeager and was seconded by Councilwoman Wickenheisser to adopt O-11-22 on first reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-5 NAY-0 ABSENT-1 ABSTAIN-0	MOTION CARRIED
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Mayor Chegwidden set the date of June 13, 2022 for second and final reading.

Ordinance

Council President Vasquez to introduce O-12-22, “An Ordinance to Provide for Sewer Capital Projects Enumerated Within for the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, and to Provide for the Funding Thereof,” on first reading by title only.

A motion was made by Council President Vasquez seconded by Councilman Binkoski to adopt O-12-22 on first reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-5 NAY-0 ABSENT-1 ABSTAIN-0	MOTION CARRIED
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Mayor Chegwidden set the date of June 13, 2022 for second and final reading.

Ordinance

Councilwoman Wickenheisser introduced O-13-22, “An Ordinance to Provide for Water Capital Projects Enumerated Within for the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, and to Provide for the Funding Thereof,” on first reading by title only.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wickenheisser and was seconded by Councilman Binkoski to adopt O-13-22 on first reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	YEA	NAY	ABSENT
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Mayor Chegwidden set the date of June 13, 2022 for second and final reading.

Resolution and Public Hearing

Councilman Binkoski to present R-76-22, “Resolution Authorizing a Morris County Open Space Application.”

Mayor Chegwidden to open the meeting to the public for questions or comments on this Resolution and grant application only.

Mr. Kovalcik explained that the Borough is applying for an Open Space Grant from Morris County for the purchase of property of South Main Street.

Councilman Binkoski asked if the grant money comes with restrictions. Mayor Chegwidden advised yes it does.

Mayor Chegwidden advised that past large open space purchase was in 1996 of 128 acres on Irondale Mountain.

No one else 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-76-22.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Chegwidden set the date of June 13, 2022 for an additional public hearing on this application.

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.

R-77-22: Authorize Application DMHAS Youth Leadership Grant

R-78-22: Accept Grant Safe Corridors

Appoint Desinez Ruffo Planning Board Secretary to fill the remainder of a one-year term to expire 12/31/22

Approve Blue Light Permit Renewal- Ayers

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence

- Notice of Ordinance Roxbury
- Notice of Ordinance Mine Hill

Council Reports

Council President Vasquez: Thank you to Chief Young for assisting with putting in her child's car seat. She reminds everyone that the Police offer this service, you just need to call and make an appointment. She thanked Ms. Daley from the Library for applying for grants. They will be receiving \$7,250. She asked Ms. Daley to confirm the summer reading activities being offered that include ice cream, music, and bubbles at the kickoff party. Council President Vasquez advised that she's heard from many Spanish speakers that they are happy with more programs at the Library being offered in Spanish.

Councilman Binkoski: He met with Mr. Kovalcik about his knowledge of the town. He reminds everyone that Monday is the Memorial Day Parade and hopes everyone will come support the parade and the American Legion.

Councilwoman Hayes: Absent

Councilman Norton: No report.

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: No report.

Councilman Yeager: The Police held interviews last Tuesday. They have lots of qualified candidates, the interviews went very well.

Mayor Chegwidden's Report: He met with the principal owner of 10 North Main Street about the signs and 2 signs will be removed. The remaining ones will be on the corner. He reminds everyone about the concert on the 27th and the Memorial Day Parade.

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

May 23, 2022

ATTEST:

**Gabrielle Evangelista,
Borough Clerk**

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

**WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR**