

Exeter Borough Council

Regular Monthly Meeting
1101 Wyoming Ave
July 7, 2015
7:00 P.M.

Meeting called to order by Thomas Shannon. The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call – Member Present,
Mr. Shannon, Mr. Dellegrotto, Mr. Turner, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Esposito Mr. Pizano, Ms. Adams, Mayor Castellani

Motion to approve the June 2, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes. 1st Mr. Dellgrotto, 2nd Mr. Turner and unanimously carried.

Treasurers Report provided by Debra Serbin
Motion to accept the Treasurers Report as read. 1st Mr. Turner, 2nd Mr. Esposito and unanimously carried.

Citizens input (agenda items only) No public comments.

Correspondence: Council has meet in Executive Session July 7, 2015 at 6:30 to discuss a legal matter. Mr. Shannon introduced Attorney Joseph Rudolf and asked if anyone had questions for Atty. Rudolf concerning the Galli arbitration matter. Joanne Shiner of 321 Donna Way and Nancy Dolan of 41 Fairway Hill both had questions that were answered by Atty. Rudolf.

Refuse Report – Lynda Hyzenski, report on file.

Recycling Report – Karen Szwast, absent, report on file.

Reports of Committees

Police – Joseph Esposito & Larry Dellegrotto: 357 calls for the month.

Finance & Insurance (Grants) – Joseph Esposito & Larry Dellegrotto: Budget in line and is being monitored.

Fire Department – Denise Adams & John Morgan: read a list of new officers at the Fire Company. Year to Date calls 193. Monthly financial report is on file.

Street/Recycling Departments – Richard Turner, explained sewer problems that were dealt with this past month.

Parks & Recreation – Joseph Pizano & Denise Adams: Nothing at this time.

Hicks Creek Maintenance – Richard Turner & John Morgan: Nothing at this time.

Zoning – Larry Dellegrotto, Richard Turner & Joseph Pizano – updated the public on the zoning matters. Mr. Pepe read the report for the month. Report on file.

Building & Grounds – John Morgan & Joseph Pizano: Nothing at this time.

Remarks from Mayor Castellani, spoke of riding with the Zoning Officer and correcting blighted properties.

Solicitors Report – Ray Hassey: Nothing at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion to accept the prepaid bills in the amount of \$29,660.33. 1st Mr. Turner, 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

Motion to ratify the June 27, 2015 hiring of James Searfoss of Lambert St., Pittston as a part time as needed fire truck driver. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

Motion to execute the Capital Improvement Cooperation Agreement by and between Luzerne County and Exeter Borough for street improvements in the amount of \$100,000.00. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Turner and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept pay request #3 from Sikora Brothers in the amount of \$69,348.75 for the Susquehanna Ave North Phase 1 project, payable from the 1st National Sewer Fund as approved by Harold Ash of PennEngineering. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Turner and unanimously carried.

Motion to refund from the Flood 2011 Fund, \$18,355.00 to PEMA. Funds were deposited by PEMA in error. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Turner and unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to accept the current bills in the amount of \$88,975.75. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Turner, Roll Call; Mr. Morgan – yes, with the exception of the Dilworth Paxton and Donald Karpowich invoices, Mr. Shannon – yes, Mr. Dellegrotto – yes, Mr. Turner – yes, Mr. Pizano – yes, with the exception of the Dilworth Paxton invoice, Ms. Adams – yes, with the exception of the Dilworth Paxton and Donald Karpowich invoices, Mr. Esposito – yes.

Motion to purchase and finance a SA Galaxy R-6 2015 Street Sweeper/Vac at a cost of \$173,000.48 payable equally from the Road and Sewer Funds. 1st Mr. Turner, 2nd Mr. Esposito, Roll Call; Mr. Morgan – yes, Mr. Shannon – yes, Mr. Dellegrotto – yes, Mr. Turner – yes, Mr. Pizano – yes, Ms. Adams – yes, Mr. Esposito – yes.

Motion to transfer the Police Medical from Geisinger to Open Market effective August 1, 2015. 1st Mr. Dellegrotto, 2nd Mr. Turner and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept Resolution #2-2015 authorizing the Borough of West Pittston to make application and accept a Pennsylvania Commonwealth Financing Authority Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 (\$650,000 if Wyoming Borough does not participate in project) for the Multi-Municipality Infrastructure Project. 1st Mr. Dellegrotto, 2nd Mr. Turner and unanimously carries.

Open to the Public:

Joanne Shiner of 321 Donna's Way talked about speeding on Donna's Way and trees blocking the site line of cars on Troback Drive.

Elana Holleran of 101 Aster Court spoke about tall weeds blocking the site line when leaving Wildflower Drive.

Ron Rome of 1009 Wyoming Ave asked if Chief John McNeil applied for the COPS Grant ? No, the Chief did not apply for the grant because the funds have been slashed. Mr. Rome asked what is the date of the letter sent to Dilworth Paxton LLP informing them that Exeter Borough will be leaving there firm and going with Clark Hill LLP? Mr. Esposito said the June minutes reference the date of May 13, 2015.

Kathy Mihok of 39 Fairway Drive asked Council to look into their neighbor's property that has tall trees overhanging into their yard.

Dale Skursky of 1920 Susquehanna Ave informed Council that the Exeter Hose Co. will be mailing a fund drive. He asked if Exeter Borough will pay the insurance on the Brush Truck? Council will review the matter.

Dave Balent of 304 Grant St. questioned contractor registration. Atty. Hassey will review the matter.

James Bone of 154 Valley St. spoke to Council about hooking up his sewer. Exeter Borough will hook him up once he brings his lateral to the curb line.

Adjournment, 1st Mr. Turner and unanimously carried.

Prepared and submitted by Debra Serbin