

Exeter Borough Council
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

July 2, 2019

7:00 P.M.

Meeting called to order by Council Chairman Richard Murawski. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was held for Councilwoman, Betty Ann DeRoberto who passed away on June 27, 2019. Atty. Hassey stated if any resident is interested in filling the seat of Ms. DeRoberto to please submit a letter of interest.

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

Attorney Hassey stated that Council meet in Executive Session today at 6:30 PM to discuss police contract negotiations.

Person of the Month, Lori DeAngelo.

Motion to approve the June 4, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Mr. Pizano and unanimously carried.

Treasurer Report provided by Debra Serbin

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

Citizens Input (agenda items only) No public input.

Correspondence – letter from Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection advising of a meeting concerning the possibility for a new Sewage Facilities Plan.

Notice of a meeting on July 17th with Metropolitan Planning Organization pertaining to K Route funding.

Refuse Report– Lynda Hyzenski, report on file.

Recycling Report – Renee Pizano, report on file.

Lincoln Park Drainage Report. Mr. Balent the ground radar has located the pipe and we will now start to develop a plan to correct the matter.

Reports of Committees

Police – Joseph Esposito, Joseph Pizano. 287 service calls for the month.

Finance & Insurance (Grants) Larry Dellegrotto, Joseph Esposito. The refuse fund will need monitoring next year to meet our obligations.

Fire Department – John Morgan & Joseph Pizano – 474 calls year to date. Report on file.

Street/Recycling –David Balent – The street department is doing major pothole patching.

Parks & Recreation –John Morgan –The grass has been cut in the parks.

Hicks Creek – Joseph Pizano, John Morgan & David Balent – The creek needs to be cut. The weed spraying has been done.

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

Mayors Report – A signs for deaf child needs to be placed on Mason and Penn Ave.

Solicitors Report - Ray Hassey, the police contract has been resolved and we are waiting for the FOP to sign the agreement.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Motion to accept the prepaid bills in the amount of \$21,266.97. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

Motion to award the Washington Ave Pave & Drainage Project to Stafursky Paving of Archbald, PA at a bid cost of \$396,114.50 the lowest responsible bidder based on the review of PennEastern Engineering. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Mr. Esposito and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept pay application #9 from Krasavage Construction in the amount of \$208,437.39 for the Susquehanna Ave Sanitary & Storm Sewer Project. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Mr. Esposito and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept Change Order #1 (a final adjustment of quantities) for the Susquehanna Ave Sanitary & Storm Sewer Project in the amount of \$155,952.66. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Balent and unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to accept the current bills in the amount of \$135,624.16. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto, Roll Call; Mr. Morgan – yes, with the exception of the Clark Hill invoice, Mr. Balent – yes, with the exception of the Clark Hill invoice, Mr. Dellegrotto – yes, Mr. Murawski – yes, Mr. Pizano – yes, Mr. Esposito – yes.

Motion to accept Ordinance 3-2019 establishing a Litter Enforcement Corridors within the Borough, and establishing penalties for the violation thereof. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Mr. Balent and unanimously carried.

Motion to hire Scott Hughes full time for the Street/Recycling Department. 1st Mr. Balent, 2nd Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

Motion to approve the Police Contract terms per the Solicitor's July 1, 2019 Draft for the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2022. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Dellegratto and unanimously carried.

Motion to appoint Officer Joseph Schlagel as full time police Chief, subject to all of the following conditions:

- (a) Officer Schlagel must take and pass a non-competitive civil service exam to be administered by the Solicitor;
- (b) The Police Chief position will be part of the collective bargaining unit, and the Police Chief shall be permitted to perform his required duties as Police Chief as well as performing duties as a patrolman/police officer under the Collective Bargaining Agreement and also cover open patrolman duty shifts in said capacity;
- (c) This hiring shall be governed by the newly negotiated Collective Bargaining Agreement (per the Solicitor's July 1, 2019 Draft), the terms of which have been tentatively agreed upon between the borough and the FOP;
- (d) This hiring and appointment shall commence immediately and shall be provisionally effective only upon the Borough receiving a fully signed copy of the Collective Bargaining Agreement; and
- (e) The motion made at the June 4, 2019 meeting regarding Officer Schlagel's full time hiring is hereby rescinded and replaced by this Motion. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Morgan, Roll Call; Mr. Morgan – yes, Mr. Balent – yes, Mr. Dellegratto – yes, Mr. Murawski – yes, Mr. Pizano – yes, Mr. Esposito – yes.

Motion to hire Drew Malvizzi as a Full Time Police Officer, on the condition that;

- (a) This hiring shall be governed by the newly negotiated Collective Bargaining Agreement (per the Solicitor's July 1, 2019 Draft);
- (f) This hiring and appointment shall commence immediately, and be of full force and effective only upon the Borough receiving a fully signed copy of the Collective Bargaining Agreement. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Balent, Roll Call; Mr. Morgan – yes, Mr. Balent – yes, Mr. Dellegratto – yes, Mr. Murawski – yes, Mr. Pizano – yes, Mr. Esposito – yes.

Motion to hire Jessica Bartalotta as a part time as needed Patrolman for Exeter Borough. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Mr. Dellegratto and unanimously carried.

Motion to hire Gina Felker to a 32 hour position at a rate of \$16.50 per hour. Motion tabled by Richard Murawski.

Motion to hire Zachary Benczkowski as a part time as needed Fire Truck Driver. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Mr. Balent and unanimously carried.

Motion to hire Ashley Casterline as a part time as needed Fire Truck Driver. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Mr. Pizano and unanimously carried.

Motion to rename the Wilson Street playground the Daniel and Betty Ann DeRoberto Playground. 1st Mr. Pizano, 2nd Mr. Esposito and unanimously carried.

Motion to appoint John Morgan to WVSA board for the remainder of Ms. Betty Ann DeRoberto term. 1st Mr. Pizano, 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto, Roll Call; Mr. Morgan – yes, Mr. Balent – yes, Mr. Dellegrotto – yes, Mr. Murawski – yes, Mr. Pizano – yes, Mr. Esposito – yes.

Motion to appoint Joseph Pisano to the Police Civil Service board. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

Open to the Public

Lindo Sabatini of Fairway Drive stated Exeter Events would like to pay for the sign at the Wilson Street Playground dedicated to Daniel and Betty Ann DeRoberto playground.

Jane Balent of Grant Street would like the Borough to cut back the vegetation on the Rail Road Tracks on Thomas and Schooley Ave for the walkers in town.

Ray Cannell and Tammi Cannell of 145 Grant St. spoke about his resent sewer backup in there basement and submitted additional bills. Atty. Hassey will speak with the insurance carrier.

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

Prepared and submitted by Debra Serbin