

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**MARCH 21, 2016**

**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 Norton – Present  
Councilman Binkoski – Present  
Councilman Corbett – Present  
Councilwoman Hayes- Present  
Councilwoman Wickenheisser- 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.

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

**Ordinance**

Councilman Corbett presented O-09-16, “An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14),” 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 Councilman Yeager to adopt O-09-16 on second and final reading.

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

Council President Norton presented O-10-16, “An Ordinance to Provide for a General Capital Project Enumerated within for the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris and to Provide the Funding Thereof” on second reading by title only.

Mayor Chegwiddden opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on this Ordinance only.

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

A motion was made by Council President Norton and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-10-16 on second and final reading.

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

Councilman Binkoski presented O-11-16, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3, Article III, Section 13 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey” on second reading by title only.

Mayor Chegwiddden opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on this Ordinance only.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Binkoski and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt O-11-16 on second and final reading.

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

Councilwoman Hayes presented R-56-16, “Resolution to Endorse NJDEP Applications by Equinet Properties LLC.”

A motion was made by Councilwoman Hayes and was seconded by Councilman Corbett to adopt R-56-16.

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

Council President Norton presented R-57-16, “Resolution to Approve Submitting a Grant Application to the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund” and made an amendment to the Resolution changing the match to \$15,665.00.

Councilman Corbett asked where the match funding is coming from. Mr. Rheinhardt replied it is coming from the Open Space Preservation Trust Fund and money that was left over from a previously approved matching share. Grant Coordinator, John Manna advised that he is in the process of applying for a 1.8 million dollar grant and this grant application for the engineering and planning for the larger grant project. That grant would create the full restoration of the Locke, the Locke tender’s house, bathroom facilities, utility connections, lighting along the tow path, and connection to other trails. After more discussion about the project and about the appeal of the canal as a historical location, Council Corbett advised that he has long said that he would not vote to use town money on this project and will be voting no.

A motion was made by Council President Norton and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt R-57-16.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-5 NAY-1- Corbett 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.

Approval of Bills: All bills referred to the finance committee to be paid if found correct.
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Approve Minutes from 3/7/16
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Resolutions: R-58-16: Authorize Mayor to Sign Agreement with Morris Habitat for Humanity Rehab Program R-59-16: 2016 Budget Self Examination R-60-15: Approve Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2013-00
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Council President Norton made a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda which was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes.
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ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA- 6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0
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**Correspondence**

1. RVRSA Meeting Minutes rec'd March 16, 2016.

**Council Reports**

**Council President Norton:** He made a motion to approve a Recreation Application from Babe Ruth for 2016 which was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0 MOTION CARRIED
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**Councilman Binkoski:** No Report.

**Councilman Corbett:** On March 12<sup>th</sup> he attended the Morristown Parade and the Fire Department was gracious enough to let him drive the chief's truck and he thanks them for that. He also attended the Irish American Association's annual St. Patrick's Day celebration on the same day. On March 10<sup>th</sup> he attended the RVRSA meeting. The litigation with Jersey City is ongoing and it looks like it will be going on for a long time. He attended Mayor Ondish's wake and would like to extend his condolences to his family.

**Councilwoman Hayes:** No Report.

**Councilwoman Wickenheisser:** There are plans in the works for a health fair to be held on the same day as Clean Community Day in May. She will let everyone know when she knows more details.

**Councilman Yeager:** No Report.

**Mayor Chegwidden’s Report:** There is a resident on West Central Avenue that is looking to sell his house and in order to be able to, he needs to hook into the sewer line. There is one year left of the five year moratorium on opening a road after it has been paved. The resident is asking the Council if they would allow him to open the street for putting in the sewer line. After a short discussion, Councilman Yeager made a motion to approve the road opening as long as the proper fees are paid, whatever other necessary prior approvals and inspections are completed, and that the road is fixed back to an appropriate condition which was seconded by Councilwoman Wickenheisser.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>
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Councilman Corbett noted that if it hasn’t happened already, someone should notify the builders of the apartments on Main Street that the County is planning on paving Main Street.

Mayor Chegwidden continued, that along with Mr. Hutchins, he met with Overlook Village about the water hook up into Pondview. There is an existing pipe that we can use to connect.

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

March 21, 2016

ATTEST:

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Gabrielle Evangelista,  
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

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WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,  
MAYOR