

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
DECEMBER 9, 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

Councilwoman Hayes presented O-18-19, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 330 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey,” 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 Councilwoman Hayes and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-18-19 on second and final reading.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance

Council President Corbett presented O-19-19, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 247 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey,” 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 Council President Corbett and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt O-19-19 on second and final reading.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance

Councilwoman Wickenheisser introduced O-20-19, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 24 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 Councilwoman Wickenheisser and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-20-19 on first reading.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Chegwidden set the date of December 30, 2019 for second and final reading.

Ordinance

Councilman Binkoski introduced O-21-19, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 315 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 Binkoski and was seconded by Council President Corbett to adopt O-21-19 on first reading.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Chegwidden set the date of December 30, 2019 for second and final reading.

Ordinance

Councilwoman Hayes introduced O-22-19, “An Ordinance Adding Chapter 26 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 Councilwoman Hayes and was seconded by Council President Corbett to adopt O-22-19 on first reading.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Chegwidden set the date of December 30, 2019 for second and final reading.

Ordinance

Councilman Yeager introduced O-23-19, “An Ordinance to provide for a General Capital Project 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 Councilman Yeager and was seconded by Councilwoman Veres to adopt O-23-19 on first reading.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Chegwidden set the date of December 30, 2019 for second and final reading.

Resolution

Council President Corbett introduced R-159-19, “Resolution Authorizing 2020 Community Development Block Grant Application.”

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on this resolution only.

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

Mr. Rheinhardt advised that we’ve been able to do many projects at the Library with CDBG money. This year we are applying for funding to update the parking lot to make it more accessible. The Engineer provided us with options about how we can update both the Library lot and the other municipal lots. We can either break it into two phases or if we have funds in the Capital Budget do it as one big project. After a short discussion, Council President Corbett raised concerns about the amount of potentially expensive projects that are currently being considered. He is not going to be here next year to do so, so he wants to make sure everyone is considerate about spending. After more discussion, including discussion on the status of the Splash Pad, which the committee is still looking at and hasn’t made any final decisions about, Council President Corbett made a motion to approve R-159-19 which was seconded by Councilman Yeager.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 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.	
Approval of Minutes from 11/18/19	
Resolutions: R-160-19: Approve Alliance Application FY2021-2025 R-161-19: Approve Alliance Contract 2020 Carnival R-162-19: Accept CDBG Grant- Senior Bus R-163-19: Professional Service: Environmental Services R-164-19: Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2014-017 R-165-19: Agreement Animal Control Services R-166-19: Approve Application and Agreement for Charging Stations Grant R-167-19: Cancel Balance General Capital Improvement Authorization R-168-19: Accept Grant NJDOT- Morris Canal Lock 2 East R-169-19: Budget Transfers	
Councilwoman Wickenheisser asked to table R-160-19 and R-161-19.	
Council President Corbett made a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda except for R-160-19 and R-161-19 which was seconded by Councilman Yeager.	
ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN-0	MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence

- Notice of Grant Award NJDOT
- Notice of Ordinance from Randolph Township
- Monthly Reports Clerk and Construction

Council Reports

Council President Corbett: He attended the New Jersey League of Municipalities Convention. He attended the inspection and dinner at the Fire Department. He wanted to check on the status of putting in the crosswalks on Columbia St. We are still waiting for the grant money from the State, but we can paint the crosswalk lines. Council President Corbett continued that the gas company had to patch his road after making a repair and they did a terrible job.

Councilman Binkoski: He also attended the New Jersey League of Municipalities Convention. He got to speak to a lot of people there and to spend time with Chief Young. He attended the grand opening of a new business in town Phalanx Krav Maga and CrossFit, they seem to want to be a part of the community which is awesome. He likes that they offered the Jr. Knights Wrestling gym space, which was really nice since they didn't have to do that. He also attended the Fire Department inspection and dinner. He attended the tree lighting last evening and it was nice to see Santa arrive in town.

Councilwoman Hayes: She attended the League meeting as well. She also attended the grand opening event. They had the second Splash Pad Committee meeting, where they walked the park for potential sites. She attended the Fire Department inspection and dinner. Thank you to the DPW for the great job they did with the snow storm.

Councilwoman Veres: She attended the Library Board meeting on 11/19. They were wondering about if the town would be able match funds for a grant they would like to apply for. Mr. Rheinhardt advised that they will look into it during the 2020 budgeting process.

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: She also attended the League of Municipalities; they had some really great classes there. She attended the Fire Department inspection and dinner. She attended the TOP Conference on tackling opioid addiction for athletes, which had really good information. She also attended the grand opening and would like to thank Johan Witto for donating the cookies for the tree lighting last evening. Thank you to everyone involved in planning the tree lighting. She spoke with some of the seniors who were upset about the tricky tray being at the American Legion instead of the senior building which is under construction, because they are going to have issues getting there. Council President Corbett made a motion to approve using the town senior bus, as long they can secure a driver, to take them to this event, which was seconded by Councilwoman Wickenheisser. This was approved via voice vote.

Councilman Yeager: He attended the League Conference and the insurance course there with the Mayor. He attended the cross fit opening. He attended the Fire Department inspection, everything looked great. He also attended the tree lighting and thanks the Fire Department for their help with that event.

Mayor Chegwidde's Report: He also attended the New Jersey League of Municipalities Conference. He had the great honor of being selected as Second Vice President of the League. He helped teach a course for newly elected officials and spoke about budgeting and some other items. He attended the Past Commanders Post 91 dinner, which was a very nice event. He attended the Fire Department inspection and dinner and the grand opening event. He attended the tree lighting and thanks Jackson who helped him switch on the Christmas tree. Thank you to the DPW for their work decorating the whole town. He attended the Splash Pad

Committee meeting. We received a letter from Senator Bucco about the NJDOT grant for St. Mary's Street that we received for \$257,000.

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.

Closed Session

Council President Corbett introduced R-170-19 to close the meeting to the public for discussion on Potential Litigation.

A motion was made by Council President Corbett and was seconded by Councilman Binkoski to approve R-170-19.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6 NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN-0	MOTION CARRIED
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A motion was made by Council President Corbett and was seconded by Councilman Binkoski to return to open session. This motion was approved by voice vote.

Council President Corbett made a motion to approve a lawsuit about the contamination at the Collinson site which was seconded by Councilman Yeager.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Binkoski and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to close this meeting.

December 9, 2019

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

ATTEST:

**WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR**

**Gabrielle Evangelista,
Borough Clerk**