

Exeter Borough Council
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

October 11, 2016

7:00 P.M.

Meeting called to order by Council Chairman Thomas Shannon. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Mr. Shannon, Mr. Turner, Mr. Morgan, Ms. DeRoberto, Mr. Dellegrotto, Mr. Esposito and Mayor Castellani
Absent – Mr. Pizano

Motion to approve the September 6, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes. 1st Mr. Turner, 2nd Mr. Dellgrotto, and unanimously carried.

Treasurer Report provided by Debra Serbin

Motion to accept the Treasurers Report. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Turner and unanimously carried.

Citizens Input (agenda items only) No public input.

Correspondence: Letter of resignation for Exeter Borough Tax Collector, Thomas Polacheck.

Motion to accept with regrets the resignation of Thomas Polacheck as Exeter Borough Tax Collector effective December 31, 2016. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Turner and unanimously carried.

Motion to place a notice in the newspaper seeking interested residents for the position of Tax Collector for Exeter Borough. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Ms. DeRoberto and unanimously carried.

Refuse Report – Lynda Hyzenski, absent, no report.

Recycling Report – Karen Szwast, absent, no report.

Reports of Committees

Police – Joseph Esposito, Larry Dellegrotto & Betty Ann DeRoberto. 281 call for the month. The Police Department was awarded a grant to purchase new bullet proof vest. The grant is a 50% match, which will budgeted for in 2017.

Finance & Insurance (Grants) Larry Dellegrotto, Joseph Esposito and Betty Ann DeRoberto The 2016 budget is in line with projections.

Fire Department – Betty Ann DeRoberto & Joseph Pizano – Report on file. Calls, year to date 409.

Zoning – Joseph Pizano & Larry Dellegrotto – Mr. Pepe, report on file.

Street/Recycling – Richard Turner & Betty Ann DeRoberto – the department is busy filling potholes.

Hicks Creek – Joseph Pizano & John Morgan – Nothing at this time.

Parks & Recreation – Betty Ann DeRoberto & Joseph Pizano – the parks will be closing in November for the season.

Remarks from Mayor Herman Castellani – Report on file.

Solicitors Report – Nothing at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion to accept the prepaid bills in the amount of \$39,026.88. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Turner and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept Ordinance #4-2016 vehicle traffic on that portion of Schooley Ave. between Wyoming Ave and Susquehanna Ave shall be limited in that tractor trailer trucks shall not be permitted to travel or operate on said portion of Schooley Ave. Signs prohibiting tractor trailer trucks shall be posted near the intersection of Schooley Ave and Wyoming Ave. providing notice thereof, as advertised by Atty. Hassey. 1st Mr. Turner, 2nd Ms. DeRoberto and unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to accept the current bills in the amount of \$98,153.41. 1st Mr. Turner, 2nd Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

Motion authorizing PennEastern Engineers, to proceed with preparing the cost estimate, project narrative and other documents necessary in support of and to assist Ashburn Advisors in their preparation of the PA Small Water & Sewer Grant application. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Mr. Esposito and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept Resolution #5-2016 requesting a PA Small Water and Sewer Program Grant in the amount of \$416,670.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the Exeter Sanitary Sewer Project. If Exeter Borough is awarded this grant there will be a 15% matching funds in the amount of \$73,530.00. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Turner and unanimously carried.

Motion to eliminate the curb side recycling pickup for all Exeter Borough businesses effective March 31, 2017. Exeter Borough will send notice letters to the affected businesses informing them of the change and their mandated responsibility to recycle and sending the weight slips to Exeter Borough. 1st Mr. Dellegrotto, 2nd Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept pay request #1 from Fehlinger Construction Group in the amount of \$7,452.00 for the Stormwater Improvement Project as approved by Harold Ash of PennEastern Engineering. 1st Mr. Turner, 2nd Ms. DeRoberto and unanimously carried.

Attorney Hassey stated that Council meet in executive session tonight at 6:30 to discuss contract negotiations. He read the following motion for Councils consideration.

Motion to conditionally approve Exeter Borough's participation in the Luzerne County District Attorney General's Drug Task Force, subject to:

1. Acceptable agreement terms between Exeter Borough and the Luzerne County District Attorney.
2. Establishment of in house policies with the Police Department.
3. Agreement with the collective bargaining unit.
4. Approval by the Borough's insurance coverage that the Borough have coverage within our existing policies or at a reasonable cost.
5. Such other conditions as may be recommended by the Borough Solicitor.

1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Turner, Roll Call; Mr. Morgan – yes, Mr. Shannon – yes, Mr. Dellegrotto – yes, Mr. Turner – yes, Ms. DeRoberto – yes, Mr. Esposito – yes.

Motion to move forward with the purchasing of a plaque to honor the former Police Chief Zavada, not to exceed \$2,200 in cost and subject to receiving \$1,500.00 in private donation. 1st Mr. Dellegrotto, 2nd Mr. Morgan, Roll Call; Mr. Morgan – yes, Mr. Shannon – yes, Mr. Dellegrotto – yes, Mr. Turner – yes, Ms. DeRoberto – yes, Mr. Esposito – yes.

Open to the Public: Martha Zavada of 101 Jean St. gave the Council an update on the plaque she is raising money for to have installed in the Exeter Borough building.

Adjournment by Mr. Esposito

Prepared and submitted by Debra Serbin