

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**OCTOBER 3, 2022**

Mayor Chegwidden called the Meeting to Order

Mayor Chegwidden read the Open Public Meeting Statement

Mayor Chegwidden requested Roll Call:

Council President Vasquez- Present  
Council Binkoski- Absent, Present  
Councilwoman Hayes- Present  
Councilman Norton- Present  
Councilwoman Wickenheisser- Present, Attended Via Phone Call  
Councilman Yeager- Present

Also in attendance were Administrator Joseph Kovalcik Jr., Attorney Roman Hirniak, and Borough Clerk Gabrielle Evangelista.

**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.

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

**For Discussion and Possible Action**

- “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3, Article III, Section 13B of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey.”- Police Chief Young advised that the department has requested changing the ordinance to include a Captain and an additional 2 officers. This is in order to streamline the rank structure and allow for potential future growth. Councilwoman Hayes advised that the Personnel Committee discussed the requested changes and have no issues with them. The other Council Members do not have any problems with the changes either.

Councilwoman Hayes made a motion to introduce, O-15-22, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3, Article III, Section 13B of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey,” on first reading, by title only. This motion was seconded by Councilman Yeager.

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

The second reading for this Ordinance will be at the October 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

- “An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 343, New Article III, Section 41 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey.” Mr. Hirniak advised on the status of the proposed ordinance to regulate chickens. He reminded the Council that they are making a recommendation of the language of the ordinance and providing it to the Board of Health for their consideration since they are an autonomous board. He asked if anyone has any additional changes they would like to make. Councilman Binkoski advised that after doing some more research he thinks that the number of chickens allowed per square foot of property should be lowered slightly. After some discussion, everyone

agreed with the change. He also raised a concern about whether landlords should need to apply for the permit, after some discussion, it was addressed.

**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.

<p><b>Approval of Bills: Approve all bills referred to the Finance Committee</b></p> <p><b>Approval of Minutes: 9/12/22 and 9/26/22</b></p> <p><b>R-120-22: Approve Change Order 7 SCADA – Pulled for Discussion</b> <b>R-121-22: Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2021-002</b> <b>R-122-22: Renew JIF Membership</b> <b>R-123-22: Authorize Adoption of Flexible Spending Plan</b></p> <p><b>Approve Jr. Fire Fighter Application- Matthew Pomroy</b></p> <p><b>A motion was made by Council President Vasquez which was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to approve all of the items on the Consent Agenda except for R-120-22 which will be discussed.</b></p> <p><b>ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA: 6      NAY: 0      ABSENT: 0      ABSTAIN: 0</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>
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Councilman Binkoski advised that he would like to discuss R-120-22, because there have been a lot of change orders for this project. Mr. Quillinan, the Assistant DPW Supervisor, advised that the change orders have been due to items that were not in the original specifications. He had questioned the engineer about this as well and the items were not in the original bid. He advised that this should be the last one because the project is almost complete. Mr. Kovalcik advised that he looked into it and even with the change orders, the total amount for the project is still well below the cover bid. He agrees that this should be the last change order for this project.

Councilman Binkoski made a motion to approve, R-120-22, “Resolution Authorizing Change Order,” which was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes.

<p><b>ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA: 6      NAY: 0      ABSENT: 0      ABSTAIN: 0</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>
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**Correspondence**

- **Morris County Planning Board Minutes**

**Council Reports**

**Council President Vasquez:** She reminded everyone that the free rabies shot clinic will be on Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup> from 8am-10am at the DPW Garage. The Library Board has hired Susan Caletone as the interim Library Director.

**Councilman Binkoski:** No report.

**Councilwoman Hayes:** She attended the concert and the Morris County League of Municipalities meeting. The speaker was from Picatinny and it was very interesting.

**Councilman Norton:** No report.

**Councilwoman Wickenheisser: No report.**

**Councilman Yeager: He also attended the Morris County League of Municipalities meeting. This Wednesday is Coffee with a Cop.**

**Mayor Chegwidden's Report**

He attended Soccer and Football's opening days. There were great crowds at both. He attended the Morris County League of Municipalities Meeting. On Saturday we had the presentation for the Open Space grant that we applied for at the County, we have one more scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Open to the Public**

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**Adjournment**

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

October 3, 2022

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

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WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,  
MAYOR

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Gabrielle Evangelista,  
Borough Clerk