

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
DECEMBER 6, 2021

Mayor Chegwidden called the Meeting to Order

Mayor Chegwidden read the Open Public Meeting Statement

Mayor Chegwidden requested Roll Call:

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

Also in attendance were Administrator Joseph Kovalcik Jr., 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

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public.

Chet Talocci, 36 Kitchell Ave: Mr. Talocci advised that he doesn't agree with the town having an electric vehicle charging station. Mayor Chegwidden advised that the discussion is being driven by the State, not us. Mr. Talocci had a question about the bonding for a potential land purchase that was previously discussed. Mr. Kovalcik advised that it is an accounting mechanism. Mr. Talocci doesn't think that we need to purchase land, we should be worried about our water and sewer infrastructure and rates. Mayor Chegwidden advised that our infrastructure is up to date and is maintained through the utility. This money is from open space. The property is by the pond and will be used to give people more recreational space. More discussion about water followed, including DPW Director, Mr. Hutchins.

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

Ordinance

Councilman Binkoski presented O-17-21, "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 Councilman Binkoski and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt O-17-21 on second and final reading.

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

Council President Wickenheisser presented O-18-21, “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 Wickenheisser and was seconded by Councilman Binkoski to adopt O-18-21 on second and final reading.

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

Councilwoman Vasquez introduced R-146-21, “Resolution Authorizing 2022 Community Development Block Grant Application.”

Mr. Kovalcik advised that the application is to fix the roof of the library.

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.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Vasquez and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt R-146-21.

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

Councilman Yeager introduced R-147-21, “Resolution Authorizing Appointment.”

A motion was made by Councilman Yeager and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt R-147-21.

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

- Updates to municipal parking lot ordinance: Chief Young outlined the proposed changes to the municipal parking ordinance due to the new municipal and library lots. There was discussion about changing the fee for the permit parking as the spots are much more valuable than what we are currently charging for them. The consensus was to change the fee to \$300 for the year unless you are over 65 in which case it will be \$150. Chief Young and Mr. Hirniak will finalize the ordinance changes to be considered on first reading at the next meeting.

Consent Agenda

The following items are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Mayor and Council and are approved by one motion. There is no separate discussion of these items unless a council member or citizen so requests, in which

case, the item is removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in a normal sequence on the agenda.

Approval of Bills: Approve all bills referred to the Finance Committee.

Resolutions: R-148-21: Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2020-016
R-149-21: Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2020-004
R-150-21: Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2017-019
R-151-21: Budget Transfers
R-152-21: Payout Guerra
R-153-31: Approve Change Order 1- Improvements to Municipal Building and Library Parking Lots
R-154-21: Prof. Service Contract Change- Memorial Park

A motion was made by Council President Wickenheisser, which was seconded by Councilman Yeager to approve all of the items on the Consent Agenda.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence

- Notice RVRSA
- Monthly Reports Clerk and Construction

Council Reports

Council President Wickenheisser: No report.

Councilman Binkoski: He asked if Mr. Corbett is still the Borough's RVRSA Rep. Mayor Chegwidden replied that he is. We will ask him to give the Council a report on the RVRSA.

Councilwoman Hayes: The Finance and Personnel Committees have met numerous times. She thanks everyone for their time.

Councilman Norton: The Holiday House Decorating judging will be tomorrow December 7th. The tree lighting is December 12th, and on December 18th the annual free tricky tray for senior citizens will be taking place at the American Legion.

Councilwoman Vasquez: The Rabies Shot clinic is scheduled for December 9th from 6-8 pm at the DPW garage.

Councilman Yeager: He participated in interviews for a new Police Officer.

Mayor Chegwidden's Report: No report.

Open to the Public

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public.

Gene Minell, Chief Wharton Fire Department: He advised that the new fire truck is scheduled to arrive on the 18th.

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

Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman Binkoski and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to close the meeting. This motion was approved by voice vote.

December 6, 2021

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

ATTEST:

**WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR**

**Gabrielle Evangelista,
Borough Clerk**