

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**DECEMBER 5, 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 Borough Clerk Gabrielle Evangelista.

**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**

Councilman Binkoski introduced O-17-22, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 330, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey on first reading, by title only.

A motion was made by Councilman Binkoski and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt O-17-22 on first reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA: 6	NAY: 0	ABSENT: 0	ABSTAIN: 0 MOTION CARRIED
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Mayor Chegwidden set the date of December 19, 2022 for second and final reading.

**Ordinance**

Council President Vasquez introduced O-18-22, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 247, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey on first reading, by title only.

A motion was made by Council President Vasquez and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-17-22 on first reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA: 6	NAY: 0	ABSENT: 0	ABSTAIN: 0 MOTION CARRIED
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**Discussion**

Parking- High, Luxemburg, Williams: Chief Young advised that the Police Department was asked to examine parking in those areas, because as things stand,

the Fire Department has trouble getting the trucks up to certain areas and the DPW also has issues with the garbage trucks in that area as well. The current parking regulations in that area will need to be changed. After some discussion including some residents from High Street, the Fire Chief, and Mr. Hutchins from the DPW they are going to bring the fire trucks and garbage truck to the area to review again before making final recommendations for changes.

**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**

**R-133-22: Cancel Balance Municipal Alliance 2018-2021**  
**R-134-22: Change Custodians Petty Cash Funds**  
**R-135-22: Accept Grant Morris County Open Space Trust Fund**

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**

- Notification of Grant Award Morris County Open Space Trust Fund
- Notice of Resolution Roxbury

**Council Reports**

**Council President Vasquez:** She thanks the residents who attended this evening. It helps the Council to better do their job.

**Councilman Binkoski:** He agrees with Council President Vasquez’s sentiments.

**Councilwoman Hayes:** No report.

**Councilman Norton:** He attended the graduation ceremony of the Morris County Police Academy. Wharton had 3 graduates who are new officers. He wishes them all luck.

**Councilwoman Wickenheisser:** No report.

**Councilman Yeager:** He also attended the graduation ceremony and wishes the new officers well. The Fire Department had 11 calls last month bringing their total for the year to 157.

**Mayor Chegwidde’s Report:** He attended the Library Board meeting. They received a grant for \$495,000 for purchasing 500 laptops and 600 hotspots that people will be able to check out from the library with a library card. They are working on a final plan for how that will work. This will be great for seniors, parents, and anyone else in town who may need computer access. He attended a meeting about the energy aggregation program. They are working on re-bidding it. The annual tree lighting is Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Open to the Public**

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public.

Scott Hutchins, DPW Director: He thanks Mr. Quillinan for holding the department together while he was out. Everyone echoed this.

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.

December 5, 2022

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

ATTEST:

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WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,  
MAYOR

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Gabrielle Evangelista,  
Borough Clerk