

**AGENDA**  
**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**APRIL 22, 2024**

Mayor Chegwidden called the Meeting to Order.

Mayor Chegwidden read the Open Public Meeting Statement.

**Roll Call**

Mayor Chegwidden requested Roll Call:

Council President Yeager - Present  
Councilman Binkoski - Present  
Councilwoman Jones - Present  
Councilman Norton - Excused  
Councilwoman Vasquez - Present  
Councilwoman Wickenheisser – Present

Also in attendance were Administrator Joseph Kovalcik Jr., Attorney Roman Hirniak (via teleconference), and Deputy Borough Clerk Cheryl Muzzillo.

**Flag Salute**

Mayor Chegwidden led those present in 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.

**2024 Budget**

**Resolution**

Councilwoman Vasquez introduced R-82-24 “Resolution to Read the Budgets by Title Only.”

A motion was made by Councilwoman Vasquez and seconded by Council President Yeager to adopt Resolution R-82-24.

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

**Municipal Budget**

Public Hearing:

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on the 2024 Municipal Budget only.

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

Amendment:

Council President Yeager introduced R-83-24, “Resolution to Amend Introduced Budget.”

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on R-83-24 only.

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

A motion was made by Council President Yeager and seconded by Councilwoman Wickenheisser to adopt Resolution R-83-24.

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

Councilman Binkoski presented R-66-24, The 2024 Municipal Budget for final adoption.

Mayor Chegwidden to opened the meeting to the public.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Binkoski and seconded by Council President Yeager to adopt R-66-24, The 2024 Municipal Budget.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA: 5	NAY:	ABSENT: 1	ABSTAIN: MOTION CARRIED
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Mr. Kovalcik made a presentation about the 2024 budget.

Mayor Chegwidden thanked Mr. Kovalcik, Mr. Sarinelli, and the Finance Committee for all of their work on the budget.

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments.

Paul Breda, 6 Potter Lane: Mr. Breda wanted to know how much the total budget is. He also asked how much funding was received for the Lock project and what items are included in local revenue. Mr. Kovalcik and Mr. Sarinelli answered his questions.

Ray Sarinelli, Auditor, Nisivoccia: Mr. Sarinelli advised that Wharton is amongst the lowest average municipal tax in Morris County. He explained every three years, rotationally, each municipality’s budget is reviewed by the State. The Borough’s budget is statutorily compliant.

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

2024 Special District Budget

Councilman Binkoski presented Resolution R-67-24, The 2024 Special District Budget for final adoption.

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public.

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

A motion was made by Council President Binkoski and seconded by Council President Yeager to adopt R-67-24, The 2024 Special District Budget.

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

Council President Yeager introduced O-13-24, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 196 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 Yeager and seconded by Councilman Binkoski to adopt O-13-24 on first reading.

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

Mayor Chegwiddden set the date of May 6, 2024 for second and final reading.

Resolution

Council President Yeager introduced R-84-24, “Resolution Authorizing a Person-to-Person and Place-to-Place Transfer (Delicense Area) of a Plenary Retail Consumption License.”

A motion was made by Council President Yeager and seconded by Councilman Binkoski to adopt R-84-24.

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

Consent Agenda

The following items are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Mayor and Council and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a council member or citizen so requests, in which case, the item will be 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: 3/25/24 and 4/8/24
R-85-24: Street Opening Escrow Refund
R-86-24: Prof. Services- CHA Robert Street Improvements
R-87-24: Police Vehicle Purchase
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A motion was made by Council President Yeager and seconded by Councilman Binkoski to approve all items listed on the Consent Agenda.
ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA: 5      NAY:      ABSENT: 1      ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence

- None

Council Reports

Council President Yeager: He attended Coffee with the Mayor; it was well attended. He also attended the Morris County League of Municipalities meeting and the Little League Parade. He thanked all of the volunteers who help make it happen.

Councilman Binkoski: He thanked Joe for all of his work on the budget. He thanked Mr. Sarinelli for his assistance. He attended the Little League Parade.

Councilwoman Jones: She attended the League meeting last week and found it very interesting.

Councilwoman Vasquez: She thanked Joe for his work on the budget. She attended the Opening Day ceremonies of the Wharton Soccer Club, which were well attended.

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: She thanked Joe for taking care of the budget. She attended the Morris County Chamber of Commerce Mayor’s Panel. It was well attended and moderated. She wished all the Spring recreation teams a great season.

**Mayor Chegwidden’s Report:** He thanked Joe and the Finance Committee for their work on this year’s budget. He hosted Coffee with the Mayor which was well attended. He attended the Morris County Chamber of Commerce and the Morris County League of Municipalities meetings. He met with the Hog Wild planning committee; things are coming together and it is very organized. He attended the Little League Parade and Opening Ceremony and thanked all who help make it happen.

**Open to the Public**

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public.

**Scott Hutchins, Public Works Director:** Mr. Hutchins advised there will be a need for some updates at the Field House in the future.

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

**Adjournment**

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

April 22, 2024

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

ATTEST:

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WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,  
MAYOR

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Cheryl Muzzillo,  
Deputy Borough Clerk