

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**JUNE 10, 2024**

Mayor Chegwidden called the Meeting to Order.

Mayor Chegwidden 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

Also in attendance were Administrator Joseph Kovalcik Jr., Attorney Roman Hirniak and Borough Clerk Gabrielle Evangelista.

**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.

**Ordinance**

Councilman Norton presented O-15-24, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 264 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey” on second reading, by title only.

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on this Ordinance only.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Norton and seconded by Council President Yeager to adopt O-15-24 on second and final reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA: 5	NAY:0	ABSENT: 1	ABSTAIN:0
<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>			

**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: 5/2024  R-101-24: Refund Tax Overpayment Block 201 Lot 25 Qualifier C021F R-102-24: Approve Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2023-002 R-103-24: Liquor License Renewals R-104-24: Endorse TWA Permit Application
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**R-105-24: Municipal Alliance Supplemental Grant  
R-106-24: Award Bid Building Demolition**

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Correspondence**

- **Notice of Ordinance Mine Hill**

**Council Reports**

**Council President Yeager: He attended the Memorial Day Services and Wharton Pride Clean Communities Day. He thanks the Scouts and other hard-working volunteers that participated in Wharton Pride Clean Communities Day.**

**Councilman Binkoski: Absent.**

**Councilwoman Jones: She attended the Memorial Day Services.**

**Councilman Norton: He attended the Memorial Day Services. He attended the Somerset Patriots game with Wharton Area Little League and Mayor Chegwidden threw out the first pitch. It was a great event.**

**Councilwoman Vasquez: She attended the Memorial Day Services. It was a meaningful service and a nice way to celebrate those who sacrificed for us to be here.**

**Councilwoman Wickenheisser: She attended the Memorial Day Services.**

**Mayor Chegwidden's Report: The OPRA reform bill was passed. He attended the Project LEAD graduation, which was very nice. The Wharton Pride Clean Communities Day clean up went very well. They had a good crowd. There were 2 ladies in particular who always volunteer and do a great job. He would like to thank all of the volunteers who participated. It was an honor for him to throw the first pitch. We should soon be getting the final design for Sterling St. Park and he wants to have a meeting there for people to give input. He wants to commend Mr. Kovalcik on all of the work he has been doing on wrapping up the Canal Project. It has been a long and laborious process and it is hopefully almost done. Mr. Kovalick advised that there is supposed to be a field test for the gate on Friday. Mayor Chegwidden continued that he would also like to thank the DPW for going above and beyond for this project for the past 4 years as well.**

**Open to the Public**

**Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public.**

**Scott Hutchins, DPW Director: Mr. Hutchins thanked the Mayor for acknowledging the DPW. He also wanted to note that the Little League team recently won the championship so congratulations to them.**

**Glenn Corbett, Wharton RVRSA Representative: Mr. Corbett advised that the RVRSA has requested all of their towns check their manhole covers for tightness. They have been exceeding capacity recently, which they believe is from all of the rain we've recently had. The lawsuit with Jersey City continues on, no real update there. He is happy that there will be a chance for the public to give input on the Sterling St. Park. There have been some issues recently with kids there after dark, but the Police Department was already made aware.**

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

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Yeager and seconded by Councilwoman Jones.

June 10, 2024

**BOROUGH OF WHARTON**

**ATTEST:**

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**Gabrielle Evangelista,  
Borough Clerk**

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**WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,  
MAYOR**