

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MAY 20, 2019

Mayor Chegwidden Called the Meeting to Order

Mayor Chegwidden read the Open Public Meeting Statement

Mayor Chegwidden requested Roll Call:

Council President Corbett – Absent & Excused
Councilman Binkoski – Absent & Excused
Councilwoman Hayes- Present
Councilwoman Veres-Present
Councilwoman Wickenheisser- Present
Councilman Yeager- Present

Also in attendance were Borough Clerk Gabrielle Evangelista, Deputy Clerk Robin Ghebreal, and Attorney Matthew Petracca

Flag Salute

Mayor Chegwidden led those in attendance with the salute to the American Flag. Mayor Chegwidden asked those in attendance for a moment of silence for Bobby Dorr.

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 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.

Jean Zaccone, 18 Park Street, expressed concern as to why the Town is allowing so many new complexes to be built.

Mayor Chegwidden stated that the Town is addressing the needs of Main Street and how there is also the benefit of the tax rateables. He stated that there are always traffic flow studies done in advance of the projects being introduced. He stated that he is in contact with the school Superintendent as to the capacity for new students. He stated that Main Street and Dewey Avenue are both County owned roads and most of the traffic on both are people passing through to another town. He also stated that the Town has put in additional parking spaces and crosswalks for the increase in both car and foot traffic.

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

Discussion

- **Safe Routes to School:** Ms. Evangelista explained that this is a NJDOT grant funded project to put in a paved walkway through the park from Sterling Street to Columbia Street to make it easier for kids who walk to school to get there. We had received this grant in 2015 and had discussion about it at that time, but since it has been awhile the State asked us to have another open meeting about it. The map showing the project was available to anyone wishing to view it.

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on the Safe Routes to School Plan.

There were no questions or comments from any member of the public or the Council.

Mayor Chegwiddden closed the meeting to the public.

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 5/06/19

Resolutions: R-105-19: Set 2019 Sewer Connection Rate

R-106-19: Approve Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2017-015

Motion by Councilman Yeager seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to approve all items listed on the Consent Agenda.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA:4 NAY: 0 ABSENT:2 ABSTAIN:

Correspondence

- Letter from Fire Chief re: NJ Budget
- RVRSA Meeting Minutes

Council Reports

Council President Corbett – Absent & Excused

Councilman Binkoski: - Absent & Excused

Councilwoman Hayes: No Report

Councilwoman Veres: No Report

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: Stated that there may be a drainage issue on the softball field at Robert Street.

Councilman Yeager: No Report

Mayor Chegwiddden's Report: Stated that he attended the Fraternal Order of Police fishing contest on May 11th. They always do a great job and they had a good turnout. He also attended the 8th grade car wash at MacKinnon Middle School. The kids did a good job and they raised almost \$1700 towards their trip and activities.

Open to the Public

In accordance with Local Ordinance O-18-03, "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 Chegwiddden opened the meeting to the public.

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

Adjournment

Motion by Councilwoman Hayes and seconded by Councilwoman Veres to close this meeting.

May 20, 2019

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

ATTEST:

WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR

Robin Ghebreel,
Deputy Borough Clerk