

Exeter Borough Council
Re-Organization Meeting
January 2, 2018
6:00 P.M.

Swearing in of Newly Elected Officials. Judge Joseph Carmody did the honor of swearing in Mayor Denise Adams, Joe Pizano, David Balent and Tax Collector, Thomas Pizano

Call to Order (Mayor Denise Adams)

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Nomination and Election of Council Chairman;
Richard Murawski by Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried. (Mayor to turn gavel over to Chairman)

Nomination and Election of Vice Chairman
Joseph Esposito, by Mr. Dellegrotto, 2nd Ms. DeRoberto and unanimously carried.

Nomination and Election of President Pro Tem
Larry Dellegrotto by Mr. Esposito and 2nd by Mr. Balent and unanimously carried.

Other Appointments

Appointment of Manager/ Secretary/Treasurer
Debra Serbin by Mr. Esposito and 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

Chairman to appoint the Council Committees
Finance – Esposito, Dellegrotto & DeRoberto
Zoning –Dellegrotto, Pizano
Police – Esposito, DeRoberto & Dellegrotto
Street/Recycling –DeRoberto & Balent
Hicks Creek – Pizano & Balent
Parks & Recreation – DeRoberto & Morgan
Fire – Morgan & Pizano

Appointment of Borough Solicitor
Ray Hassey by Mr. Morgan, 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

Appointment of Borough Zoning/Planning Solicitor
Gene Molino by Mr. Morgan, 2nd Mr. Balent and unanimously carried.

Appointment of Vacancy Board Chairman
Len Coleman by Mr. Dellegrotto, 2nd Ms. DeRoberto and unanimously carried.

Appointment of Police Commissioner
William Harden by Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

Appointment of Building/Zoning Code Official
Dominick Pepe by Mr. Esposito 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

Appointment of Building/Zoning Code Inspector
BHW Construction by Mr. Balent 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

Appointment of Borough Engineer
PennEastern Engineering by Mr. Esposito 2nd Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

Appointment of Alternate Borough Engineer
Borton-Lawson Engineering by Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

Designation of Bank Depository
1st National Community Bank, M&T Bank and Pliget by Mr. Esposito 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

Appointment of Sewer Enforcement Officer
Steven Egenski by Mr. Morgan, 2nd Mr. Balent and unanimously carried.

Appointment to the Zoning Hearing Board
Nancy Dolan by Mr. Esposito, 2nd Ms. DeRoberto and unanimously carried with the exception of Mr. Dellegrotto who abstained. (Abstention Memorandum on file)

Appointment of Alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board
Frank Pizano by Mr. Morgan, 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

Appointment to the Planning Commission
Rudy Forlenza by Mr. Dellegrotto and 2nd Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

Appointment of Borough Fire Chief
Donald Skursky by Mr. Esposito and 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

Appointment of EMA Director
Douglas Roberts by Mr. Morgan and 2nd Mr. Balent and unanimously carried.

Appointment of Assistant EMA Director
Matthew Bartolli by Mr. Morgan and 2nd Mr. Balent and unanimously carried.

Motion to designate the Borough Building and 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. for Borough Council Meetings and work sessions as needed. By Mr. Morgan and 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

Motion to retain all present Borough employees not covered under collective bargaining agreements. By Mr. Pizano and 2nd Mr. Balent and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept the December 5, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes. By Mr. Morgan and 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept the prepaid bills in the amount of \$38,443.63. By Mr. Dellegrotto and 2nd Mr. Esposito and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept the current bills in the amount of \$34,567.81. By Mr. Esposito and 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept Ordinance #1-2018 Tax Levy Ordinance setting the 2018 mileage at 1.8079 of which 0.3495 is devoted to Exeter Borough repairing and improving streets, roadways and sidewalks. By Mr. Esposito and 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

Motion to suspend Thomas Shannon and Richard Turner as official check signers for Exeter Borough. By Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

Motion to add Richard A. Murawski and Joseph Esposito as official check signers for Exeter Borough. By Mr. Morgan, 2nd Mr. Balent and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept Resolution 1-2018 authorizing the submission of the LSA grant application titled "Wyoming Avenue Storm/Sanitary Sewer Separation/Replacement Project" in the amount of \$630,108.00. By Mr. Esposito and 2nd Mr. Balent and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept Resolution #2-2018 authorizing the submission of the LSA grant application titled "Tennis Court Rehabilitation Project at Wyoming Area School District" in the amount of \$200,000.00. By Mr. Esposito and 2nd Mr. Balent and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept the Grant-Capital Search Management Agreement between Ashburn Advisors and Exeter Borough at an annual cost of \$4,800.00 (\$400.00 per month). By Mr. Balent, 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

Motion to replace Clark Hill group with Horrigan, Kluger and Quinn. By Mr. Balent, 2nd Mr. Morgan, Roll Call: Mr. Morgan – yes, Mr. Balent – yes, Mr. Dellegrotto – no, Mr. Murawski – no, Mr. Pizano – yes, Ms. DeRoberto – no, Mr. Esposito - no

Motion to increase the Crossing Guard hourly rate to \$10.00 per hour. By Mr. Dellegrotto, 2nd Mr. Pizano and unanimously carried.

Open to the Public

Ron Rome of Wyoming Ave asked about the Ashburn Advisors agreement. Mr. Murawski stated the agreement is a contract.

Ms. Morgan of Sullivan St. asked about open shifts on the police schedule. Police Commission Harden said the schedule is constantly being worked on and updated.

Ms. Tracy of Wyoming Ave asked about getting information on the going's on in Exeter Borough. Police Commissioner Harden stated the police department has an updated Facebook page.

Lucy Morgan of Sullivan St. said Luzerne County has a notification system that Exeter Borough can use to send out emergency messages.

Motion to hire two full time police officers. 1st Mr. Pizano, 2nd Mr. Balent

Roll Call: Mr. Morgan – yes, Mr. Balent – yes, Mr. Dellegrotto – no, Mr. Murawski – no, Mr. Pizano – yes, Mr. DeRoberto – no, Mr. Esposito – no.

Ms. Balent of Grant St. asked how many members of the Police Committee had their cars broken into and how many members of the audience had their cars broken into. She wants police.

Mr. Rome of Wyoming Ave what happens if you can't find police officers to work. Mr. Dellegrotto stated that according to the police contract a Police Chief cannot cover open shifts.

Mr. John Gilligan of Wyoming asked what is the liability to Exeter Borough if there are only Part Time Police Officers. Atty. Hassey said that we have training for all officers.

Mr. Frank Pizano of Wyoming Ave. asked where is the money for the full time police force and how much was spent on legal bill from 2015 and 2016. Mr. Dellegrotto will research and study the budget along with the Finance Committee. The amount spent on legal bills was not known at the meeting. Mr. Pizano can put in a request for information to obtain this information.

Ms. Pat Morgan of Lincoln St. asked about the fire hydrant on Cedar St. The hydrant has been hit by a car and the water company will be replacing the hydrant.

Adjournment by Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Balent

Prepared and submitted by Debra Serbin