

Exeter Borough Council  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES  
May 7, 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

Person of the Month” Carman Mauriello.

Motion to approve the April 2<sup>nd</sup> and April 14, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes. 1<sup>st</sup> Ms. DeRoberto, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Balent 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. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

Citizens Input (agenda items only) Mr. Rome of 1009 Wyoming Ave asked about the Clark Hill invoice. He was told it had to do with Police contract negotiations.

Correspondence – letter from Mr. Vito Quaglia the principal for Wyoming Area School asked for road closure on Penn Ave on May 10<sup>th</sup> so the school can hold, Fun Day for the students. The Wyoming Area Kiwanians will be cleaning the Thomas St. playground. Vettes for Vets car show on June 9<sup>th</sup> at the West Side Auto service station in W. Pittston.

Refuse Report– Lynda Hyzenski, report on file.

Recycling Report – Renee Pizano, report on file.

Motion to authorize Recycling Coordinator, Renee Pizano to apply for the 2019 Recycling Education grant with Luzerne County. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Esposito, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

Lincoln Park Drainage Report. Mr. Balent will be asking the residents affected for permission to enter their properties so the borough can use ground penetrating radar to possibly find the problem.

Motion to approve getting permission/easements from the property owners in Lincoln Park to enter there properties to perform testing to locate the problem associated with the flooding of basements and yards. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Morgan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Esposito and unanimously carried.

Reports of Committees

Police – Joseph Esposito, Betty Ann DeRoberto and Joseph Pizano. 231 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.  
The LED pole light will soon be installed on W. Packer Ave.

Fire Department – John Morgan & Joseph Pizano – 300 calls year to date. The mail drive will be starting soon. Report on file.

Street/Recycling –Betty Ann DeRoberto & David Balent – The WVSA report was read and is on file. The Street Department is working hard to patch pot holes.

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 – spoke about the need for a handicap sign.

Motion to erect a handicap sign at 82 E. First St and a deaf child sign on the 100 block of Penn Ave. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Esposito, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

Solicitors Report - Ray Hassey, a title search is being performed for 1025 Wyoming Ave.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Motion to accept the prepaid bills in the amount of \$25,488.54. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Esposito, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

Motion to open and review the bid for the Refuse Contract for Exeter Borough. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Morgan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Balent and unanimously carried.

J.P. Mascaro & Sons 1 year - \$291,048.00 2 year - \$588,384.00 3 years - \$892,872.00

Waste Management 1 year - \$280,416.00 2 year - \$560,832.00 3 year - \$841,248.00

Motion to award the bid for the Exeter Avenue Storm Sewer Project to Ed Krasavage Construction at a bid of \$231,014.00. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Esposito, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Balent and unanimously carried.

Motion to award the bid for the Holly Lane & Silverbell Drive Pave Project. Motion on hold.

Motion to accept pay application #7 from Krasavage Construction in the amount of \$10,371.63 for the Susquehanna Avenue Sanitary Storm & Sewer Project as approved by PennEastern Engineering. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Esposito, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. DeRoberto and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept pay application #1 from Krasavage Construction in the amount of \$51,043.50 for the Layton Street Pave & Drainage Project as approved by PennEastern Engineering. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Esposito, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Pizano and unanimously carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Motion to accept the current bills in the amount of \$269,328.51. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Esposito, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Dellegrotto, 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 to approve the closing of Penn Ave to traffic on Friday, May 10, 2019 from 8:45 am to 3:00 pm for activities associated with the JFK Elementary School annual Fund Day. 1<sup>st</sup> Esposito, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Balent and unanimously carried.

Motion to approve Resolution # 4 of 2019, a Resolution to Create a Loan Obligation with the Refuse Fund in the amount of \$60,000.00 for a repayment period of 15 years for the purchase of 1125 Wyoming Ave. 1<sup>st</sup>Mr. Esposito, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Balent, Roll Call; Mr. Morgan – no, Mr. Balent – yes, Mr. Dellegrotto – yes, Mr. Murawski – yes, Mr. Pizano – yes, Ms. DeRoberto – yes, Mr. Esposito – yes.

Motion to acknowledge the Pennsylvania Department of Veterans designation for George T. Warman, 144 Whitlock Street, Exeter, as being exempt from paying property taxes pursuant to Chapter 89 Disabled Veterans Real Estate Tax Exemption Act. The Borough's Tax Collector was notified. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Esposito, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

Motion to acknowledge the Pennsylvania Department of Veterans designation for William E. Kull, Rear 35 Penn Avenue, Exeter as being exempt from paying property taxes pursuant to Chapter 89 Disabled Veterans Real Estate Tax Exemption Act. The Borough's Tax collector was notified. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Balent, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Pizano and unanimously carried.

#### Open to the Public

Ron Rome of 1009 Wyoming Ave asked why there was no public notice on the MS4 fees. He was told that there was many notices in the paper and all legal advertising were posted.

Martha Zavada of 101 Jean Street asked what the Borough will do with the property they are buying. It will be for public use, possible parking.

Clara Rome of 967 Wyoming Ave asked the Council to take the tree down in front of her property because it is lifting her sidewalks.

Josh Granteed of 619 Cedar Street spoke about the parking at the Mini Football and Little League field. His driveway is being blocked by people attending the games. He was told to contact the official from the ball parks to address this matter.

Adjournment, Mr. Dellegrotto, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

Prepared and submitted by Debra Serbin