

Exeter Borough Council

Regular Monthly Meeting
1101 Wyoming Ave
December 1, 2015
7:05 P.M.

Meeting called to order by Thomas Shannon. The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call – Member Present,
Mr. Shannon, Mr. Dellegrotto, Mr. Turner, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Esposito, Mr. Pizano,
Mayor Castellani
Absent – Ms. Adams

Attorney Ray Hassey called to order a, Special Hearing as advertised for the intermunicipal transfer of a Liquor License to Exeter Borough, requested by American Grill LLC of 1320 Wyoming Ave. Atty. Hassey asked if any one present wishes to participate in the hearing before Council. There was no response from the public and Council had no questions on the matter.

Motion to accept Resolution 4-2015 approving the transfer from outside the Borough of Exeter of PLCB License No. R-1218, LID 59832 to a facility located within the Borough of Exeter for use by American Grill LLC, subject to the approval by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

Motion to approve the November 2, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes. 1st Mr. Turner, 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

Treasurers Report provided by Debra Serbin
Motion to accept the Treasurers Report as read. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Mr. Turner and unanimously carried.

Citizens input (agenda items only) No public comments.

Correspondence: Council meets in Executive Session at 6:45 to 7:05 P.M. tonight to discuss a personnel matter.

The meeting dates for 2016 was presented to Council and the public.
Received correspondence from PennDot concerning work to be done on SR 1025 and SR 1010 to repair the road due to erosion.

Refuse Report – Lynda Hyzenski, report on file.

Recycling Report – Karen Szwast, absent, no report.

Reports of Committees

Police – Joseph Esposito & Larry Dellegrotto: 259 calls for the month.

Finance & Insurance (Grants) – Joseph Esposito & Larry Dellegrotto: 2nd reading of 2016 budget.

Fire Department – Denise Adams & John Morgan: Year to Date calls 337. Monthly financial report is on file.

Street/Recycling Departments – Richard Turner, recycling is running late due to vacation's.

Parks & Recreation – Joseph Pizano & Denise Adams: Nothing at this time.

Hicks Creek Maintenance – Richard Turner & John Morgan: The pipe at the pump station has been cleaned and Luzerne County has replaced the gate at the river opening to the pump station.

Zoning – Larry Dellegrotto, Richard Turner & Joseph Pizano – The dumpster ordinance needs to be amended for dumpster that are on residents own property and not on the borough's roads.

Building & Grounds – John Morgan & Joseph Pizano: Nothing at this time.

Remarks from Mayor Castellani, congratulated the Council and the Secretary/Treasurer for the work on the 2016 Budget.

Solicitors Report – Ray Hassey: nothing at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion to accept the prepaid bills in the amount of \$46,078.95. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Turner and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept the 2016 Operating Budget for Exeter Borough and the associated property tax mileage . The collection of .2917 mills is devoted to debt service within the Borough of Exeter. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Turner, Roll Call: Mr. Morgan – no, Mr. Shannon – yes, Mr. Dellegrotto – yes, Mr. Turner – yes, Mr. Pizano – yes, Mr. Esposito – yes.

Motion authorizing Atty. Hassey to advertise the property tax mileage and debt service mileage ordinance for 2016. 1st Mr. Turner, 2nd Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

Motion to transfer \$20,360.00 from the Refuse Fund to the General Fund as reimbursement of the 2015 salaries associated with the Refuse Clerk and the Recycling Coordinator. 1st Mr. Dellegrotto, 2nd Mr. Esposito and unanimously carried.

Motion to transfer \$20,000.00 from the 1st National Sewer Fund to the General Fund for administrative duties associated with the Secretary/Treasurer, insurances and the 2015 building utilities. 1st Mr. Dellegrotto, 2nd Mr. Esposito and unanimously carried.

Motion to transfer \$20,597.00 from the Refuse Fund to the General Fund as reimbursement for Recycling/Refuse expenses paid from the Exeter Borough General Fund. 1st Mr. Turner, 2nd Mr. Esposito and unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to accept the current bills in the amount of \$42,385.40. 1st Mr. Turner, 2nd Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

Motion to appoint Betty Ann DeRoberto to the WVSA Board as Exeter Borough's representative from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2020. 1st Mr. Turner, 2nd Mr. Esposito, Roll Call; Mr. Morgan – yes, Mr. Shannon – yes, Mr. Dellegrotto – yes, Mr. Turner – yes, Mr. Pizano – yes, Mr. Esposito – yes.

Motion to adopt Resolution # 5-2015, the Luzerne County 2015 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Mr. Turner and unanimously carried.

Motion to hire Andrew Jones of E. Pettebone St., Wyoming as a part time as needed fire truck driver. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Mr. Turner and unanimously carried.

Motion to ratify the November 26, 2015 hiring of Joseph Campbell of Monument Ave, Wyoming as a part time as needed fire truck driver. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Mr. Turner and unanimously carried.

Motion to hire Ashley Casterline of Jackson St., Exeter as a part time as needed fire truck driver. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

Motion to hire Drew Maluizzi of Laflin Rd. Laflin as a part time as needed fire truck driver. 1st Mr. Turner, 2nd Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept Change Order #1, an adjustment of final quantity, an increase in the amount of \$10,660.00 for the Susquehanna Ave Pave/Sewer Project Phase 1. 1st Mr. Dellegrotto, 2nd Mr. Esposito and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept pay request #5-Final from Sikora Brothers for the Susquehanna Ave Sewer/Pave Project Phase 1, in the amount of \$22,306.00 payable from the 1st National Sewer Fund. The release of this payment is contingent on the contractor completing the total punch list supplied by Harold Ash of PennEastern Engineering. 1st Mr. Dellegrotto, 2nd Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

Mr. Esposito read the Police Policies and Procedures that were worked on by the Mayor, Atty. Hassey, Chief McNeil and the Police Committee.

Motion to table the Police Policies and Procedures until the next Council Meeting. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Mr. Pizano, Roll Call; Mr. Morgan - yes, Mr. Shannon – no, Mr. Dellegrotto – no, Mr. Turner – no, Mr. Pizano – yes, Mr. Esposito – no.

Motion for Council to adopt the Police Committees recommendations and request the Mayor implement the Police Policies and Procedures. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto, Roll Call; Mr. Morgan – no, Mr. Shannon – yes, Mr. Dellegrotto – yes, Mr. Turner – yes, Mr. Pizano – no, Mr. Esposito – yes.

Open to the Public: Ms. Joann Shiner of 321 Donna's Way asked if other towns prorate the Contractor Registration. Council is not aware of other town prorating the cost of Contractor Registration. She asked, Mr. Morgan why he voted, no for the 2016 budget. Mr. Morgan said he could not make all the meeting due to work.

Dave Balent of 304 Grant St. would like Council to consider paving Grant St., Lincoln St. and Park St. He asked about the FEMA flood maps. Mr. Dellegrotto said not much can be done until the new FEMA maps are redone. Council plans on participating in the process.

Mr. Coleman of 1304 Wyoming Ave would like to see Council reinstate work sessions.

Adjournment, 1st Mr. Turner and unanimously carried.

Prepared and submitted by Debra Serbin