

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
JUNE 8, 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.

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.

Stuart Golden, 8 Potter Lane: Mr. Golden asked that the Borough look at the intersections at Hance and Sherwood and Hance and Main Street to make sure they're in compliance with the sight triangles ordinance. Councilman Yeager advised that he is meeting with Mr. Moreno tomorrow and will ask him to look into it.

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

Mayor Chegwidden thanked Mike Obremski from JCP&L for attending the meeting.

Discussion

1. **Hazardous Substance Discharge and Reimbursement** Ordinance

Councilman Binkoski advised that we have been working with the Fire Department on this Ordinance and the one below for quite some time trying to get the wording right. We are making sure that if there is a cost involved in a hazardous substance discharge that we can be properly reimbursed. Mr. Rheinhardt advised that this is geared for someone who comes into town has a spill and we get stuck with the cost of cleanup from any Borough Department.

2. **Knox Box Entry Systems** Ordinance

Councilman Binkoski advised that there was a presentation by the Fire Department about the Knox Box System and this is the Ordinance that will require new commercial structures, existing commercial structures with an automatic fire detection/suppression system, existing commercial structures that make changes that require planning board approval, and multifamily residential structures that are subject to inspection by the DCA to install a Knox Box. Mr. Rheinhardt advised that the schools were originally required but it was changed to a voluntary act for them. More discussion about this followed.

Chief Cronin advised that this Ordinance will help the Fire Department to gain access when necessary to businesses whose owners are out of town. Sometimes the key holders will take a long time to respond and the department wants to make sure they can check the buildings as necessary. The Knox Box is a small box which contains the keys to the building. There are 3 master keys in the Chief's truck, the first response engine, and the rescue truck. Only 4 people have access to the keys who are background checked by the town. They each have their own pin so if any problem occurs you could immediately tell who accessed it.

More discussion about this followed.

Councilman Binkoski advised that the Ordinances will be on the next agenda.

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 5/18/15

- Resolution:**
- R-91-15: Authorize Mayor to Sign Jurisdictional Agreement**
 - R-92-15: Approve Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2014-022**
 - R-93-15: 2015 Tonnage Grant**
 - R-94-15: Approve Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2012-007**
 - R-95-15: Authorize Mayor to Sign Addendum**

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Chegwiddden advised that the Planner had been tasked with creating an update for the redevelopment plan for the LE Carpenter site. It had originally been set up for municipal use but since that will not be happening it needs to be updated. She suggested a variety of updates including a change in the uses that are allowed in order to help create more jobs in the area. He'd like to task the Planning Board with the redevelopment amendment. Prior to this meeting, Councilman Binkoski and Councilman Norton met with the attorney for the owner of the property across the street who recently purchased one of the block and lots in this area. More discussion about this followed.

Councilman Yeager made a motion to direct the Planning Board to review the redevelopment plan amendment for the LE Carpenter Site for Block 301, Lot 1 and Block 801, Lot 3 which was seconded by Council President Wickenheisser.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence

1. Notice of Ordinance from Mine Hill rec'd May 15, 2015
2. Monthly Report from Clerk and Construction

Council Reports

Council President Wickenheisser: She introduced R-96-15, "Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Wharton, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Directing the Land Use Board of the Borough of Wharton to Prepare a Redevelopment Plan for Lots 1 and 1.01 in Block 1319 in the Borough of Wharton's Designated Redevelopment Area," which was seconded by Councilman Corbett.

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

MOTION CARRIED

The Wharton PTA fair was great. She'd like to thank everyone who volunteered, the DPW, the Police, and the Fire Department. The first concert of the Spring Concert Series took place which was a really nice night.

Councilman Binkoski: He attended the Memorial Day Parade. Thank you to everyone who participated, it was a nice day. He met with the Police Department about staffing and the request from a citizen about Pine Street. They have a speed sign there and will continue monitoring the area closely. He also attended the meeting discussed earlier. He'd like to congratulate the winners of the June Primary Election.

Councilman Corbett: He attended the Memorial Day Parade. He also would like to congratulate Council President Wickenheisser and Councilman Yeager on their election wins. He attended the carnival. He has a meeting of the RVRSA this week. On the things they are going to discuss is what to do with the money returned to the RVRSA by Jersey City. The options are divide it up and return it to the towns or putting it back into surplus. His recommendation is to put it back into surplus because a lot of it has been used to keep the town's payments down over the years. It can also help offset some of the upcoming costs. Everyone agreed to put it back into surplus.

Councilwoman Hayes: She attended the Memorial Day Parade. She attended Mr. Yadlon's wake. She attended the Morris Hills awards ceremony and it was great to see so many people from Wharton there. She attended the Morris County League of Municipalities meeting which was great. The speaker, Mr. Gallagher, gave a presentation on "One Day, One School." It was a great presentation and it is something we should look into. She attended the carnival and would like to thank all of the volunteers. Mayor Chegwiddden advised they made \$23,000 for the PTA. A few volunteers did a ton of work and a great job for that event.

Councilman Norton: He'd like to congratulate Councilman Yeager and Council President Wickenheisser on their election victories. He also walked in the Memorial Day Parade. The PTA fair was a huge success. The Fire Department's dunk tank was very successful. All of the kids looked like they had a great time which made all of the work worth it. Closing ceremonies for the Wharton Area Little League are on Saturday, June 20th.

Councilman Yeager: He attended the Memorial Day Parade and would like to thank all of the service people for their sacrifice. He attended the carnival which was a great success. He also attended the Morris County League of Municipalities meeting and the speaker was fantastic. He met with Mr. Moreno about Pine Street. The residence is bank owned. Violations have been sent to the bank. Mayor Chegwidden advised that in the past we have cleaned it up and charged the bank so we can do that again. Councilman Yeager continued that he'd like to thank everyone who voted last Tuesday.

Mayor Chegwidden's Report: He also attended a lot of the events that everyone mentioned. He'd like to mention Bob Yadlon. He served the town for many years and was a good man. He had a great sense of humor and he loved this town. It was an honor to have him on the dais with the Council.

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 Binkoski made a motion to adjourn this meeting. This was seconded by Councilman Corbett. This motion was approved by a voice vote.

June 8, 2015

ATTEST:

Gabrielle Evangelista,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR