

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
JANUARY 16, 2017

Mayor Chegwidden Called the Meeting to Order

Mayor Chegwidden read the Open Public Meeting Statement

Mayor Chegwidden requested Roll Call:

Council President Binkoski
Councilman Corbett
Councilwoman Hayes
Councilwoman Veres
Councilwoman Wickenheisser
Councilman Yeager

Flag Salute

Mayor Chegwidden led 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 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

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

Resolution

Councilman Corbett introduced R-27-17, "Resolution Amending 2017 Temporary Budget for the Borough of Wharton."

Motion by Councilman Corbett and seconded by Councilman Binkoski to adopt R-27-17.

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

Resolution

Councilman Yeager introduced R-28-17, "Resolution Authorizing 2017 Capital Budget for the Borough of Wharton."

Motion by Councilman Yeager and seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt R-28-17.

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

Ordinance

Councilwoman Hayes introduced O-01-17, "An Ordinance to Provide for General Capital Projects Enumerated within for the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris and to Provide for the Funding Thereof," on first reading by title only.

Motion by Councilwoman Hayes and seconded by Councilman Corbett to adopt O-01-17 on first reading.

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

Mayor Chegwiddden set the date of February 6, 2017 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: All bills referred to the finance committee to be paid if found correct.

Approved Minutes from December 27, 2016 and 2017 Reorganization Meeting

**Resolutions: R-29-17: Approve Contract- 2017 Annual Fireworks Display
R-30-17: Public Auction*
R-31-17: Approve Grant Contract- NJDOT Safe Corridors
R-32-17: Authorize Participation in the Educational Services
Commission of New Jersey Co-Op Purchasing Program
R-33-17: 2016 Tax Overpayments Applied to 2017**

Approved Fire Fighter Application from Joseph Pica

Approved Junior Fire Fighter Application from Tyler Muzzillo

***Councilwoman Hayes requested that R-30-17 be removed from the Consent Agenda**

Motion by Councilman Binkoski seconded by Councilman Yeager to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda except for R-30-17.

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

Councilwoman Hayes requested that R-30-17 be amended to include a Troybuilt 30 Inch Snow Blower (MFG #42047) in the list of items to be auctioned and made a motion to approve R-30-17 as amended, which was seconded by Councilman Corbett.

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

Correspondence

None

Council Reports

Council President Binkoski: Stated that the committee is moving forward in their search to meet the Borough's needs for a court.

Councilman Corbett: Stated he attended the RVRSA meeting on January 12th. Stated that it was the anniversary of the lawsuit against RVRSA. The briefs will be due in 2 weeks and a potential trial date will be March 6th, 2017. On January 13th he met with Finance Committee and Administrator Rheinhardt. The budget will be introduced on March 7th after the Governor's Report and adopted April 21st. He stated that RVRSA went up 15%. In tax it will reflect 1.97% increase. He stated that all the roads that are to be repaved this year are underway. After this year's street projects are complete, we will have 60% of the roads in a category 1 status.

He stated that 2% of the taxes are going to Library, Open Space and Special District and 65% go to our local/regional school districts.

Councilwoman Hayes: Stated that she also attended the Finance Committee meeting and thanked our Administrator for working with her schedule. She noted that on February 10th the Wharton Kids First Foundation will be holding their Lotsa Pasta dinner.

Councilwoman Veres: Stated that on January 7th she attended the orientation for newly elected officials and it was a good experience. She stated that she attended the Board of Health meeting on January 11th and a President Margie Corbett was appointed.

Councilwoman Wickenheisser: No report

Councilman Yeager: Stated that he attended the School Board reorganization meeting. Theresa Yeager was appointed President and Robin Ghebreal Vice President. He stated that he also attended the Planning Board's reorganizational meeting and Ken Loury was appointed President and Roger Steele as Vice President. He also stated that during our Tenancy Review Meeting a taxi/limo company had applied to start a business in Wharton. The Mayor, Council and Chief Fernandez will discuss as there is currently an Ordinance in place regarding it.

Mayor Chegwidden: Stated he had attended the planning board meeting as well and they are doing a great job. He and Administrator Rheinhardt met with Mayor Sam Morris of Mine Hill and their Chief Financial Officer to discuss some joint items. He stated that he and Administrator Rheinhardt met with Mayor Stanzilis of Mt. Arlington and their administrator to seek options to meet the need for a joint court. Mayor will invite our current judge to the next council meeting to get his perspective. The council members asked the Mayor to provide them with court room specifications. Mayor stated he had been a judge at a chili cook off at Hot Rods. Good turnout and lots of fun. Mayor gave the council members a list of capital projects that may be moving forward this year.

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Adjournment

A motion was by Councilman Corbett and was seconded by Council President Binkoski to close this meeting. This motion was approved by voice vote.

January 16, 2017

ATTEST:

Robin Ghebreal,
Deputy Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR