

RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
JANUARY 5, 2015

Attorney Johnson Called the Meeting to Order and Read the Open Public Meeting Statement as follows:

"This is the Annual Re-Organization meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wharton which was advertised in the print media as required by law. A copy of the annual meeting schedule is posted in the Municipal Building."

Swearing in of Mayor and Council Members

Attorney Johnson announced that the Morris County Clerk's Office has determined that at the last General Election, William J. Chegwidden was duly elected to the position of Mayor for the Borough of Wharton for a four year term.

Attorney Johnson called William J. Chegwidden to the platform to be sworn in.

Art Ondish, Mayor of Mount Arlington, administered the oath of office to William J. Chegwidden. Congratulations were offered by all in attendance.

Mayor Chegwidden announced that the Morris County Clerk's Office has determined that at the last General Election, Vincent Binkoski and Sandra Hayes were duly elected to the positions of Council Members for the Borough of Wharton for a term of three years.

Mayor Chegwidden called both members to the platform to be sworn in.

Councilman Binkoski was sworn in. Congratulations were offered by all in attendance.

Councilwoman Hayes was sworn in. Congratulations were offered by all in attendance.

Remarks:

Mayor Chegwidden invited the newly elected members to address the public.

Councilman Binkoski: He would like to thank his wife and two sons for their continued support. He would also like to thank everyone who supported him during the election and hopefully those that didn't support him will be glad he is still here.

Councilwoman Hayes: She would like to thank everyone, her family, and everyone who supported her during the election. She is glad to be here for a second term.

Roll Call

Mayor Chegwidden requested Roll Call:

Councilman Vincent Binkoski- present
Councilman Glenn Corbett- present
Councilwoman Sandra Hayes- present
Councilman Robert Norton- present
Councilwoman Nicole Wickenheisser-present
Councilman Thomas Yeager- present

Flag Salute

Mayor Chegwidden led those present in the Salute to the American Flag.

Election of Council President

A motion by Councilman Hayes and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to elect Councilwoman Wickenheisser as Council President for the year 2015.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0	MOTION CARRIED
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Fire Department Appointments

Councilman Binkoski announced the Fire Department Appointments.

The following appointments 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 appointments unless a council member requests, in which case, the appointment will be considered separately.

Wharton Borough Fire Chief, Brian Cronin, for the year 2015 - term to expire 12/31/15.

Wharton Borough Fire Department Deputy Chief, Chris Krasnick, for the year 2015- term to expire 12/31/15.

Wharton Borough Fire Department Battalion Chief, Tim Drake, for the year 2015- term to expire 12/31/15.

Wharton Borough Fire Department Captain:

- Bill Steiner

Wharton Borough Fire Department Lieutenants:

- Louis Ploth
- Stacy Rosa
- Shaun Ploth

All one year terms to expire 12/31/15.

A motion to confirm all appointments was made by Councilman Binkoski and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0	MOTION CARRIED
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Mayor Chegwiddden and Councilman Binkoski administered the Oaths of Office for the Fire Department. Congratulations were offered by all in attendance.

At this point Mayor Chegwiddden recognized County Clerk Ann Grossi, and a representative from Senator Bucco’s and Assemblyman Bucco’s offices and thanked them for attending.

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.

Resolutions: R-1-15: 2015 Meeting Schedule for Mayor and Council Meetings
R-2-15: Setting Hourly Fee for Independent Attorneys
R-3-15: Liability Search Officer for 2015

R-4-15: Tax Search Officer for 2015
R-5-15: Fixing Interest Rate on Delinquent Taxes for 2015
R-6-15: Designating Official Newspapers for 2015
R-7-15: Designating Public Agency Compliance Officer
R-8-15: Cash Management Plan for 2015
R-9-15: Professional Resolution
R-10-15: Appointment of 2015 Local Emergency Planning Committee
R-11-15: Authorizing the Tax Collector and Utility Collector to Cancel Any Balances under \$10.00 as Deemed Necessary
R-12-15: Authorizing required Notice of Tort Claims
R-13-15: Authorizing Mayor to Execute Agreement with Richard Allocca of Advent Insurance Services for Risk Management Consultant's Agreement for the Year 2015
R-14-15: Authorizing Re-Establishment of Petty Cash Funds
R-15-15: Temporary Budget for 2015
R-16-15: Volunteer Appreciation Program for 2015
R-17-15: Authorizing Contracts with Certain Approved Morris County Co-Operative Purchasing Vendors
R-18-15: Authorizing Contracts with Certain Approved State Contract Vendors
R-19-15: Authorizing Signatures on Borough Checks
R-20-15: Authorizing Certain Payments Outside of Scheduled Council Meetings
R-21-15: Establish Bid Threshold
R-22-15: Authorizing Mayor, Administrator and Borough Clerk to Execute and Submit Grant Applications if Due Date is Outside of Scheduled Council Meetings
R-23-15: Authorizing Treasurer to Sign and Approve Purchase Orders in the Event the Administrator/CFO is not Available
R-24-15: Authorizing Returned Check Fee
R-25-15: Authorizing Contracts with Certain Approved Somerset County Co-Operative Purchasing Vendors
R-26-15: Authorizing Contracts with Certain Approved Bergen County Co-Operative Purchasing Vendors
R-27-15: Authorizing the Participation in the NJ Safe and Secure Program

Mayor's Appointments that Require Council Consent:

Alternate Member to the Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee- Sandy Hayes, one year term to expire 12/31/15.

Alternate School Crossing Guard- Mary A. Bizzarro, Alice Doblosky, Grace Schomp, and Laura White. All one year appointments to expire 12/31/15.

Assistant Administrator- Gabrielle Evangelista, one year term to expire 12/31/15.

Assistant to Construction Official- Rita Sharp, one year term to expire 12/31/15.

Board of Health Member- Doreen Thompson, three year term to expire 12/31/17.

Board of Health Member- Shelly Chegwiddden, three year term to expire 12/31/17.

Board of Health Secretary for Licensing- Robin Ghebreal, one year term to expire 12/31/15.

Certifying Payroll Officers- Diana Fernandez and Jon Rheinhardt, one year terms to expire 12/31/15.

Clean Communities Coordinator- Patricia Craven, one year term to expire 12/31/15.

Community Affairs Coordinator- Robin Ghebreal, one year term to expire 12/31/15.

Deputy Borough Clerk– Robin Ghebreal and Diana Fernandez, one year terms to expire 12/31/15.

Deputy Emergency Management Coordinators- David Young and Leon Stickle, one year terms to expire 12/31/15.

Deputy Fire Official– Frank Steinberg, one year term to expire 12/31/15.

Deputy Housing Enforcement Officer – Patrick Laverty, one year term to expire 12/31/15.

Deputy Tax Collector- Patty Craven, one year term to expire 12/31/15.

Director of Public Works – Scott Hutchins, one year term to expire 12/31/15.

Emergency Management Coordinator- Gene Caulfield, three year term to expire 12/31/17.

Fire Official- Richard Cloughley, one year term to expire, 12/31/15.

Grant Coordinator– John Manna, one year term to expire 12/31/15.

Matrons- Alice Doblosky, Debra Malson, Jen O’Malley-Dorr, Vicky Santana-Stickle, and Bonnie Sullivan. All one year appointments to expire 12/31/15.

Mayor Representative to the Morris County Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee–Vince Binkoski , one year term to expire 12/31/15.

Morris County Open Space and Farmland Preservation Representative – John Manna, one year term to expire 12/31/15.

Municipal Alliance Coordinator – Robin Ghebreal, one year term to expire 12/31/15.

Municipal Housing Liaison for COAH – Patrick Laverty, one year term to expire 12/31/15.

Personnel Administrator- Gabrielle Evangelista, one year term to expire 12/31/15.

Planning Board Alternate- Brian Bosworth, two year term to expire 12/31/16.

Planning Board Alternate- Jennifer O’Malley Dorr, two year term to expire 12/31/16.

Planning Board Class 1- William Chegwidden, length of Mayor’s term to expire 12/31/18

Planning Board Class 2- Patrick O’Brien, length of Mayor’s term to expire 12/31/18

Planning Board Class 4 Member- Jared Coursen, four year term to expire 12/31/18.

Planning Board Class 4 Member- Peter Rathjens, four year term to expire 12/31/18.

Planning Board Secretary- Patty Craven, one year term to expire 12/31/15.

Public Health Nurse - Carol Miller, one year term to expire 12/31/15.

Recreation Director- Robin Ghebreal, one year term to expire 12/31/15.

Recycling Coordinator – Scott Hutchins, one year term to expire 12/31/15.

Qualified Purchasing Agent- Jon Rheinhardt, one year term to expire 12/31/15.

Rockaway River Watershed Cabinet Representatives- Glenn Corbett and Tom Yeager, one year term to expire 12/31/15.

School Crossing Guards – Martha Hoffman, Joyce Hon, Peggy Husti, Kathleena Jackson, Jackie Kelly, Maureen Macalalag, Penny Moraga, and Lois Werts. All one year appointments to expire 12/31/15.

Tax Assessor- Glen Sherman, tenure

Tax Collector- Diana Fernandez, four year term to expire 12/31/18.

Treasurer - Kevin Finnegan, one year term to expire 12/31/15.

Trustee of Library- Sean Cavanagh, five year term to expire 12/31/19.

Water/Sewer Clerk- Patty Craven, one year term to expire 12/31/15.

Water/Sewer Operator- Jeff Mayhew, one year term to expire 12/31/15.

Zoning/Housing Enforcement Official/Road Opening Official - Pedro Moreno, one year term to expire 12/31/15.

Committee Appointments:

Alternate Members to Finance Committee - #1 - Councilman Binkoski and #2 – Councilman Norton

Community Relations- (includes Recreation Committee, Celebration Public Events, Library, Senior Citizen Association) – Councilman Norton

Environmental Commission- Consists of Mayor and Council Members

Finance- (includes Insurance, Budget, Personnel, CFO, Street Lighting, Tax Assessor, Tax Collector, Community Development) - Councilman Corbett

Finance Committee- Councilman Corbett (Chair), Councilwoman Hayes, and Councilman Yeager

Health/Welfare- (includes Board of Health, Public Assistance, Regionalization Committee - Shared Services) – Councilwoman Wickenheisser

Personnel Committee-, Councilman Corbett, Councilwoman Hayes, and Councilman Yeager

Public Affairs- (includes Building Inspector, Housing Inspector, Land Use Board, Licenses, Zoning Officer, School Sub-Committee, Youth Advisory) - Councilman Yeager

Public Safety- (includes Police Department, Fire Department, First Aid Squad, Municipal Court, Emergency Management, Elections) - Councilman Binkoski

Public Works- (includes Parks, Building/Grounds, Sanitation, Maintenance Shop, Engineering, Streets and Roads, Water and Sewer) – Councilwoman Hayes

Council Appointments in Accordance with State Statutes:

Council Representative to the Morris County Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee- John Manna, one year term to expire 12/31/15.

Planning Board Class III Member- Councilman Thomas Yeager, one year term to expire 12/31/15.

Council President Wickenheisser made a motion to approve all of items on the Consent Agenda which was seconded by Councilman Yeager

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

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Council Remarks

Councilman Binkoski: He would like to reiterate his thanks to everyone. He is looking forward to the new year and it looks like we have some good things on the horizon.

Councilman Corbett: He would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and is looking forward to working with everyone again. Congratulations to Councilwoman Hayes and Councilman Binkoski on their new terms.

Councilwoman Hayes: She would like to congratulate the newly appointment Fire Department officers. She hopes that 2015 is going to be a better year.

Councilman Norton: He would like to congratulate everyone that was appointed tonight and wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Council President Wickenheisser: She would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. She is looking forward to working with everyone. Congratulations to everyone that was appointed tonight.

Councilman Yeager: He would like to congratulate everyone that was appointed tonight and to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Mayor Chegwiddden's Remarks: I would like to start by thanking all of our volunteers in town. From the Fire Department to the sports teams to all of the other organizations in town you make this such a great community. I'd like to thank you for your time and effort all year long. In Wharton we have a saying, "tradition with progress," which we take to heart. When Scott Hutchins was a Councilman he used to say we were the little town that could and we certainly have. Recently, the Police Department received a grant that was required to go into the community and they were kind enough to use part of it to put new holiday lights on the corner of Dewey Avenue and Main Street. I'd like to thank them for this. I have received many compliments that the DPW did a great job putting up the new lights, when it wasn't them that did the installation. They just do such a great job that people expect if something looks nice that they did it. It a great thing that people expect that kind of service which we will continue to provide. Some of the projects we have achieved in 2014 include- completing the third phase of the Fern Avenue water main project in which the road was resurfaced; resurfacing of other roads including Summit Avenue, Meadow Avenue, Bermingham Lane, Park Street, and Wilcox Avenue; completing the Route 15 water main replacement; the School parking lot drainage issues were addressed and it was resurfaced. Our ongoing project to improve the Morris Canal Locke 2 East continues. The new gate has been installed, which we were able to get a grant of \$286,000 for. We also renovated the historic water fountain at Robert Street Park, which was originally donated by the Oram family. Construction of the stage at Betty Poyer Field was completed by the DPW which was funded by the Canal Society. We can now enjoy concert series and its use at Canal Day. The Police Department renovation was also completed in 2014 and they have returned to 10 Robert Street after a long stay in the small building on Ross Street. We also got a new backhoe after 30 something years and a new garbage truck. In 2015 we are looking forward to an exciting year. We've applied for a grant to replace the water main on Second Street and on Church Avenue. We are working hard to maintain and update our infrastructure. We are finally coming to the end of updating the old infrastructure. We are also looking for a grant for road

improvements on West Central Avenue. We are partnering with the Morris County Parks Commission to complete the walking loop around the Canal to the old railroad bed. In 2014 we formed a committee for Main Street revitalization and I'm looking forward to their work in 2015. I am also happy to report that Wharton continues to be fiscally sound. Hopefully, this time next year I will be reporting that we are debt free. That is really something. We remain the second lowest municipal tax per capita in Morris County. I'd like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and would like to thank everyone that voted for me to continue as your Mayor. I truly enjoy this job and I love this town.

Public Portion:

Mayor Chegwiddden opened the meeting to the public.

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

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Corbett and was seconded by Councilman Yeager. This motion was approved by a voice vote.

January 5, 2015

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

ATTEST:

WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR

Gabrielle Evangelista,
Borough Clerk