

REGULAR MEETING- HELD VIRTUALLY
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
JULY 13, 2020

Mayor Chegwidden Called the Meeting to Order

Mayor Chegwidden read the Open Public Meeting Statement

Mayor Chegwidden requested Roll Call:

Council President Binkoski
Councilwoman Hayes
Councilman Norton
Councilwoman Vasquez
Councilwoman Wickenheisser
Councilman Yeager

Flag Salute

Mayor Chegwidden 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 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 Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public.

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

2020 Budget

Resolution

Councilman Yeager introduced R-94-20 “Resolution to Read the Budgets by Title Only.”

Motion made by Councilman Yeager and seconded by Council President Binkoski to adopt Resolution R-94-20.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA:6	NAY:0	ABSENT:0	ABSTAIN:0
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2020 Municipal Budget

Councilwoman Hayes presented Resolution R-81-20, The 2020 Municipal Budget for final adoption.

Mr. Rheinhardt made a presentation about the 2020 Municipal Budget.

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on the 2020 Municipal Budget only.

Ray Sarinelli, from Nisivoccia LLP, commented that the 2020 budget was accurate and remarked that the Borough's budget is always spot on.

Vanessa Schwippert, a Wharton resident, had a question regarding the police portion of the budget. Administrator Jon Rheinhardt stated that the slide show being presented was only a synopsis of the budget and that the budget in its entirety is on the Borough's website.

Mary Ryan, a Wharton resident, had a question regarding what Library Back Office Services were as listed on the budget. Administrator Jon Rheinhardt stated that they were the services provided by the Borough for the library.

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

Motion by Councilwoman Hayes and seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt R-81-20, The 2020 Municipal Budget.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA:6	NAY: 0	ABSENT:0	ABSTAIN:0
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2020 Special District Budget

Council President Binkoski presented Resolution R-82-20, The 2020 Special District Budget for final adoption.

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on the 2020 Special District Budget only.

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

Motion by Council President Binkoski and seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt R-82-20, The 2020 Special District Budget.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA:6	NAY: 0	ABSENT:0	ABSTAIN:0
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Ordinance

Councilman Yeager presented O-12-20, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 67, Section 4 of the Revised General Ordinance 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.

Motion by Councilman Yeager and seconded by Councilman Norton to adopt O-12-20 on second and final reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA:6 NAY: 0 ABSENT:0 ABSTAIN:0

Ordinance

Councilwoman Wickenheisser introduced O-13-20, “An Ordinance Adopting a Redevelopment Plan for a Portion of an “Area in Need of Redevelopment” Known as the “L.E. Carpenter Redevelopment Area” the Portion of which Consists of Block 301, Lot 1 as Shown on the Tax Map of the Borough of Wharton in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 12-7, and Supplementing and Amending Chapter 165 Entitled “Land Use and Development” by Amending the Article II Entitled “Zoning Standards” and Adding New Section 165-101.1 170 N. Main Street Standards,” on first reading, by title only.

Motion by Councilwoman Wickenheisser and seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-13-20 on first reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA:6 NAY: 0 ABSENT:0 ABSTAIN:0

Mayor Chegwidden set the date of August 17, 2020 for second and final reading.

Resolution

Councilwoman Hayes introduced R-95-20, “Resolution Authorizing the Permanent Appointment of Police Officer.”

Motion by Councilwoman Hayes and seconded by Council President Binkoski to adopt R-95-20. Councilwoman Hayes congratulated Officer Baracaldo.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA:6 NAY: 0 ABSENT:0 ABSTAIN:0

Discussion

- **Wharton Library**

Mayor Chegwidden stated that the Library Director has resigned. In light of the Library being closed right now it may be a good opportunity for the Library to hold a strategic planning meeting with the public to obtain feedback as to the needs of the residents going forward.

- **For Discussion and Possible Action:**

- **Request for Placing of Geocaches in Trails**

Administrator Rheinhardt stated that he was contacted by an organization that sets up geocache sites in New Jersey. They would like to add some sites to our trails along the Irondale Mountain. There are currently already 2 sites there now. They advised the Borough that they do not infringe on any water lined areas and follow DEP guidelines.

Councilman Yeager made a motion to approve the Geocache sites and Councilwoman Hayes seconded it. All in favor: Yes (6)

- **Trails Grant Application Letter of Intent**

Mayor Chegwidden stated that the Borough is applying for a grant to add on to the trails on Irondale Mountain. The grant is in the amount of \$228,200.00 with a 20% cash match from the Borough.

Councilman Yeager made a motion to approve the grant application and cash match and Councilwoman Hayes seconded it. All in favor: Yes (6)

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.

Approve Minutes from 6/22/20

Resolutions: R-96-20: Participate Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program

R-97-20: Police Vehicle Purchase

R-98-20: Approve Change Order 1 Well #3 Main Line Improvements

R-99-20: Approve Change Order 1 East Dewey Avenue Improvements
R-100-20: Approve Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2017-017
R-101-20: Authorize Agreement with Morris County for Salting, Sanding, and Plowing of County Roads
R-102-20: Approve Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2019-006

Approve extension of Facility Application from Patricia Veres for Saturdays (Rain Date Sundays) through July 26

Approve Facility Application from Wharton American Legion

Motion by Council President Binkoski and seconded by Councilman Yeager to approve all items listed on the Consent Agenda.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA:6 NAY:0 ABSENT:0 ABSTAIN: 0

Correspondence

- **Notice of Ordinance from Mine Hill**
- **Monthly Report Clerk and Construction**

Council Reports

Council President Binkoski: Stated that he was involved with the DPW on the water basin clean-up project in Sterling Heights. He went on a tour with Administrator Rheinhardt to look at a piece of property the Borough may want to purchase.

Councilwoman Hayes: No Report

Councilman Norton: No Report

Councilwoman Vasquez: No Report

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: No Report

Councilman Yeager: No Report

Mayor Chegwidden's Report: No Report

Open to the Public

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public.

Mary Ryan, a Wharton resident, stated that Councilwoman Vasquez is now a member of the Library's Finance committee.

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

Closed Session

Council President Binkoski introduced R-103-20 to close the meeting to the public for discussion on Litigation and Purchase of Real Property.

Motion by Council President Binkoski and seconded by Councilman Norton to approve R-103-20.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA:6	NAY:0	ABSENT:0	ABSTAIN:0
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Motion by Councilwoman Hayes and seconded by Councilwoman Vasquez to return to open session.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA:6	NAY: 0	ABSENT:0	ABSTAIN:0
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Adjournment

Motion by Councilwoman Wickenheisser and seconded by Councilman Norton to close this meeting.

July 13, 2020

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR

Robin Ghebreel,
Deputy Borough Clerk