

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**MARCH 27, 2023**

Mayor Chegwidden called the Meeting to Order

Mayor Chegwidden read the Open Public Meeting Statement

Mayor Chegwidden requested Roll Call:

Council President Binkoski-Present  
Councilwoman Hayes- Present  
Councilman Norton- Present  
Councilwoman Vasquez- Absent, excused  
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**

Councilwoman Wickenheisser introduced O-05-23, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 231, Article V 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 Councilwoman Wickenheisser and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-05-23 on first reading.

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

Mayor Chegwidden set the date of April 10, 2023 for second and final reading.

**Ordinance**

Councilman Yeager introduced O-06-22, “An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14),” on first reading, by title only.

A motion was made by Councilman Yeager and was seconded by Council President Binkoski to adopt O-06-22 on first reading.

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

Mayor Chegwidden set the date of April 24, 2023 for second and final reading.

**2023 Municipal Budget**

Councilwoman Hayes introduced R-65-23 – the 2023 Municipal Budget.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Hayes and was seconded by Councilman Norton to adopt the introduction of the 2023 Municipal Budget.

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

Mayor Chegwidden set the meeting of April 24, 2023 for the public hearing on the 2023 Municipal Budget.

**2023 Special District Budget**

Council President Binkoski introduced R-66-23 – the 2023 Special District Budget.

A motion was made by Council President Binkoski and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt the introduction of the 2023 Special District Budget.

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

Mayor Chegwidden set the meeting of April 24, 2023 for the public hearing on the 2023 Special District Budget.

**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: 3/13/23  
R-67-23: Authorize Escrow Agreement with Wharton Developments A Urban Renewal, LP  
R-68-23: Approve 2023 Fireworks Contract  
R-69-23: Payout Naunay  
A motion was made by Council President Binkoski which was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to approve all of the items on the Consent Agenda.  
ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA: 5      NAY: 0      ABSENT: 1      ABSTAIN: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**Correspondence**

- Morris County Planning Board Minutes

**Council Reports**

**Council President Binkoski:** Yard Waste Pick Up begins on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Councilwoman Hayes:** Thank you to the Finance Committee and Mr. Kovalcik for their hard work on the budget this year.

**Councilman Norton:** He would like to consider waiving the application fee for the annual townwide garage sale which will be held on Clean Community Wharton Pride Day. No one had an issue with this.

**Councilwoman Vasquez:** Absent.

**Councilwoman Wickenheisser: No report.**

**Councilman Yeager: No report.**

**Mayor Chegwidden's Report: They are starting to clear trees on Harry Shupe Blvd for the redevelopment project, but they cannot build until the park is finalized. The buildings at the new Orchard Mine Park site did come down and they are starting clean up of the property. Thank you to the Police Department for the work that the new traffic unit is doing. Chief Young advised that the new unit is going well and Sgt. Katsigiannis is doing a good job.**

**Open to the Public**

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public.

**Scott Hutchins, DPW Director: Mr. Hutchins wanted to advise the two Boy Scouts in attendance that if they are looking for volunteer opportunities both Ms. Rechsteiner who is in attendance and Councilwoman Wickenheisser are instrumental at the St. Mary's food pantry. Mayor Chegwidden advised that we also have Clean Community Wharton Pride Day coming up in June.**

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

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Council President Binkoski and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to close the meeting. This motion was approved via voice vote.

March 27, 2023

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

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WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,  
MAYOR

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Gabrielle Evangelista,  
Borough Clerk