

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
DECEMBER 30, 2019

Mayor Chegwidden Called the Meeting to Order

Mayor Chegwidden read the Open Public Meeting Statement

Mayor Chegwidden requested Roll Call:

Council President Corbett- Present
Councilman Binkoski- Present
Councilwoman Hayes- Present
Councilwoman Veres- Absent, excused
Councilwoman Wickenheisser- Present
Councilman Yeager- Present

Also in attendance were Administrator Jon Rheinhardt, Borough Clerk Gabrielle Evangelista, and Attorney Roman Hirniak.

Flag Salute

Mayor Chegwidden led those in attendance with the salute to the American Flag.

Before starting the business of the evening, Mayor Chegwidden recognized Council President Corbett as it is his last meeting. Council President Corbett initially got into politics because there were plans about building a jail in town on what is now Harry Shupe Boulevard. What he didn't know at the time, was that he was helping to start redevelopment in town, because everything on Harry Shupe Boulevard would not be there if there was a jail there. We are all grateful to him for that and his many years of service. Our infrastructure is sound and our finances are sound, he has had a big part in making both of those happen. He has been there through ups and downs and was a steady force in helping the town. Mayor Chegwidden then presented him with a key to the city and a rocking chair to thank him for his many years of service on the Council. He also presented him with a heart stress ball that was initially on the desk of former Mayor Harry Shupe that was passed on to him. Mayor Shupe's heart was always in Wharton and Council President Corbett's heart has always been in Wharton as well.

Council President Corbett is proud to have served for 27 years. He thanks his family for all of their support and the Mayor for the gifts.

Volunteer Appreciation

Councilman Binkoski advised that this will be his last year making the motion for this Resolution because he is going to be moving to new Committee next year. This is because everyone is changing for next year. It has been great working with the entire Fire Department and he thanks them for everything. He then presented Resolution R-171-19 Honoring Qualified Members of the Wharton Fire Department.

A motion was made by Councilman Binkoski and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt Resolution R-171-19.

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Mayor Chegwidden and Councilman Binkoski presented the volunteer incentive to the qualified volunteers.

2019 Fire Chief Dorr presented Council President Corbett with a small gift to thank him for his 27 years of service. Council President Corbett thanked the Fire

Department, especially because at a very low point in their lives, they stood up for his family and he appreciates them very much.

Discussion

Extension of Liquor License to Assignee for the Benefit of Creditors- Mr. Hirniak explained that we have received an application for extending a liquor license to an assignee for the benefit of creditors. Because it is a somewhat unusual situation, he asked the assignee, Mr. Mitnick, and the assignee’s Council, Mr. Miceli, to answer any questions the Council may have prior to taking any action. Mr. Mitnick advised that he was appointed by the court to serve as assignee for the benefit of creditors of Hot Rods BBQ, after the liquor license is extended to him, he will sell it to pay the creditors. Councilman Binkoski had a question about whether or not the license moves locations and Councilwoman Hayes had a question about the pricing of the license. The license will only change location if the new owner completes a place to place transfer, which would be considered by the Council at a later date. The price that is sells at is market value, the Borough has no influence on that. Mr. Hirniak advised that the proceeds are paid to creditors in order of priority which is established by the Court. Council President Corbett asked if Mr. Mitnick becomes responsible for the annual license renewal if it has not sold by June. Yes, he would be, but he has a buyer already lined up so he doesn’t anticipate that being an issue. Everyone agreed that the Clerk can prepare the Resolution for this for the January 20th meeting.

Open to the Public

In accordance with Local Ordinance O-18-03, “Persons making public comment at the first public portion shall be limited to five (5) minutes. During the second public portion repetitive, irrelevant or excessive public comment in the interest of permitting all members of the public time to speak on any governmental issue and completing the public business within a reasonable period of time.”

Mayor Chegwiddden opened the meeting to the public.

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

Ordinance

Councilwoman Wickenheisser presented O-20-19, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 24 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey,” on second reading, by title only.

Mayor Chegwiddden opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on this ordinance only.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wickenheisser and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt O-20-19 on second and final reading.

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Ordinance

Councilman Binkoski presented O-21-19, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 315 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey,” on second reading, by title only.

Mayor Chegwiddden 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 Binkoski and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt O-21-19 on second and final reading.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance

Council President Corbett presented O-22-19, “An Ordinance Adding Chapter 26 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 Council President Corbett and was seconded by Councilman Binkoski to adopt O-22-19 on second and final reading.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance

Councilman Yeager to present O-23-19, “An Ordinance to provide for a General Capital Project Enumerated Within for the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris and to Provide for the Funding Thereof,” 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 Yeager and was seconded by Council President Corbett to adopt O-23-19 on second and final reading.

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

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: All bills referred to the Finance Committee to be paid if found correct.

- Resolutions:**
- R-160-19: Approve Alliance Application FY2021-2025**
 - R-161-19: Approve Alliance Contract 2020 Carnival**
 - R-172-19: Joint Purchase with Mount Arlington**
 - R-173-19: Agreement with Morris County**
 - R-174-19: Purchase Skid Steer**
 - R-175-19: Approve Change Order 1- Library Bathroom Renovations**
 - R-176-19: Shared Service Animal Control**
 - R-177-19: Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2017-18**
 - R-178-19: Budget Transfer**

Council President Corbett made a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda which was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence

- Notice from JCP&L re: Vegetative Maintenance Utility Infrastructure Maintenance, Repair and Replacement Activities
- Morris County Planning Board Minutes
- Monthly Report Treasurer

Council Reports

Council President Corbett: He attended several RVRSA meetings. There was an issue with our gallonage but Mr. Rheinhardt advised that they finally figured it out. Council President Corbett continued that he thanks everyone for their kind words over the last few weeks. Thank you to everyone who has let him be here and thank you again to his family. He wishes everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilman Binkoski: He thanks Councilwoman Veres for her 3 years of service. He also thanks Council President Corbett for everything that he has done for the town and the Council and for him personally. He is going to be very missed.

Councilwoman Hayes: She thanks Ms. Ghebreal for putting together the tricky tray for the seniors. She especially thanks everyone who donated baskets for that event, it was very generous. Congratulations to Councilwoman Veres for three years of service and thank you to her. Thank you to Council President Corbett for everything, she will greatly miss him.

Councilwoman Veres: Absent

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: Thank you to Councilwoman Veres for her 3 years of service. Thank you to Council President Corbett for always being there and for his wise words of wisdom. He will be missed and she wishes him and his family nothing but the best. Happy New Year to everyone.

Councilman Yeager: Thank you to Councilwoman Veres. Thank you to Council President Corbett for his 27 years of service. Happy New Year to everyone.

Mayor Chegwidden's Report: Happy New Year to everyone. Thank you to Councilwoman Veres for her time on the Council. Thank you again to Council President Corbett, he will surely be missed.

Open to the Public

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public.

Bill Skewes, E. Central Ave.: Mr. Skewes expressed concern about the salt content in the water system.

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

Adjournment

A motion was made by Council President Corbet and was seconded by Councilman Binkoski to close this meeting.

December 30, 2019

ATTEST:

**Gabrielle Evangelista,
Borough Clerk**

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

**WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR**