

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
AUGUST 15, 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- Absent, 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 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.

No one wished to be heard, 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.

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| <p>Approval of Bills: Approve all bills referred to the Finance Committee</p> <p>Approval of Minutes: 6/13/22, 6/27/22, 7/25/22</p> <p>R-104-22: Payout Fleck</p> <p>R-105-22: Payout Rolph</p> <p>R-106-22: Water Restrictions</p> <p>R-107-22: Approve Tax Sale Redemption TSC #2021-011</p> |
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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 Resolution Mt. Olive
- Morris County Planning Board Minutes
- Monthly Reports Clerk and Construction

Council Reports

Council President Vasquez: Thanked the fire department for their hard work, has received great feedback about the summer concerts.

Councilman Binkoski: Congratulated Bill Roth on his retirement, informed DPW is almost fully staffed. Asked for a reverse call to be placed to alert residents of the water restrictions. Asked for an update regarding the dumpster and graffiti at 175 No. Main.

Councilwoman Hayes: No report.

Councilman Norton: asked Administrator Kovalcik Jr. to present information on the summer rec. program

Administrator Kovalcik Jr.: new dates for 2023 summer rec. program will be available in September, the rec. department will be working on requirements needed to apply for a grant (\$7,500 – \$15,000) for the 2024 summer program.

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: Thanked the DPW, Police and Fire Departments for their hard work all summer.

Councilman Yeager: The Fire Department had 17 calls for the month of July and 101 calls YTD; introduced resolution R-108-22, motion seconded by Council Binkoski to approve.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Chegwiddden's Report: Thanked the new rec. director for the great work at summer rec. Met with Chief Young, Scott Hutchins, and Administrator Kovalcik

regarding the speeding in town, asked for the Borough Engineer to advise on adding 4-way stops especially to the roads near the schools.

Chief Young: Through studies and the Engineer’s recommendation the department will be working on adding 4-way stop signs, most complaints about speeding come from East Central Avenue and Baker Avenue near the schools. Studies last year were conducted on Baker Avenue and Lafayette Street. A stationary solar radar sign was recently purchased that will be fixed and collect data, met with residents and is thinking of placing it near Lafayette Street and Stickle Avenue. Based on the complaints, the radar signs are put out periodically and data is collected, the department will be creating a link on the website so residents can view the data collected from the radar signs.

Scott Hutchins: Looking to add flashing stop signs to Chegwidden way and other areas where the stop signs are being ignored.

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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.

August 15, 2022

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

ATTEST:

**WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR**

**Desi Ruffo,
Covering Secretary**