

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
DECEMBER 28, 2015

Opening Items

Mayor Chegwidden called the Meeting to Order.

Mayor Chegwidden read the Open Public Meeting Statement.

Roll Call

Mayor Chegwidden requested Roll Call:

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

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

Flag Salute

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

Volunteer Appreciation

Councilman Binkoski presented Resolution R-169-15 Honoring Qualified Members of the Wharton Fire Department.

A motion was made by Councilman Binkoski and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt Resolution R-169-15.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Chegwidden, Council President Wickenheisser, Councilman Binkoski, and Chief Cronin presented the clothing allowance to the qualified volunteers. Everyone thanked and congratulated all of the volunteers.

Presentation

Mike Armstrong from Community Hope made known a grant application. Community Hope has applied to Morris County Community Development for a grant to provide an elevator to a group home at 5 Cambridge Dr. in Wharton. The application is considered to be "County-Wide" and therefore not counted to be against an application from the Borough of Wharton.

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.

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

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 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.

Councilman Corbett advised that this is because the County raised their water rates so we are forced to raise ours as well.

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

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

Council President Wickenheisser presented 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 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 Wickenheisser and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-25-15 on second and final reading.

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

Councilman Corbett presented 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 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 Corbett and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt O-26-15 on second and final reading.

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

Mr. Rheinhardt made a presentation about the status of the water system in town. For the past 13 years, every year, we pick a section of town isolate a weakness and move forward with making improvements to the system and reinforcing the loop. The grant application we are discussing is the last phase for reinforcing Main Street. We’ve been able to get this grant for the past 5 years which equates to over \$400,000 in grant monies for keeping our water system up to date. The total cost for this project is \$324,000 and if we get the grant it reduces that by \$80,000. More discussion about the grant application and the water system followed including Mayor Chegwidden and resident Bill Skewes.

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

Councilman Corbett introduced R-170-15, “Resolution Authorizing 2016 Community Development Block Grant Application.”

A motion was made by Councilman Corbett and was seconded by Councilman Binkoski to adopt R-170-15.

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

<p>Approval of Bills: All bills referred to the finance committee to be paid if found correct.</p> <p>Approval of Minutes from 12/14/15</p> <p>Resolution: R-171-15: Appropriation Transfer</p> <p>Approve Fire Fighter Application for Giovanni Meinero</p> <p>Approve Jr. Fire Fighter Application for Adam Yeager</p> <p>Council President Wickenheisser made a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda which was seconded by Councilman Corbett.</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA- 6 (Councilman Yeager Voted Yay for All Items except for the Jr. Fire Fighter Application) NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- Councilman Yeager abstained on the Jr. Fire Fighter Application</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>
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Correspondence

None

Council Reports

Council President Wickenheisser: Thank you to all of the volunteers and employees of the town for a good year and happy New Year.

Councilman Binkoski: Happy New Year to everyone, it has been a good year.

Councilman Corbett: Happy New Year to everyone

Mr. Johnson explained a tax appeal that has been on Mr. Quinn’s property on North Main Street since 2009. Mr. Sherman has reached a settlement to resolve this appeal. Mr. Rheinhardt advised that the total net tax impact is roughly \$8,200. If it went to the courts there is a potential for it to go differently.

Councilman Corbett introduced and made a motion to approve R-172-15, “Resolution to Approve Tax Appeal Settlement with Quinolly LLC,” which was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Councilwoman Hayes: Happy New Year to everyone and thank you for letting her be a part of this team.

Councilman Norton: Happy New Year to everyone he looks forward to a successful 2016.

Councilman Yeager: Happy New Year to everyone.

Mayor Chegwiddden’s Report: He met with Mr. Johnson to sign the deed for the water tank property. He attended the senior holiday luncheon and gave them an update on what’s happening around town. He also went to lunch with the seniors today. He’d like to wish everyone a happy New Year. He also wants to thank everyone for what a great team we have with the Council and Town Hall and all of the employees.

Open to the Public

Mayor Chegwiddden opened the meeting to the public.

Bill Skewes: He had a question about the sodium levels in our water system. Mr. Rheinhardt advised that the levels are still within the tolerable limits but we have to disclose when they are slightly above the minimums. More discussion about this followed.

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

Adjournment

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

December 28, 2015

ATTEST:

Gabrielle Evangelista,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR