

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
DECEMBER 14, 2015

Opening Items

Council President Wickenheisser called the Meeting to Order.

Council President Wickenheisser read the Open Public Meeting Statement.

Roll Call

Council President Wickenheisser requested Roll Call:

Council President Wickenheisser – Present
Councilman Binkoski – Absent, Excused
Councilman Corbett – Present
Councilwoman Hayes- Present
Councilman Norton- Present
Councilman Yeager- Absent, Excused

Also in attendance were Administrator/CFO Jon Rheinhardt, Borough Clerk Gabrielle Evangelista, and Attorney George Johnson.

Flag Salute

Council President Wickenheisser led those in attendance with the salute to the American Flag.

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, the Mayor or Council President shall have the discretion to terminate any 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”.

Council President Wickenheisser opened the meeting to the public.

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

Ordinance

Councilman Norton presented O-23-15, “An Ordinance to Provide for a General Capital Project Enumerated within for the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey and to Provide for the Funding Thereof” on second reading by title only.

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

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

A motion was made by Councilman Norton and was seconded by Councilman Corbett to adopt O-23-15 on second and final reading.

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| ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-4 NAY-0 ABSENT-2 ABSTAIN- 0 |
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Ordinance

Councilwoman Hayes presented O-24-15, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 330, Section 20 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey,” on first reading by title only. Councilwoman Hayes advised that this is for 2016 water rates.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Hayes and was seconded by Councilman Corbett to adopt O-24-15 on first reading.

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| ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-4 NAY-0 ABSENT-2 ABSTAIN- 0 |
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Council President Wickenheisser set the date of December 28, 2015 for second and final reading.

Ordinance

Councilwoman Hayes introduced O-25-15, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 247, Section 5 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 Councilwoman Hayes and was seconded by Councilman Corbett to adopt O-25-15 on first reading.

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Ordinance

Councilman Corbett introduced O-26-15, “Bond Ordinance Providing for the Improvement of the Sanitary Sewerage System in and by the Borough of Wharton, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Appropriating \$300,000 therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$300,000 Bonds or Notes of the Borough for Financing Such Appropriations” on first reading by title only.

A motion was made by Councilman Corbett and was seconded by Councilman Norton to adopt O-26-15 on first reading.

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Council President Wickenheisser set the date of December 28, 2015 for second and final reading.

Appointment

Councilwoman Hayes introduced R-163-15, “Resolution Authorizing Appointment.”

A motion was made by Councilwoman Hayes and was seconded by Councilman Corbett to adopt R-163-15.

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| ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-4 NAY-0 ABSENT-2 ABSTAIN- 0 |
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Everyone Congratulated Ms. Lorito on her appointment.

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.

Approval of Minutes from 11/23/15

Resolution: R-164-15: Appropriation Transfer
 R-165-15: Support Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2015 Year End Holiday Crackdown
 R-166-15: Safe and Secure Communities Grant Application
 R-167-15: Authorize Signing of CDBG Agreement for Water Main Improvements to Church Street
 R-168-15: Approve Vehicle Purchase Bergen County Co-Op

Approve Fire Applications from Justin Ayala, William Rolph Jr.

Councilman Norton made a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda which was seconded by Councilman Corbett

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-4 NAY-0 ABSENT-2 ABSTAIN- 0

MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence

1. Letter from Mine Hill re: Municipal Court rec'd November 23, 2015
2. Notice of Ordinance from Rockaway Township rec'd December 11, 2015
3. Monthly Report from Clerk and Construction

Council Reports

Councilman Binkoski: Absent.

Councilman Corbett: On 12/1 He attended the Retirement Dinner for Kevin Finnegan which was very well attended. On 12/10 he went to the RVRSA meeting. He participated in discussions about the hiring of the new Treasurer and the water and sewer rates. The Morris County MUA has raised their water rates which we need to reflect and the RVRSA has a lot of capital projects coming up so sewer rates are being adjusted for that. He wishes everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilwoman Hayes: She also participated in the discussions about personnel and the water and sewer rates. She attended the Tree Lighting Ceremony and the Retirement Dinner. She'd like to thank the Fire Department for bringing Santa around. She'd also like to thank Ms. Evangelista and Ms. Fernandez for their help with the process of selecting a new Treasurer.

Councilman Norton: He also attended the Retirement Dinner and the Tree Lighting. He'd like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilman Yeager: Absent.

Mayor Chegwiddden's Report: Absent.

Council President Wickenheisser: The judging for the Holiday House Decorating Contest will be on December 21. On 12/30 the Municipal Alliance is sponsoring a trip for the middle schoolers to visit the forensic crime lab at the Morris County Sheriff’s office. She’d like to thank the Fire Department, Police, Girl Scouts, and Charlotte Kelly for everything they did for the Tree Lighting.

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.

Adjournment

No further business to attend to this evening, Councilman Corbett made a motion to adjourn this meeting. This was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes. This motion was approved by a voice vote.

December 14, 2015

ATTEST:

Gabrielle Evangelista,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR