

Exeter Borough Council
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

December 6, 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. Pizano, Mr. Morgan, Ms. DeRoberto, Mr. Dellegrotto, Mr. Esposito and Mayor Castellani

Motion to approve the November 1, and November 22, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes. 1st Mr. Turner, 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto, and unanimously carried.

Treasurer Report provided by Debra Serbin

Motion to accept the Treasurers Report. 1st Ms. DeRoberto, 2nd Mr. Pizano and unanimously carried.

Citizens Input (agenda items only) No public input.

Correspondence – letter if interest for the position of Exeter Borough Tax Collector from Thomas Pizano and Renee Poepperling.

Refuse Report – Lynda Hyzenski, report on file.

Recycling Report – Karen Szwast, absent, no report.

Reports of Committees

Police – Joseph Esposito, Larry Dellegrotto & Betty Ann DeRoberto. 238 call for the month.

Finance & Insurance (Grants) Larry Dellegrotto, Joseph Esposito and Betty Ann DeRoberto. Mr. Esposito did the second and final reading of the 2017 Exeter Borough Budget.

Fire Department – Betty Ann DeRoberto & Joseph Pizano – Report on file. Calls, year to date 512.

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

Street/Recycling – Richard Turner & Betty Ann DeRoberto – Nothing at this time.

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

Parks & Recreation – Betty Ann DeRoberto & Joseph Pizano – Nothing at this time

Remarks from Mayor Herman Castellani – Report on file. The Mayor noted that the Council and the Manager did a great job on the 2017 Budget. He wished all a Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year.

Solicitors Report – Absent

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion to accept the prepaid bills in the amount of \$45,335.35. 1st Mr. Turner, 2nd Mr. Esposito and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept the 2017 Operating Budget for Exeter Borough and the associated property tax mileage. The collection of .2917 mills is devoted to debt service within the Borough of Exeter. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Turner, Roll Call; Mr. Morgan – no, Mr. Shannon – yes, Mr. Dellegratto – yes, Mr. Turner – yes, Mr. Pizano – yes, Ms. DeRoberto – yes, Mr. Esposito – yes.

Motion authorizing Atty. Hassey to advertise the property tax mileage and debt service mileage ordinance for 2017. 1st Mr. Dellegratto, 2nd Mr. Turner and unanimously carried.

Appointment of Exeter Borough Tax Collector.

Motion to appoint Mr. Thomas Pizano as the Exeter Borough Tax Collector for 2017. 1st Mr. Turner, 2nd Mr. Dellegratto, Roll Call; Mr. Morgan – yes, Mr. Shannon – yes, Mr. Dellegratto – yes, Mr. Turner – yes, Mr. Pizano – yes, Ms. DeRoberto – yes, Mr. Esposito – yes.

Motion to extend the probationary period of Caption Coolbaugh for a period for 3 months. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Turner and unanimously carried.

Motion to ratify the December 2, 2016 hiring of Christopher Vecchi of Wyoming, PA as a Part Time as needed Police Officer. 1st Mr. Pizano, 2nd Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept pay request #2 from Fehlinger Construction in the amount of \$136,988.04 as approved by Harold Ash of PennEastern Engineering. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Dellegratto and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept Ordinance #5- 2016, Exeter Borough Fireworks Ordinance, as advertised by Atty. Hassey. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Mr. Turner and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept Ordinance #6-2016, Exeter Borough Computer and Equipment Use Policy as advertised by Atty. Hassey. Ms. DeRoberto, 2nd Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

Motion to transfer \$20,360.00 from the Refuse Fund to the General Fund as reimbursement of the 2016 salaries associated with the Refuse Clerk and the Recycling Coordinator. 1st Mr. Turner, 2nd Mr. Dellegratto, Roll Call; Mr. Morgan – yes to transfer the Refuse salary, No on transferring the Recycling Salary, Mr. Shannon – yes, Mr. Dellegratto – yes, Mr. Turner – yes, Mr. Pizano – yes, Ms. DeRoberto – yes, Mr. Esposito – yes.

Motion to transfer \$25,000.00 from the 1st National Sewer Fund to the General Fund for administrative duties associated with the Borough Manager, insurances and the 2016 building utilities. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Dellegratto, Roll Call; Mr. Morgan – no, Mr. Shannon – yes, Mr. Dellegratto – yes, Mr. Turner – yes, Mr. Pizano – yes, Ms. DeRoberto – yes, Mr. Esposito – yes.

Motion to transfer \$21,115.00 from the Refuse Fund to the General Fund as reimbursement for Recycling/Refuse expenses paid from the Exeter Borough General Fund. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto, Roll Call; Mr. Morgan – no, Mr. Shannon – yes, Mr. Dellegrotto – yes, Mr. Turner – yes, Mr. Pizano – yes, Ms. DeRoberto – yes, Mr. Esposito – yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Shannon welcomed the Wyoming Area Social Studies Class to our meeting.

Motion to accept the current bills in the amount of \$80,402.67. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Turner and unanimously carried.

Motion authorizing a \$1.00 service fee for the use of credit cards when paying for the 2017 Refuse Sticker. 1st Mr. Turner, 2nd Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

Motion to reappoint Steve Harmanos to the Exeter Borough Zoning Board for a period of three years. 1st Mr. Dellegrotto, 2nd Mr. Pizano and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept Resolution #6-2016, authorizing the filing of a DCED Grant in the amount of \$ 12,500 for contracting with Derck & Edson and Pennsylvania Downtown Center for technical assistance in the form of facilitation of an open community process for the purpose of creating a vision statement and action strategy for Exeter Borough and the Central Business district. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Turner and unanimously carried.

Motion authorizing Mr. Pizano to contact Governors Wolf's Assistant, Cassandra Coleman to assist Exeter Proud with funds for the DCED Grant project. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Pizano and unanimously carried.

Motion to hire Davina Paisley of Exeter as a part time as needed School Crossing Guard. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Ms. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

Motion to hire Nathon Redmond of W. Pittston as a part time as needed Firetruck Driver. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

Motion to hire Brian Redmond of W. Pittston as a part time as needed Firetruck Driver. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

Motion to hire Austin Nocera of Falls as a part time as needed Firetruck Driver. 1st Ms. DeRoberto, 2nd Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

Open to the Public: Martha Zavada of Jean St. spoke about the plaque honoring her late father as Exeter Borough Police Chief.

Adjournment by Mr. Esposito

Prepared and submitted by Debra Serbin