

MINUTES
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
DECEMBER 28, 2020

Mayor Chegwidden Called the Meeting to Order

Mayor Chegwidden read the Open Public Meeting Statement

Mayor Chegwidden requested Roll Call:

Council President Binkoski
Councilwoman Hayes
Councilman Norton
Councilwoman Vasquez
Councilwoman Wickenheisser
Councilman Yeager

Flag Salute

Mayor Chegwidden lead 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.

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Volunteer Appreciation

Council President Binkoski presented Resolution R-141-20 Honoring Qualified Members of the Wharton Fire Department.

Motion by Council President Binkoski and seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt Resolution R-141-20.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA:6	NAY: 0	ABSENT:0	ABSTAIN:
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Mayor Chegwidden and Councilman Binkoski presented the volunteer incentive to the qualified volunteers.

Fire Department Deputy Chief Gene Minell attended and collected the checks for the volunteers.

Ordinance

Councilwoman Hayes introduced O-18-20, “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.

Motion by Councilwoman Hayes and seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-18-20.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	YEA 6	NAY:0	ABSENT :0
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Ordinance

Council President Binkoski introduced O-19-20, “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.

Motion by Council President Binkoski and seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-19-20.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	YEA:6	NAY:0	ABSENT :0
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Resolution

Council President Binkoski introduced R-134-20, “Resolution Authorizing 2021 Community Development Block Grant Application.”

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

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Motion by Council President Binkoski and seconded by Councilwoman Wickenheisser to adopt R-134-20.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	YEA:6	NAY:0	ABSENT:0
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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.

<p>Approval of Bills: All bills referred to the finance committee to be paid if found correct.</p> <p>Approve Minutes from 12/7/20</p> <p>Resolutions: R-142-20 CHA Proposal for Washington Forge Pond R-143-20 Unexpended Balance General Capital Improvement R-144-20 Unexpended Balance Water Capital Improvement R-145-20 Transfer Resolution R-146-20 Safe and Secure Communities Grant R-147-20 Municipal Council Fair Housing</p> <p>Motion by Council President Binkoski and seconded by Councilman Yeager to approve all items listed on the Consent Agenda.</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA:6 NAY: 0 ABSENT:0 ABSTAIN:</p>

Discussion:

New Police Department Signage: Chief Young discussed with the Mayor and Council the ideas for new signage at the Police Department. He showed them some photographs with new signage logos and placement.

A motion was made by Councilman Yeager and seconded by Council President Binkoski to approve the new signage at the Police Department.

Yea: 6 Nay: 0 Absent: 0

Correspondence:

*Letter from Long Hill Township
Clerks Monthly Report
Treasurers Monthly Report
Constructions Monthly Report
Southeast Morris County MUA
Avalon Bay Correspondence*

Council Reports

Council President Binkoski: Stated that he went with Mayor Chegwidden and Administrator Rheinhardt to the DPW the night of the snow storm and cooked for all those who were working that night. He got a tour of the plow circuit that DPW uses to clean up snow storms. He thanked the Police Department for all their work during the snow storm. He attended the Library Board meeting and really enjoyed the cooperation between the Library Board and the Town.

Councilwoman Hayes: Stated she wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilman Norton: Stated that he appreciated the good job the DPW did cleaning up the snow storm. He wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilwoman Vasquez: Stated that she thanked the other Council members for all their help during her first year on the Council. She wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: Stated she wished to thank the DPW and the Police Department for their hard work during the snow storm. She thanked the Mayor and Administrator Rheinhardt for cooking for the DPW staff. She informed the Council that the project at 170 No. Main Street was approved by the Planning Board. She wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilman Yeager: Stated that he wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mayor Chegwidden's Report: Stated the Planning Board met on the 8th and the 15th for the project at 170 No. Main Street. He stated that the Planning Board members were doing a great job. He stated that they all ask good questions and are dedicated to their role. He stated that 170 No. Main Street project will be a good project and the applicant will work with the Town on making improvements on Ross Street. He stated that he attended the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. It was a great night and he was happy to see residents there. He thanked Santa for doing a good job. He stated that the Wharton Woods Project had been sold and they would be coming before the Planning Board soon with adjustments. He stated that would like to add to his next newsletter a piece for residents to suggest where the town clock should be placed in town. He thanked all the residents who lit candles on Christmas Eve and for the churches who rang their bells in hopes of a good year to come. He thanked the DPW for the job they did cleaning up after the snow storm. He thanked the

Police Department for all their hard work during the storm as well. He wished everyone a Happy New Year.

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Adjournment

Motion by Council President Binkoski and seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to close this meeting.