

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
JUNE 13, 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., Attorney Roman Hirniak, and Borough Clerk Gabrielle Evangelista.

Flag Salute

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

Proclamation

Mayor Chegwidden presented Patricia Craven with a Proclamation on the occasion of her retirement from Wharton Borough. He thanked her for her many years of service to the Borough and wishes her well in her retirement, which was echoed by everyone in attendance.

Open to the Public

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public.

Susan Davis, 39 Ford Ave.: Ms. Davis wanted to make sure that the Council was aware of a rat issue in town. She wants to make sure that everyone's health is kept in mind. There are also some concerns with chickens as well. Mayor Chegwidden advised that the Board of Health is aware of both issues and are working on them.

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

Ordinance

Councilwoman Wickenheisser presented 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 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 Wickenheisser and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-10-22 on second and final reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN-0	MOTION CARRIED
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Ordinance

Councilwoman Hayes presented 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 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 by Councilwoman Hayes and was seconded by Councilman Binkoski to adopt O-11-22 on second and final reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN-0	MOTION CARRIED
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Ordinance

Council President Vasquez to present 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 second reading by title only.

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

Susan Davis, 39 Ford Ave.: Ms. Davis asked if this was for projects throughout town. Yes, it is.

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

A motion was made by Council President Vasquez seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt O-12-22 on second and final reading.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance

Councilman Binkoski presented 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.

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

Susan Davis, 39 Ford Ave.: Ms. Davis asked what this ordinance is for. It is for a variety of capital projects including refurbishing a water tank, purchasing vehicles, and others. We combine our general capital projects into one funding ordinance.

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 Councilwoman Hayes to adopt O-13-22 on second and final reading.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Appointment

Councilman Yeager presented R-79-22, “Resolution Appointing a Class III Police Officer.”

A motion was made by Councilman Yeager and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt R-79-22.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Public Hearing

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on the Morris County Open Space Grant Application only.

This is the second public hearing for this grant application. We are applying for help with purchasing property on Main Street to turn into a park.

Mayor Chegwidden closed the meeting to the public.

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>Approval of Bills: Approve all bills referred to the Finance Committee</p> <p>R-80-22: 2021 Audit R-81-22: Payout Resolution Craven R-82-22: Requesting Approval Items of Revenue and Appropriation- Clean Communities Grant R-83-22: Requesting Approval Items of Revenue and Appropriation- Body Armor Grant R-84-22: Liquor License Renewals R-85-22: Corrective Action Plan</p> <p>Approve Recreation Application- Wharton Area Little League</p> <p>A motion was made by Council President Vasquez which was seconded by Councilman Binkoski to approve all of the items on the Consent Agenda.</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA: 6 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>

Correspondence

- **Notice of Ordinances Roxbury**
- **Morris County Planning Board Minutes**
- **Monthly Report Clerk and Construction**

Council Reports

Council President Vasquez: The Memorial Day parade and services were very nice and well organized. She enjoyed it. They are working on changing the rabies vaccine clinic to a Saturday in October. Once they have a date finalized, she will share it. She wants to thank everyone who worked on the student job fair, they had 42 young people attend when they were expecting much less. Mr. Kovalcik advised that they are now starting to put together the program. Mr. Hutchins, DPW Director, thanked Council President Vasquez for the idea. It gives them a sense of community and something to do. They are planning on following up at National Night Out.

Councilman Binkoski: He attended the Memorial Day parade as well as the Wharton Pride Clean Communities clean up. He attended meetings with Mr. Kovalcik and Mr. Hutchins about some potential changes. He has some knowledge that he gained the last time we had an issue with rats in town. We don't control a lot of it, but there are some things that we can encourage people to do. Mayor Chegwidden advised that we can include the tips in the next Mayor's Newsletter.

Councilwoman Hayes: She attended the Memorial Day parade and ceremonies, the cleanup, and the recent concerts. She feels like there were more volunteers than usual at the cleanup which is a good thing.

Councilman Norton: He attended the Memorial Day parade and ceremonies; it is great to honor veterans and those we have lost.

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: She attended the Memorial Day parade and ceremonies. It was nice to see people out for that event.

Councilman Yeager: He attended the Memorial Day parade and ceremonies. The Police Department has concluded interviews and there are 2 new officers getting their background checks now. If approved, they will attend the academy soon.

Mayor Chegwidden's Report: Roger Steele is moving so he needs to resign from the Planning Board. He is appointing Christopher Fleischman into the vacant position for the remainder of a four-year term to expire 12/31/23. He thanks Mr. Steele for all of his hard work and dedication to the Planning Board for many years. It was nice to see everyone out at the Memorial Day parade and it was great to see the Morris Hills Band again. Thank you for everyone who planned and participated in the parade and ceremonies. The recent concert was great. It was nice to have John come home and it was a nice welcome for him.

Open to the Public

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public.

Fran Daley, Wharton Library: Ms. Daley advised that the Summer Reading program kicks off next week and they also have some events for adults coming up as well.

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 via voice vote.

June 13, 2022

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

ATTEST:

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WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR**

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Gabrielle Evangelista,
Borough Clerk**