

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
JUNE 10, 2019

Mayor Chegwidden Called the Meeting to Order

Mayor Chegwidden read the Open Public Meeting Statement

Mayor Chegwidden requested Roll Call:

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

Also in attendance were Administrator Jon Rheinhardt, Borough Clerk Gabrielle Evangelista, and Attorney Roman Hirniak.

Flag Salute

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

Mayor Chegwidden asked everyone to observe a moment of silence for Frank Czipo.

Mayor Chegwidden thanked Prosecutor Fred Knapp, Former Mayor and Police Chaplain Tom Beirne, Mine Hill Mayor Sam Morris and Mine Hill Councilmembers for attending.

Appointment

Councilman Binkoski introduced R-107-19, "Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Police Chief."

A motion was made by Councilman Binkoski and was seconded by Council President Corbett to approve R-107-19.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-5 NAY-0 ABSENT-1 ABSTAIN- 0	MOTION CARRIED
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Chief Young was then sworn in. Congratulations were offered by all in attendance. Mayor Chegwidden advised that he cannot think of a better person to step into the shoes of Former Chief Fernandez. Chief Young has been an honest and hardworking guy for the Borough for many years and Mayor Chegwidden appreciates that. Chief Young made a short speech thanking his wife and family, his co-workers, Mine Hill, Wharton's Mayor and Council, the Prosecutor, the County Chiefs in attendance for all of their support. He was born and raised in Wharton and it has been a great place to live and work for many years, which he hopes continues. He also thanked Former Chief Fernandez for giving him an opportunity in 1995, he has learned under his tutelage and hopes that he can follow in his footsteps as a great leader.

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 5/20/19

**Resolutions: R-108-19: Refund for Tax Overpayment Block 201 Lot 25 QC011A
R-109-19: Amending R-34-18
R-110-19: Liquor License Renewals
R-111-19: Approve Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2017-003
R-112-19: Payout Bradley
R-113-19: Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and
Appropriation- Clean Communities**

Approve Fire Fighter Application Samuel Valerio

A motion was made by Council President Corbett and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to approve all items listed on the Consent Agenda.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 (Corbett abstained from approving the Minutes) NAY-0
ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- Corbett abstained from approving the Minutes.**

MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence

- Letter from DOT re: Rt. 46 project
- Morris County Planning Board Minutes
- Monthly Report Clerk
- Monthly Report Construction

Council Reports

Council President Corbett: He attended the 8th Grade carwash. He attended the Memorial Day Parade and the festivities at the American Legion. He and his wife volunteered at the carnival. He has upcoming RVRSA meetings on the 13th and on the 17th. He would like to wish everyone a Happy Father's Day.

Councilman Binkoski: He attended the Memorial Day Parade. He participated in the Wharton Pride Clean Community Day and was happy to see that there was a lot of participants in that event. He met with the Acting Chief and wanted to give everyone a heads up that the gas line work on North Main Street will be continuing for a little while. They have been trying their best to find the best traffic pattern to keep the impact as low as possible but there is a lot of traffic that comes through that area.

Councilwoman Hayes: She attended the Memorial Day Parade. She participated in the Wharton Pride Clean Community Day and thanks Ms. Craven for putting that together. She attended a Wharton Kids First Foundation meeting last week and would like everyone to save the date of October 11th for a trivia night.

Councilwoman Veres: She attended the Library Board meeting on May 21st. They are continuing to monitor the roof situation over there. She understands that some more repairs were made. It's been pretty nice since then so she's interested to see what happens when it rains next. They are about to kick off the summer reading program and will again be serving free lunches to kids during the summer. They are always looking for volunteers to help serve lunch if anyone is available. She volunteered at the carnival and it seemed like a steady flow of people coming in. She participated in the Memorial Day Parade. There is going to be another Library Gala in October of this year.

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: She attended the Memorial Day Parade. She would like to thank Ms. Ghebreal and all of the volunteers who helped to make the carnival a great event.

Councilman Yeager: Absent.

Mayor Chegwiddden's Report: He advised that the final total from the carnival is over \$30,000. Ms. Ghebreal was able to secure over \$8,000 in sponsorships; a great job was done by her and all of the volunteers. It was very well attended and very well-staffed by volunteers. The money that was raised goes right back into the community- some is donated to various groups within the community and the rest goes towards other community events. He also attended the Memorial Day Parade and this will be our last one before the park gets re-done this year. He attended the Vo-Tech dinner. He was very happy to see the large turn out of volunteers for Wharton Pride Clean Community Day and that a lot of the volunteers were kids. The 4th graders recently came to Town Hall because they are learning about local government. This year he gave them frisbees. As for the work on North Main, the gas company is working hard to make up for their delays and will complete it as soon as possible. The County will be paving this area and Dewey Ave. in the near future. He wanted to bring to everyone's attention that the New Jersey Highlands Council highlighted Wharton in an article as a success story. He will be meeting with the property owner who has purchased Air Products, LE Carpenter, and the area of Harry Shupe Blvd this week to get a feel for his plans. He has been meeting with quite a number of developers lately. Going before the Planning Board tomorrow evening is the Canal House application. They have revamped their application so we'll see what happens with that. He also spoke with Mr. Crimi and they are looking to put in some units and will applying to the Planning Board.

Open to the Public

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 was made by Councilman Binkoski and was seconded by Council President Corbett to close this meeting.

June 10, 2019

ATTEST:

Gabrielle Evangelista,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR