

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**JANUARY 18, 2010**

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**  
**Councilman Gillen – Present**  
**Councilman Hutchins – Present**  
**Councilman Yeager- Present**  
**Councilman Young – Present**

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

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, 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”.

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public.

**Ernie Palestis, Wharton Schools Superintendent:** He is attending on behalf of the School Board to thank the Mayor and Council for the level of cooperation between them and the School Board. Since he has started in September he has seen some good examples of community spirit between the Council, the Administrator, the Health Department, and the School with the H1N1 Clinic. They’ve also worked well together for snow removal and seeding the fields. The Board of Education recognizes the Council’s support of the community and they don’t take that for granted.

Mayor Chegwidden thanked Mr. Palestis for his comments.

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

**Ordinance:**

Councilman Young introduced O-01-10, “An Ordinance to Provide for General Capital Projects Enumerated Within for the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris and to Provide for the Funding Therefor,” on first reading by title only.

A motion was made by Councilman Young and was seconded by Councilman Hutchins to adopt O-01-10 on first reading.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>
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Mayor Chegwidden set the meeting of February 8, 2010 for second and final reading.

**Appointment:**

Mayor Chegwidden appointed Leon Stickle to fill the remainder of the three year term for Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator which will expire 12/31/11.

A motion was made by Council President Corbett and was seconded by Councilman Young to confirm the above appointment.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**Appointment:**

Mayor Chegwidden appointed Jon Rheinhardt to be his Alternate Library Board Trustee when Councilman Yeager is unable to attend.

A motion was made by Council President Corbett and seconded by Councilman Yeager to confirm the above appointment.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**Consent Agenda:**

The following items are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Mayor and Council and were approved by one motion.

**Approval of Bills: All bills referred to the finance committee to be paid if found correct.**

**Resolutions: R-27-10: Tax Sale Redemption TSC 08-24**  
**R-28-10: Tax Sale Redemption TSC 08-12**  
**R-29-10: Tax Sale Redemption TSC 08-01**  
**R-30-10: Tax Sale Redemption TSC 07-22**  
**R-31-10: Tax Sale Redemption TSC 07-05**  
**R-32-10: Tax Sale Redemption TSC 07-23**  
**R-33-10: Tax Sale Redemption TSC 08-03**  
**R-34-10: Temporary Capital Budget**  
**R-35-10: Approve Grant Application with Morris County for PARIS Grant Funds**  
**R-36-10: Recommending the Appointment of Prosecutors to the Dover Joint Court**  
**R-37-10: Recommending the Appointment of Public Defenders to the Dover Joint Court**  
**R-38-10: Tax Sale Redemption TSC 06-13**  
**R-39-10: Approve Construction Change Order #3 and #4 for DPW Building**  
**R-40-10: Approve Payout Rice**

**Approve minutes from 12/28/09 and 1/4/10**

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**Discussion:**

- February 22 Meeting- Mayor Chegwidden and Administrator Rheinhardt have a conflict that evening. After a short discussion it was decided that the

Council will decide at the February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting to cancel or change that meeting.

**Correspondence:**

1. Invitation from Morris County Prosecutor's Office to Morris County-Wide Intelligence Led Law Enforcement Initiative Presentation.
2. Copy of Resolutions Recommending the Appointment of Prosecutors and Public Defenders to the Joint Court of Dover from Rockaway Borough rec'd January 13, 2010.
3. Monthly reports from Clerk and Construction.

Mayor Chegwiddden remarked that he'd like everyone to try to attend the Prosecutor's Office event on January 25.

**Council Reports:**

**Council President Corbett:** He attended the RVRSA meeting last week. At the meeting the current chair told them that he is resigning from the Board as of January 31<sup>st</sup>. They have a bunch of new projects coming up for which they received significant stimulus funding and funding from the state.

**Councilman Binkoski:** He attended the Planning Board Reorganization Meeting last week. The Chairman is the same as last year. One thing he'd like to bring to the Council's attention is that since they implemented the new Certificate of Housing, they've had a lot of success with keeping the school abreast of what's going on with people moving in and out of town. They often move in and out very quickly but will keep their kids in our schools, so this is very helpful for that.

**Councilman Gillen:** He attended the Board of Health Reorganization Meeting last week. Marge Corbett is going to be the President this year. Both Frank Grisi from Roxbury and Frank Wilpert from Mt. Olive attended. He also attended the retirement party for Sergeant Rice, which was a very nice party. He also met the new Police Officer who seems like a nice young man.

**Councilman Hutchins:** He also attended the retirement party for Sergeant Rice and he made the presentation from the town.

**Councilman Yeager:** He's sorry to report that the Library Board has received a letter of resignation from Liz Young. He'd like to thank her for serving on the Board for 9 years.

**Councilman Young:** The Main Street Committee is planning an ice skating on the Canal event on February 13 from 5-9. Mr. Van Kirk has agreed to plow the canal and set up the lights for the event. Volunteers from the committee are going to bring enclosed fire pits to keep everyone warm.

**Tim Robinson. 39 1/2 Elizabeth St.:** He looked into skate rentals for this event but wasn't able to find anywhere to rent from. The skating rinks all have skates with a different type of blade and when he spoke to Aspen Ice in Randolph they were not interested.

More discussion about this event followed.

Councilman Young continued his report, that the Finance Committee will have some budget forecasts probably by the end of February.

**Mayor Chegwiddden's Report:** Our debt ratio has been reduced; in 2000 it was 0.92 and it is now 0.25 which is pretty amazing. We have been working hard to pay down the debt while still continuing with projects and he'd like to thank the Council for that. Councilman Hutchins added that he and the rest of the Finance Committee would like to thank Mr. Rheinhardt for all of his guidance in that achievement.

**Councilman Corbett advised that he forgot to mention during his report that the letter to the residents of Fern Avenue has gone out letting them know that the parking situation will be discussed at the February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

**Mayor Chegwidden continued that he also attended the Planning Board Meeting and Ken Loury is the Chair again and Rodger Steele is the Vice Chair.**

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

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

**No further business to attend to this evening, Council President Corbett made a motion to adjourn this meeting. This was seconded by Councilman Hutchins.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**January 18, 2010**

**BOROUGH OF WHARTON**

**ATTEST:**

**WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,  
MAYOR**

**Gabrielle Evangelista,  
Borough Clerk**