

Exeter Borough Council
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
December 5, 2017
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. Morgan, Mr. Pizano, Ms. DeRoberto, Mr. Dellegrotto, Mr. Esposito, Mayor Castellani
Absent: Mr. Turner

Motion to approve the November 7, and November 20, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes. 1st Mr. Dellegrotto, 2nd Mr. DeRoberto and unanimously carried.

Treasurer Report provided by Debra Serbin

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

Citizens Input (agenda items only) Ron Rome of Wyoming Ave asked about the motion to accept the updated job description for the Police Commissioner. Atty. Hassey provided him with the updated agreement.

Correspondence – Letter of resignation from Officer Andrew Labar.

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. 236 call for the month. Report on file.

Finance & Insurance (Grants) Larry Dellegrotto, Joseph Esposito and Betty Ann DeRoberto. The 2017 budget is in balance.

Fire Department – Betty Ann DeRoberto & Joseph Pizano – Report on file. Calls, year to date 390.

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

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 – The trash cans in the parks need to be empties for the season.

Remarks from Mayor Herman Castellani – Nothing at this time.

Solicitors Report – Attorney Hassey - Nothing at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion to accept the prepaid bills in the amount of \$27,497.41. 1st Mr. Dellegrotto, 2nd Mr. Pizano and unanimously carried.

Motion to authorize Ashburn Advisors to submit a LSA Grant for the continuation of sewer work on Wyoming Ave from Barber St. to Orchard St. and to also apply for a Small Water and Sewer Grant for E. Packer Ave. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

Second reading of the 2018 Exeter Borough Budget. Mr. Esposito did a second reading of the proposed 2018 budget.

Motion to accept the 2018 Operating Budget for Exeter Borough and the continued collection of 0.3495 mills, which was formerly devoted to debt service, which shall hereafter be devoted and encumbered for the purpose of repairing and improving streets, roadways and sidewalks within the Borough of Exeter. The dedication of these funds shall be so stated in the annual budget and tax levy ordinance for 2018, along with other allocations as may be stated therein. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto, Roll Call: Mr. Morgan – yes, Mr. Shannon – yes, Mr. Dellegrotto – yes, Mr. Pizano – yes, Ms. DeRoberto – yes, Mr. Esposito – yes.

Motion authorizing Atty. Hassey to advertise the property tax mileage ordinance for 2018. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Ms. DeRoberto and unanimously carried.

Motion to transfer \$20,360.00 from the Refuse Fund to the General Fund as reimbursement of the 2017 salaries associated with the Refuse Clerk and the Recycling Coordinator. 1st Mr. Dellegrotto, 2nd Mr. Pizano and unanimously carried.

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 2017 building utilities. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

Motion to transfer \$18,559.66 from the Refuse Fund to the General Fund as reimbursement for Recycling/Refuse expenses paid from the Exeter Borough General Fund. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Ms. DeRoberto and unanimously carried.

Motion to approve the updated job description for the Police Commissioner William Harden. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept pay request #2 (final) from Spotts Brother in the amount of \$12,300.00 for the Recycling Roof replacement Project as approved by PennEastern Engineering. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

Motion to ratify the November 13, 2017 hiring of Ralph Dixon as a part time as needed Firetruck Driver, as approved by Fire Chief Donald Skursky. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

Motion to hire Michael O'Donnell as a part time as needed patrolman for Exeter Borough as approved by Police Commissioner Harden. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to accept the current bills in the amount of \$135,339.04. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept Resolution #4-2017 authorizing the submission by Exeter Borough as the applicant for a LSA in the amount of \$97,375.00 grant request for the rehabilitation of the Wyoming Area School District tennis Courts at no cost to Exeter Borough. 1st Mr. Pizano, 2nd Mr. Esposito and unanimously carried.

Motion to Payoff and Retire the indebtedness of Exeter Borough established and described in Ordinance #2 of 2004, and directing that the Borough Manager pay off any remaining principal related to said debt form Borough funds. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

Motion to donate \$450.00 for Exeter Borough General Fund to the making of the plaque for former Police Chief John Zavada. 1st Mr. Pizano, 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

Motion to table the Recycling Collection bids for 60 days. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Pizano and unanimously carried.

Open to the Public

John Petrochko of 327 Cherry Drive spoke about meeting on Cherry Drive to decide on a location for possible street light. Mr. Shannon will set up a meeting.

Martha Zavada of 101 Jean St. and her family presented the plaque of her father to be erected in the Borough Building. Refreshments were provided by the family.

Mr. Bruce Fahey of 151 Susquehanna Ave spoke on speeding on Susquehanna Ave. The police will monitor the situation. He also offered his services for surveillance at the Recycling Center. Joanne Shiner of Donna's Way, praised Mayor Castellani on a job well done and said he will be sadly misses.

Adjournment, Mr. Morgan & Mr. Esposito

Prepared and submitted by Debra Serbin