

Exeter Borough Council
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

April 2, 2019

7:00 P.M.

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

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

Public Hearing to consider the request of the Braccini Family Partnership to rezone its property located at 295 Schooley Ave, Exeter from the B-2 (General Business) Zoning District to the I-1 (General Industrial) Zoning District.

Andy Chackan of 1013 Chestnut St. asked if there will be any difference in the use of the property. Mr. Murawski stated he is not aware of any change of use for the property.

Mark Larson of 1011 Chestnut St. asked if there will be a larger sign erected on the property. The Borough has no knowledge of a larger sign for the property.

“Person of the Month” Michael Abromavage and Aleah Franson.

Motion to approve the March 5, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes. 1st Ms. DeRoberto, 2nd Mr. Balent and unanimously carried.

Treasurer Report provided by Debra Serbin

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

Citizens Input (agenda items only) Mr. Rome of Wyoming Ave asked for an explanation of the vender pay report. The vender pay report will be posted to the web page.

Correspondence – letter from Wyoming Borough concerning there Easter egg hunt. Letter from The Scout troop 310 asking for permission to clean-up the Natures Park.

Refuse Report– Lynda Hyzenski, absent, no report.

Recycling Report – Mr. Balent read the totals for the month.

Reports of Committees

Police – Joseph Esposito, Betty Ann DeRoberto and Joseph Pizano. 241 service calls for the month. The negotiations for the Police contract are moving forward.

Finance & Insurance (Grants) Larry Dellegrotto, Joseph Esposito and Betty Ann DeRoberto. Earned Income is up and the budget is strong.

Fire Department – John Morgan & Joseph Pizano – 204 calls year to date. Report on file.

Street/Recycling –Betty Ann DeRoberto & David Balent – The Street Department is filling pot holes. Some of our trucks need maintenance.

Parks & Recreation – Betty Ann DeRoberto & John Morgan –The parks are open for the season.

Hicks Creek – Joseph Pizano, John Morgan & David Balent – The creek will be sprayed for knot weed and cut.

Zoning – Larry Dellegrotto and Joseph Pizano. Report on file.

Mayors Report – Veterans flag banners are being sold. Exeter Events will hold a Veterans ceremony on May 18, 2019 at the borough building.

Solicitors Report - Ray Hassey, nothing at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Motion to accept the prepaid bills in the amount of \$24,496.69. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Balent and unanimously carried.

Motion to grant permission for Exeter Scout Troop to do a clean-up of the Nature Park. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept Ordinance #2-2019, the recommendation from the Exeter Borough Planning Commission to approve the rezoning district for 295 Schooley Ave. from a B-2 district to an I-1 district in accordance with Borough Council’s action taken on August 6, 2002. This recommendation by the Planning Commission is made solely due to the Borough Council’s prior action that already rezoned the instant district to an Industrial district. 1st Mr. Balent, 2nd Mr. Morgan, Roll Call; Mr. Morgan – yes, Mr. Balent – yes, Mr. Dellegrotto – abstain, Mr. Murawski – abstain, Mr. Pizano – yes, Ms. DeRoberto – yes, Mr. Esposito – yes.

Motion to accept the Grant Administration Agreement between Exeter Borough and Ashburn Advisors, LLC for the preparation and administration services related to securing a 2019 Act 902 grant in the amount of \$302,285.00. Compensation for the services is \$22,000.00 payable for the General Fund. 1st Mr. Pizano, 2nd Mr. Balent and unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to accept the current bills in the amount of \$73,882.14. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Pizano, Roll Call; Mr. Morgan – yes, with the exception of the Clark Hill invoice, Mr. Balent – yes, Mr. Dellegrotto – yes, Mr. Murawski – yes, Mr. Pizano – yes, Ms. DeRoberto – yes, Mr. Esposito – yes.

Motion for the 2019 maintenance of Hicks Creek to Evercor Facility Management for the cutting of the creek and Weeds Inc. for the spraying of knot weed. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Balent and unanimously carried.

Motion to hire Renee Pizano to fill the position of Recycling Coordinator for Exeter Borough. 1st Mr. Balent, 2nd Mr. Esposito, Roll Call; Mr. Morgan – yes, Mr. Balent – yes, Mr. Dellegrotto – yes, Mr. Murawski – yes, Mr. Pizano – abstain, Ms. DeRoberto – yes, Mr. Esposito – yes.

Motion to accept the Weapons Policy for Exeter Borough Employees. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Pizano, Roll Call; Mr. Morgan – no, Mr. Balent – yes, Mr. Dellegrotto – yes, Mr. Murawski – yes, Mr. Pizano – abstain, Ms. DeRoberto – yes, Mr. Esposito – yes.

Motion to place out for bid the Refuse Contract for Exeter Borough. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept Change Order #1 Susquehanna Ave in the amount not to exceed \$247,000.00 for the paving of driveways, trenches, and sidewalks. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

Open to the Public

Phillip Knoble for Lincoln St. spoke about the basement flooding problems on Lincoln St. He asked on behalf of the Lincoln St. residence for help from the borough to assistance and develop a solution to the flooding problem.

Willard Bennett of 872 Exeter Ave spoke about getting water in there basement. The Borough will be working there soon to alleviate the problem.

Clara Rome of 967 Wyoming Ave asked if the Borough can cut down a tree in front of her property. The tree is lifting her sidewalk. Also 965 Wyoming Ave has trash piles next to their house.

Larry Marchetti of 273 Harland St. asked about the progress on the Susquehanna Avenue project. Mr. Murawski explained the project.

Adjournment, Mr. Dellegrotto, 2nd Mr. Esposito and unanimously carried.

Prepared and submitted by Debra Serbin