

Exeter Borough Council  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
February 6, 2018  
7:00 P.M.

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

Mayor Adam named Maxie Markus as the, “ Person of the Month”.

Roll Call: Present: Mr. Morgan, Mr. Balent, Ms. DeRoberto, Mr. Dellegrotto, Mr. Esposito, Mr. Pizano, Mr. Murawski, Mayor Adams

Motion to approve the January 2, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Morgan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Pizano and unanimously carried.

Treasurer Report provided by Debra Serbin

Motion to accept the Treasurers Report. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Esposito, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Balent and unanimously carried.

Citizens Input (agenda items only) No public input.

Correspondence – No correspondence.

Refuse Report– Lynda Hyzenski, report on file.

Recycling Report – Karen Szwest, report on file.

Reports of Committees

Police – Joseph Esposito, Larry Dellegrotto & Betty Ann DeRoberto. Police committee meeting February 19, 2018. Report on file.

Finance & Insurance (Grants) Larry Dellegrotto, Joseph Esposito and Betty Ann DeRoberto. Finance Committee will research new police vehicles.

Fire Department – John Morgan & Joseph Pizano – Report on file. Calls, year to date 94. Financial Report on file. Mr. Murawski and Mr. Morgan meet with Douglas Roberts and A. J. Spadoni concerning the position of Exeter Borough Fire Chief.

Zoning – Joseph Pizano & Larry Dellegrotto – Working with Luzerne County 911 system to renumber streets.

Street/Recycling –Betty Ann DeRoberto & David Balent – Nothing at this time.

Hicks Creek – Joseph Pizano, John Morgan & David Balent – Tree down in Hicks Creek to be removed when weather permits.

Parks & Recreation – Betty Ann DeRoberto & John Morgan – Nothing at this time.

Remarks from Mayor Adams – Block party June 30, 2018.

Motion to close off Lincoln St. on June 29 and June 30, 2018 for block party. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Esposito, 2<sup>nd</sup> Morgan and unanimously carried.

Solicitors Report – Attorney Hassey, nothing at this time.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion to accept the prepaid bills in the amount of \$27,158.08. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Esposito, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

Motion to purge Brandon Bradshaw from the Exeter Borough Police Department as requested by Police Commissioner Harden. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Esposito, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Dellegrotto, Roll Call; Mr. Morgan – no, Mr. Balent – no, Mr. Dellegrotto – yes, Mr. Murawski – yes Mr. Pizano – no, Ms. DeRoberto – yes, Mr. Esposito – yes.

Motion to ratify the December 28, 2017 hiring of Gina Felker as a part time as needed Patrolman for Exeter Borough as requested by Commissioner Harden. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Esposito, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Pizano and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept the bid of \$350.00 from Howard Ide for the 2004 Crown Victoria car in, “as is” condition. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Esposito, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Motion to accept the current bills in the amount of \$77,541.76. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Esposito, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. DeRoberto, Roll Call; Mr. Morgan – yes, except the Clark Hill invoice, Mr. Balent – yes, exception of Clark Hill invoice, Mr. Dellegrotto – yes, Mr. Murawski – yes, Mr. Pizano – yes, with the exception of Clark Hill invoice. Ms. DeRoberto – yes, Mr. Esposito – yes.

Motion to accept Resolution #3-2018; authorizing Ashburn Advisors to submit on behalf of Exeter Borough a PA Small Water and Sewer Grant in the amount of \$416,500.00 to be used for the E. Packer Ave and Tunkhannock Ave Sanitary Sewer Project. Exeter Borough agrees to \$73,500.00 in matching sewer funds and if awarded the grant Exeter Borough will pay Ashburn Advisors \$9,600.00 in administrative costs. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Esposito, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Balent and unanimously carried.

Motion to allow 2 ground water monitoring wells on Kern St. on behalf of Ken Stackhouse of K3 Developers. The wells will be used to send data to DEP. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Morgan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. DeRoberto and unanimously carried.

Motion to approve Matthew Evans and Donald Horlein to attend, “Field Training Officer Program” on February 19 and 21, 2018 at Penn State, Whitehall, PA at a cost of \$450.00 per person, lodging and meals per diem. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Esposito, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Dellegrotto, Roll Call; Mr. Pizano

– no, Mr. Balent –no, Mr. Dellegrotto –yes, Mr. Murawski – yes, Mr. Morgan – no, Ms. DeRoberto – yes, Mr. Esposito – yes.

Motion to hire Brian Skutnick of Scranton as a part time as needed Fire Truck Driver as requested by Fire Chief Donald Skursky.

Motion to table the hiring of Brian Slutnick. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Morgan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Pizano and unanimously carried.

Motion to appoint William Harden and alternate Leonard Lombardo as the, Point of Contact for the Luzerne County Emergency Management Agency Mass Notification System. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Morgan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Pizano and unanimously carried.

Motion to authorize Attorney Hassey to modify Ordinance #3-2008 (Dumpster Ordinance) to reduce the duration of a permit from 3 months to 1 month, and to include provisions requiring that reflectors and/or flashing lights be required in certain circumstances, and to require that provisions be included to address obstructions to driveways and roadways. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Esposito, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

Motion to replace Clark Hill. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Balent, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Pizano, Roll Call; Mr. Pizano – yes, Mr. Balent – yes, Mr. Dellegrotto – no, Mr. Murawski – no, Mr. Esposito – no, Ms. DeRoberto – no, Mr. Morgan – yes.

Motion to accept the resignation of Donald Skursky as Exeter Borough Fire Chief. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Morgan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Pizano and unanimously carried.

Motion to appoint Douglas Roberts as Exeter Borough Fire Chief. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Pizano, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Balent and unanimously carried.

Motion to appoint A. J. Spadoni as Exeter Borough Assistant Fire Chief. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Morgan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Pizano and unanimously carried.

Motion to have the Borough Secretary forward copies of adopted 2018 line item budget and year to date/end of year 2017 profit and loss. Budget versus actual and transaction list by vendor to the Borough Webmaster for documents to be published for availability to the public. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Balent, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Esposito and unanimously carried.

Motion to have the Borough Secretary forward copies of the borough's profit and loss, budget versus loss and transaction list by vendor reports to the borough Webmaster no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month to be published on the borough website for public view. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Balent, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Esposito and unanimously carried.

Motion to establish a practice February 4<sup>th</sup> 2018 where the Borough Secretary prepares and forwards a tentative version of the Exeter Borough Council meeting agenda for the regular monthly meetings by close of business on the last Friday of the month if possible for the publishing to the Borough Webmaster. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Balent, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Esposito and unanimously carried.

Motion to remove the police car from the Police Commissioner. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Morgan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Balent Roll Call; Mr. Pizano – yes, Mr. Balent – yes, Mr. Dellegrotto – no, Mr. Morgan – yes, Mrs. DeRoberto – no, Mr. Murawski – no, Mr. Esposito – no.

Motion to open Police Commissioner Work Agreement. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Morgan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Balent, Roll Call; Mr. Pizano – Abstain, Mr. Balent – yes, Mr.. Esposito – no, Mr. Dellegrotto – no, Ms. DeRoberto – no, Mr. Morgan – yes, Mr. Murawski – no.

Open to the Public:

Frank Marizzi of 111 Jesse St, Fence problem.

Mr. Len Coleman of 1304 Wyoming Ave talked about the right of way on Jesse St. and the open pit on Barber St. and Wyoming Ave. the situation is being monitored daily.

Mrs. Mary Pat Coleman of 1304 Wyoming Ave asked if Single Stream Recycling is bringing in revenue for the Borough. The Council stated there is a saving by not making as many trips to the recycler.

Ms. Barbara Pazdziorka of 165 Schooley Ave asked for a update on the sewer project in front of her home. Mr. Murawski told her the project will resume in April weather permitting.

Mr. Bruce Fahey of 151 Susquehanna Ave said there is speeding on Susquehanna Ave. The Police Commissioner will monitor the situation.

Mr. Frank Pizano of 957 Wyoming Ave said there is speeding on Wyoming Ave. The Police Commissioner will be made aware and will monitor the situation.

Ms. Morgan of 254 Sullivan St asked Council about the standing water on her street. The Engineers are working on a solution

Adjournment, Mr. Morgan

Prepared and submitted by Debra Serbin