

Exeter Borough Council
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

October 2, 2018

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, Ms. DeRoberto, Mr. Dellegrotto, Mr. Esposito, Mr. Murawski, Mr. Pizano, Mayor Adams

Mayor Adam named as the, "Person of the Month" Walter Kuharchick Sr.

Motion to approve the September 4, 2018 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) robin Gorton of 160/162 Schooley Ave has water problems in front of her home. Her problem will be addressed.

Correspondence – Notice of denied grant from the PA Small Water and Sewer Program and Greenway Trails and Recreation Grant was also not funded.

Liquid Fuel Allotment for 2019 is \$171,565.20.

Refuse Report– Lynda Hyzenski, report on file.

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

Reports of Committees

Police – Joseph Esposito, Larry Dellegrotto & Betty Ann DeRoberto. Call for the month are 223. Report on file.

Finance & Insurance (Grants) Larry Dellegrotto, Joseph Esposito and Betty Ann DeRoberto.

Motion to close out the, Paid in Protest Account due to lack of activity and transfer the funds to the General Account. 1st Mr. Esposito and 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

Fire Department – John Morgan & Joseph Pizano – 747 calls year to date. Report on file.

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

Street/Recycling –Betty Ann DeRoberto & David Balent – An update of the paving projects was given.

Hicks Creek – Joseph Pizano, John Morgan & David Balent – The basins in Hicks Creek will need to be cleaned in the spring.

Parks & Recreation – Betty Ann DeRoberto & John Morgan –Parks will be closing for the season.

Mayors Report – The Boy Scouts will be installing a box outside the scout home for the purpose of retiring old and worn flags. A free library will be donated to Exeter Borough in the near future.

Motion to install an old U.S. postal box outside the Boy Scout home for the purpose of retiring old and worn flags. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

Solicitors Report – Nothing at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Motion to accept the prepaid bills in the amount of \$35,819.34. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Ms. DeRoberto and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept Change Order #1 for the Lehigh Street Pave & Drain Project, reflecting the final adjustment of project quantities utilized a reduction in the amount of \$118,483.80. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept Pay Application # 4-Final in the amount of \$11,860.46 for the Lehigh Street Pave & Drain Project. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Balent and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept Pay Application #3 in the amount of \$69,538.50 for the Susquehanna Avenue Sanitary & Storm Sewer Project. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept Pay Application #5 in the amount of \$10,989.00 for the Stevens, Bennett & Jesse Street Sanitary & Storm Sewer Project. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept Pay Application #4 from Hawk Valley Associates in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the Exeter Borough/Exeter Proud Professional Planning and Consulting Services. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to accept the current bills in the amount of \$228,898.32. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Ms. DeRoberto, 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, Ms. DeRoberto – yes, Mr. Esposito – yes.

Motion to accept the MMO (Minimum Municipal Obligation) for the Non-Uniform Pension Plan in the amount of \$13,153.00. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept the 2019 MMO (Minimum Municipal Obligation) for the Police Pension Plan in the amount of 0. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Dellegratto, Roll Call: Mr. Morgan – no, Mr. Balent – yes, Mr. Dellegratto – yes, Mr. Murawski – yes, Mr. Pizano – yes, Ms. DeRoberto – yes, Mr. Esposito – yes.

Motion to hire Julie Saunders of 500 Schooley as an alternate as needed School Crossing Guard pending the proper background check. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Mr. Esposito and unanimously carried.

Motion to hire John Jadus of W. Pittston as an as needed Fire Truck Driver. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Mr. Balent and unanimously carried.

Open to the Public

Ron Rome of Wyoming Ave asked if Atty. Hassey was aware of the changes made to the RTK law. Atty. Hassey is aware of the updates and he has not had a chance to discuss the changes with Council. Mr. Rome has a question on the Civil Service process and the picking of the individuals that gave the oral exam. Atty. Hassey explained that part of the Civil Service Board duties is to find people who are qualified and willing to serve. Atty. Hassey explained the 3 people picked were ratified at the last Civil Service Meeting.

Kathleen Girard of 2105 Washington Ave asked about the resident pumping water down Washington Ave. Mr. Murawski explained that the borough has to design a resolution to the problem.

Joanne Shiner of Wildflower asked about the recent replacement of a fire hydrant on W. Packer Ave. She was informed that the hydrant was leaking and needed to be replaced.

Sue Brown of 208 Bennett St told Council about lettering and yard waste in Hicks Creek.

Council will be sending out letter reminding them that Hicks Creek is a borough easement.

Martha Zavada of 101 Jean St. asked who writes grants for Exeter Borough and why were they denied. Ashburn Advisors is the grant writer and the grants were very competitive and funds were limited.

Bruce Fahee of 151 Susquehanna Ave wanted to tell the Council that the matter of the kids hanging out in the Pride parking lot has been resolved.

Ed Casterline of 444 Roosevelt St. told Council about a school bus speeding. The police department will address the matter.

Carman Nardoze of 131 Penn Ave asked about open burning. Atty. Hassey explained that garbage and open burning is not allowed in Exeter Borough. Chi minas are acceptable.

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

Prepared and submitted by Debra Serbin