

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**SEPTEMBER 15 2025**

Mayor Chegwidden called the Meeting to Order.

Mayor Chegwidden read the Open Public Meeting Statement.

**Roll Call**

Mayor Chegwidden requested Roll Call:

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

Also in attendance were Borough Clerk Gabrielle Evangelista and Attorney Roman Hirniak.

**Flag Salute**

Mayor Chegwidden led those present in 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.

**Ordinance**

Councilman Yeager introduced O-15-25, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 315, Article II, Section 7,” on first reading, by title only.

A motion was made by Councilman Yeager and was seconded by Councilman Binkoski to adopt O-15-25 on first reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA: 6	NAY: 0	ABSENT: 0	ABSTAIN: 0
<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>			

Mayor Chegwidden to set the date of October 27, 2025 for second and final reading

**Ordinance**

Councilman Yeager introduced O-16-25, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 322, Section 1,” on first reading, by title only.

A motion was made by Councilman Yeager and was seconded by Councilman Binkoski to adopt O-16-25 on first reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA: 6	NAY: 0	ABSENT: 0	ABSTAIN: 0
<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>			

Mayor Chegwidden to set the date of October 27, 2025 for second and final reading

**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: 3/10/25, 4/24/25, 5/12/25, 6/17/25**

**R-122-25: Refund for Tax Overpayment Block 2003 Lot 5.01**  
**R-123-25: Refund for Tax Overpayment Block 201 Lot 25 Qual C095F**  
**R-124-25: Amend R-37-24**  
**R-125-25: Authorize Agreement Hodes Veterinary Group**  
**R-126-25: End of Employment Payout**  
**R-127-25: PEPPM Co-Op**  
**R-128-25: Approve PEPPM Co-Op Purchase**  
**R-129-25: MOU Morris County and Morris County Sheriff's Department**

**Approve Field Use Application-Wharton Soccer**  
**Approve Blue Light Permit Application Roy Williams III**

**A motion was made by Council President Norton and seconded by Councilwoman Wickenheisser to approve all items listed on the Consent Agenda.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Correspondence**

- None

**Council Reports**

**Council President Norton: No report.**

**Councilman Binkoski: He attended various department meetings. We posted an available administrative position today. He attended Canal Day, the fireworks, and the Ribbon Cutting for Pillar Care. All were very nice.**

**Councilwoman Jones: She attended the ribbon cutting, Canal Day, the fireworks, and the Coffee with the Mayor event.**

**Councilwoman Vasquez: She attended Canal Day and the Coffee with the Mayor event.**

**Councilwoman Wickenheisser: She attended Canal Day, thank you to the DPW and PD for their work on that event. She also attended the ribbon cutting, which was very nice. The Jr. Knights have been very busy and they have their first girls flag football team.**

**Councilman Yeager: He attended Canal Day and the Police Department's bike rodeo. The Police also recently did a traffic study on Fern Avenue and the average speed was 19mph. Of course there were outliers, but they are trying to stop and ticket them.**

**Mayor Chegwidden's Report: He attended the ribbon cutting, which was very nice. There are 11 affordable units. He attended Canal Day and thanks the American Legion and the bag pipers for the opening ceremony. It was a different event, but a good one. One item that came up during the Coffee with the Mayor event is e-bikes. The Police Department has been on top of it, sharing information and hosting the bike rodeo. There were also parking issues that are being worked on. He attended the Planning Board and RVRSA. He wants to note that of the tickets recently issued on Fern Ave. 6 have been to nearby residents.**

**Open to the Public**

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public.

**Chief Young:** He advised that Sgt. Schmidt gave them the information from the Coffee with the Mayor so they have been responding via education and the bike rodeo so far. He thanks Sgt. Katsigiannis for the great work he has been doing with the traffic unit.

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

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Binkoski and was seconded by Councilman Yeager.

September 15, 2025

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

ATTEST:

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WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,  
MAYOR

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Gabrielle Evangelista,  
Borough Clerk