

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MAY 6, 2024

*Mayor Chegwidden attended via phone.

Council President Yeager called the Meeting to Order.

Council President Yeager read the Open Public Meeting Statement.

Roll Call

Council President Yeager requested Roll Call:

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

Flag Salute

Council President Yeager led those present in the Salute to the American Flag.

Open to the Public

Council President Yeager opened the meeting to the public.

Lori Ballister, 15 Mill St: Ms. Ballister came to inquire about a change in parking regulations on her street. She doesn't feel like the update ordinance allows enough parking near her home. Chief Young advised that he will look into it, but the changes were made due to many reports of near misses at the intersection of Mill St. and Robert St. There was also a request for a 4 way stop in the area which would have reduced the parking area further.

No one else wishing to be heard, Council President Yeager to close the meeting to the public.

Ordinance

Councilwoman Vasquez presented 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 second reading, by title only.

Council President Yeager opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on this Ordinance only.

No one else wishing to be heard, Council President Yeager closed the meeting to the public.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Vasquez seconded by Councilwoman Wickenheisser to adopt O-13-24 on second and final reading.

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

Ordinance

Councilman Norton introduced O-14-24, "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 40 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 Norton and was seconded by Councilwoman Wickenheisser to adopt O-14-24 on first reading.

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

Council President Yeager set the date of May 20, 2024 for second and final reading.

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: 4/22/24

R-89-24: Exempt Vet Cancellation of Taxes
R-90-24: Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2023-005
R-91-24: Authorize Interlocal Service Contract- Hopatcong- Animal Control
R-92-24: Refund Tax Overpayment Block 1308 Lot 10.01
R-93-24: Non-Participation NJ Emergency Building Inspection Program
R-94-24: Support NJDOT Guiderail Project

A motion was made by Council President Yeager and seconded by Councilwoman Vasquez to approve all items listed on the Consent Agenda.

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

Correspondence

- Morris County Planning Board Minutes

Council Reports

Council President Yeager: He attended the 200 Club Dinner which was very nice. He thanks Chief Young for the invitation. He also discussed the Fire Department's calls from April.

Councilman Binkoski: Absent.

Councilwoman Jones: She attended the Library Board meeting and the School Board meeting.

Councilman Norton: He attended the School Board meeting.

Councilwoman Vasquez: No report.

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: She attended the School Board meeting. She attended a promotion ceremony, which was very nice.

Mayor Chegwidde's Report: He attended the School Board meeting and thought they had a good discussion about new developments and PILOT agreements. He thanks everyone who worked on the updates to the Personnel Ordinance. It's well written and protects our employees and the Borough. They are getting a survey for parking on Pine Street. There are also properties that we own on Oxford and East Dewey Avenue that could add some additional parking to address some issues we currently have in those areas. He'd like the Council to take a look so we can get their thoughts.

Open to the Public

Council President Yeager opened the meeting to the public.

No one wishing to be heard, Council President Yeager closed the meeting to the public.

Adjournment

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

May 6, 2024

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

ATTEST:

THOMAS YEAGER,
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Gabrielle Evangelista,
Borough Clerk