

Exeter Borough Council
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

March 1, 2016

7:00 P.M.

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

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

Absent: Mr. Dellegrotto

Motion to approve the February 2, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes. 1st Mr. Turner, 2nd Mr. Esposito and unanimously carried.

Treasurer Report provided by Debra Serbin

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Turner and unanimously carried.

Citizens Input (agenda items only) No public comments.

Correspondence: PPL will be undertaking the removal of vegetation that is too close to the power lines. Luzerne County will not have an electronics recycling collection this year.

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. 218 call for the month. Sgt. Coolbaugh read his financial report.

Finance & Insurance (Grants) Larry Dellegrotto, Joseph Esposito and Betty Ann DeRoberto. No report at this time.

Fire Department – Betty Ann DeRoberto & Joseph Pizano – Report on file. Calls, year to date 43.

Zoning – Joseph Pizano & Larry Dellegrotto – Nothing at this time.

Street/Recycling – Richard Turner & Betty Ann DeRoberto – There was a sewer brake on Susquehanna Ave.

Hicks Creek – Joseph Pizano & John Morgan – There is debris in catch basin.

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

Remarks from Mayor Herman Castellani – Commended Fire Chief Donald Skurskiy for a good job during the recent fire at 500 Schooley Ave. Also thanked fire companies from other towns for their help in fighting the fire.

Solicitors Report – Ray Hassey – Nothing at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion to accept the prepaid bills in the amount of \$135,316.43. 1st Mr. Turner, 2nd Mr. Esposito and unanimously carried.

Motion to place out for bid the Lehigh and Anthracite Storm Sewer Project. 1st Mr. Turner, 2nd Mr. DeRoberto and unanimously carried.

Motion to place out for bid the Refuse Contract and also an add alternate for collecting curbside recycling. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Mr. Turner and unanimously carried.

Motion to ratify the February 24, 2016 hiring of Matthew Evans of Shavertown, Pa as a part time as needed patrolman for Exeter Borough. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Turner and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept pay request #2 (final) in the amount of \$11,325.00 for the 2015 Pave Project as approved by Harold Ash of PennEastern Engineering. 1st Mr. Turner, 2nd Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

Motion to approve the contract between Exeter Borough and Advance Code Group for 3rd party inspections in accordance with the UCC code, the contract will end on December 31, 2017. 1st Mr. Turner, 2nd Mr. Esposito, Roll Call; Mr. Morgan – no, Mr. Shannon – yes, Mr. Turner – yes, Mr. Pizano – yes, Ms. DeRoberto – yes, Mr. Esposito – yes.

Motion to accept Resolution 2-2016 the chain of command in the Exeter Borough Police department. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Turner and unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to accept the current bills in the amount of \$87,160.44. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Turner, Roll Call; Mr. Morgan – yes, with the exception of the Karpowich invoice, Mr. Shannon – yes, Mr. Turner – yes, Mr. Pizano – yes, Ms. DeRoberto – yes, Mr. Esposito – yes.

Motion to establish the rank of Captain, in the Exeter Borough Police Department, with an authority level greater than Sgt. and subordinate to Police Chief or designated representative. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Turner and unanimously carried.

Motion to approve the minimum job descriptions for, the position of Captain for the Exeter Borough Police Department. The description for the position of Captain for the Exeter Borough Police Department may be modified at any time by the Exeter Borough Council. 1st Mr.

Esposito, 2nd Mr. Turner, and unanimously carried with the exception of Mr. Pizano who abstained from voting.

Motion to direct Atty. Hassey to notify the FOP of the creation of Police Captain for the Exeter Borough Police Department in accordance with Article IV (D) of the Civil Service rules. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Turner and unanimously carried.

Motion authorizing Atty. Hassey to advertise an ordinance creating the position of Manager in accordance with the Pennsylvania Borough Code. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Turner and unanimously carried.

Motion to hire Alaisha Sherwood of Noxen, PA as a part time as needed patrolman for Exeter Borough. 1st Mr. Turner, 2nd Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

Motion to approve the sale to John McNeil of the service firearm used by him, identified as a Sig Sauer Model P220 45 Caliber handgun. Serial #G350350, for the consideration of \$200.00 in “as is” condition with no warranties. Buyer shall immediately submit the registration documents transferring ownership at his own expense, and provide the Borough with a copy thereof. 1st Mr. Turner, 2nd Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept Resolution 3-2016 agreeing to sign a, Bill of Sale and transfer for the Sig Sauer Model P220, 45 Caliber handgun to John McNeil for \$200.00. 1st Mr. Turner, 2nd Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

Open to the Public

Mr. Don Hudock of 367 Susquehanna Ave asked for street signage notifying tractor trailers no turns on Schooley Ave. Sgt. Coolbaugh will monitor the matter.

Mr. Martha Zavada of 101 Jean St. request a plaque be placed in the borough building for her late father, who was a past Police Chief. Mr. Pizano said he is willing to work on this matter.

Motion to appoint Joseph Pizano head of the committee to research getting a plaque for Chief Zavada. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Turner and unanimously carried.

Adjournment by Mr. Turner

Prepared and submitted by Debra Serbin