

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
APRIL 8, 2024

Mayor Chegwidden called the Meeting to Order.

Mayor Chegwidden read the Open Public Meeting Statement.

Roll Call

Mayor Chegwidden requested Roll Call:

Council President Yeager – Present
Councilman Binkoski- Present
Councilwoman Jones - Present
Councilman Norton – Present
Councilwoman Vasquez - Present
Councilwoman Wickenheisser - Present

Flag Salute

Mayor Chegwidden led those present in the Salute to the American Flag.

Presentation

Wharton Police presented a plaque to Lois Werts, thanking her for her 18 years of service to the Borough as a Crossing Guard. Chief Young thanked Ms. Werts for her service and read a letter of thanks from the school Superintendent, Mr. Herdman. Congratulations were offered by all in attendance.

Swearing In of Police Officers

Mayor Chegwidden, Council President Yeager, and Chief Young administered the Oath of Office to Officer Nicholas A. Zullo, Officer John J. Istvan, and Officer Matthew Acevedo. Chief Young read short biographies of each new Officer. Congratulations and well wishes were offered by all in attendance.

Mayor Chegwidden thanked all of the members of the Police Department for everything that they do for the Borough. It's rare to have almost all of them in one place and to be able to thank them publicly.

Open to the Public

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public.

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

Ordinance

Councilman Binkoski presented O-12-24, "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.

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 Council President Yeager to adopt O-12-24 on second and final reading.

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

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: Approve all bills referred to the Finance Committee
Approval of Minutes: 1/22/24, 2/5/24, 2/26/24

R-74-24: Authorize Refund of Street Opening Escrow Deposit

R-75-24: Amend R-98-23

R-76-24: 2024 Fireworks Contract

R-77-24: Payout Dykes

R-78-24: Recognize Local Government Week

R-79-24: Award Bid Wharton Public Library Windows and Roofing

R-80-24: National Co-Op Purchase- Sanitation Equipment

Appoint Alberto Calderon-Farfan and James McCormick as Alternate Crossing Guards for the remainder of a one-year term to expire 12/31/24

A motion was made by Council President Yeager and seconded by Councilman Binkoski to approve all items listed on the Consent Agenda.

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

Correspondence

- Notice of Resolution-Madison
- Morris County Planning Board Minutes

Council Reports

Council President Yeager: He thanked everyone for their support relating to his mother's recent passing.

Councilman Binkoski: Congratulations to the new Officers, our Police force is great.

Councilwoman Jones: She briefly attended the Fire Department's Easter Egg Hunt, which was very nice. Congratulations to the new Officers, it is beautiful to participate in happy occasions like this.

Councilman Norton: This is one of those nights where you can really feel when the Mayor references "Wharton Strong." Congratulations to the new Officers.

Councilwoman Vasquez: She echoes Councilman Norton's sentiments; these events are very emotional and she feels lucky to be here.

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: Congratulations to the new Officers. She also attended the Fire Department's Easter Egg Hunt and their Beefsteak Dinner. Thanks to them for two great events. Soccer's opening ceremony and the Little League Parade are both coming up.

Mayor Chegwidden's Report: Congratulations to the new Officers and thank you to Ms. Werts. He attended the Renew NJ Summit with the NJLM and it was very interesting. He spoke with the President of JCP&L and they are asking for support for their request to the BPU relating to infrastructure updates. He attended the recreation kick off meeting. Along with 9 other local Mayors, he volunteered preparing a meal at Homeless Solutions in Morristown. It was a great experience. He would like to invite the Council members to go back with him another time. He also attended the Fire Department's Easter Egg Hunt and Beefsteak Dinner which were great. Thank you to them for all that they do for the Borough. We received a

piece of property from County Concrete that allows us to close part of the loop of the trails on Irondale Mt.

Open to the Public

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public.

Tom Quillinan, DPW: Mr. Quillinan advised that over the weekend he spoke with both Mayor Chegwidden and Mr. Kovalcik after hearing from the Morris County MUA’s about a water issue in Randolph. He thanks them for allowing us to assist them by turning off our connection.

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

Closed Session

Council President Yeager introduced R-81-24 to close the meeting to the public for discussion upon Contracts.

A motion was made by Council President Yeager and was seconded by Councilman Binkoski to approve R-81-24. This motion was approved via voice vote.

A motion was made by Council President Yeager and was seconded by Councilman Norton to return to open session. This motion was approved via voice vote.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Council President Yeager and was seconded by Councilman Binkoski to close the meeting. This motion was approved via voice vote.

April 8, 2024

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

ATTEST:

WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR

Gabrielle Evangelista,
Borough Clerk