

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
APRIL 8, 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- Present

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.

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.

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

Ordinance

Council President Corbett presented O-07-19, “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.

Mr. Rheinhardt advised that this does not mean that we will exceed this, we use this as an insurance policy every year, but have never used it.

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

A motion was made by Council President Corbett and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt O-07-19 on second and final reading.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance

Councilman Yeager introduced O-08-19, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 270, Article IV, Sections 15 and 16 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey,” on first reading, by title only.

A motion was made by Councilman Yeager and was seconded by Council President Corbett to adopt O-08-19 on first reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0	MOTION CARRIED
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Mayor Chegwiddden set the date of April 22, 2019 for second and final reading.

Ordinance

Councilwoman Hayes introduced O-09-19, “An Ordinance to Provide for General Capital Projects Enumerated within for the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris and to Provide for the Funding Thereof,” on first reading, by title only.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Hayes and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-09-19 on first reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0	MOTION CARRIED
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Mr. Rheinhardt advised that this Ordinance is to fund the remainder of our Capital Projects included in the Budget. The first portion was approved with the Temporary Budget.

Mayor Chegwiddden set the date of April 22, 2019 for second and final reading.

Ordinance

Council President Corbett introduced O-10-19, “An Ordinance to Provide for General Capital Projects Enumerated within for the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris and to Provide for the Funding Thereof,” on first reading, by title only.

A motion was made by Council President Corbett and was seconded by Councilman Binkoski to adopt O-10-19 on first reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0	MOTION CARRIED
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Mayor Chegwiddden set the date of April 22, 2019 for second and final reading.

Mr. Rheinhardt advised that this Ordinance is to fund a project on East Sterling St. which we received a grant for.

Resolution

Councilman Binkoski introduced R-79-19, “Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of a Police Sergeant.”

A motion was made by Councilman Binkoski and was seconded by Council President Corbett to adopt R-79-19.

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

- **Dog Park Plans:** DPW Director, Scott Hutchins, was in attendance to discuss plans for the dog park. Mayor Chegwiddden opened the meeting to the public for this discussion. Eileen Mitchell from 29 Garden Ave. was in attendance and participated in the discussion. Mr. Hutchins explained that the committee has chosen the area where the former volleyball court was on West Dewey Avenue as a good site for the dog park. He has spoken with a

vendor who can provide a variety of items for the park depending on what we are looking for/budget. At this point the Committee was thinking that we would start with the basics and see how much the park gets utilized and then add items in as necessary. They are hoping to get some opinion from the public on what they would want out of dog park. A discussion amongst the group including Ms. Mitchell then followed about items including: the ability to add more parking by expanding the existing lot, the fencing of the park and how there will be separate areas for big and small dogs, the type of fencing that can be used, the rules and safety aspects of such a park, signage about the rules, including a water source, that the park will be unmanned but if there is an issue the signage will include the phone number for the Police Department, utilizing the Borough's decommissioned fire hydrants within the park, including shade trees, and including benches that are the same as the ones located throughout town. Some Ordinances will need to be changed in order to accommodate allowing the dogs to be off a leash within the park, which will be addressed. Mr. Hutchins advised that the Committee has the design, which is basically to follow the perimeter with fencing as far as they can which includes the avoidance of the wetlands area. Everyone agreed with expanding the parking, using a rough lumber barrier, and putting in the fencing. Mr. Hutchins can get started with this as soon as possible. Following the discussion, Councilman Yeager made a motion to approve the \$26,000 quote for putting in the fencing for the dog park, which was seconded by Council President Corbett. This motion was approved via voice vote.

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 3/25/19

Resolutions: R-80-19: Tax Year 2020 Reassessment Program
R-81-19: Cancel Balance 2017 Municipal Alliance
R-82-19: Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2017-012
R-83-19: Acknowledge PIA/World Merger
R-84-19: Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2018-014
R-85-19: Approve County Co-Op Purchase Curbing
R-86-19: Approve County Co-Op Purchase Street Milling and Paving
R-87-19: Professional Service- Engineering East Sterling Street

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 (Veres voted yes but abstained from Approval of Minutes)
NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- (Veres abstained from Approval of Minutes)

MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence

- Notice of DOT Funding for East Sterling Street Roadway Improvements
- Notice of Ordinance from Randolph Township
- Monthly Reports Clerk and Construction

Council Reports

Council President Corbett: On 4/2 he attended a Finance Committee meeting at the RVRSA. The project that they needed to do to address a problem from Hurricane Irene has basically concluded. The state funding agency wants to go to final bonding, but they are waiting on a possible reimbursement from FEMA that the agency cannot bond so they asked them to come up with a reasonable guess as to how much money they would actually get from FEMA and they would bond the rest. So, they spent a long time at that meeting trying to figure out what a reasonable guess would be. Earlier this evening, the Finance Committee met and discussed the dog park as well as additional projects because the cost for one of the 2019 projects came in much cheaper than expected so they may have enough money to fund some additional projects. They will bring any additional projects back to the Council when they finish getting quotes on certain items. They also discussed the purchase of the sewer jetter and the replacement of a building in the DPW. There is a Personnel Committee meeting following this meeting.

Councilman Binkoski: Congratulations to Gordon Gillen on his promotion to Sergeant. To remind everyone, Sgt. Roon's retirement party is this coming Friday. Lastly, there are discussions continuing about a new Court. The committee will be meeting soon and he will report back what happens. Councilman Corbett advised that we should consider that there may be a change in Mayor of Dover which may change the situation about the court there.

Councilwoman Hayes: Work is continuing on Columbia Street, all the trees that were in the way were removed and the curbing work will continue. Mr. Hutchins is meeting with Tilcon soon about starting the paving projects for this year. The DPW has started the removal of the roller rink on Sterling St and will be replacing it with grass. The other fields are all ready for the opening days.

Councilwoman Veres: No Report.

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: She attended soccer's opening day, which was very well attended. The new Board is doing a fantastic job and their enrollment numbers are way up. Baseball's opening day is this Saturday. She attended the Municipal Alliance meeting. As an update on the carnival, the FOP didn't have enough man power so they are no long participating, the American Legion were going to participate but they also cannot, so it is now going to be the Canal Society that will be partnering with the Alliance on the carnival.

Councilman Yeager: He attended the Finance Committee meeting. There is a Planning Board Meeting tomorrow night.

Mayor Chegwidden's Report: He attended the Jr. Knights beefsteak, which was very well attended. The Alliance parent's forum is coming up on the 18th. He has gotten some responses from other Mayors who are looking to attend. He met with a group on the property on Mill Street. He was told that the project has been sold and will be going back to the Planning Board. They got a new expert and this week coming up they will be drilling and filling the mines up there, because it was brought to their attention that there were some that were not on the map. They also met about the property on Thomas and Main that will be coming before the Planning Board. He also attended opening day of soccer, which was pretty amazing. They have 80+ kids and he gives kudos to Gabriel and all of the volunteers who are moving that program along.

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

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

April 8, 2019

ATTEST:

**Gabrielle Evangelista,
Borough Clerk**

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

**WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR**