

# Exeter Borough Council

Regular Monthly Meeting

1101 Wyoming Ave

February 3, 2015

7:00 P.M.

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

Roll Call – Member Present,

Mr. Shannon, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Dellegrotto, Mr. Turner, Ms. Adams, Mr. Esposito Mr. Pizano

Mr. and Mrs. Murphy of Penn Ave were present along with their babe boy, Jeremy. They wanted to thank the members of the Exeter Borough Ambulance who answered the call to their home when their son was not breathing.

Motion to approve the January 5, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

Treasurers Report provided by Debra Serbin

Motion to accept the Treasurers Report as read. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

Citizens input (agenda items only) No public comments.

Correspondence: Council was in executive session on January 26, 2015 at 7PM to discuss a personnel matter.

Letter of resignation from Cassandra Coleman-Corcoran.

Motion to consider accepting the resignation of Mayor Cassandra Coleman-Corcoran effective immediately. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Morgan, Roll Call: Mr. Morgan - yes, Mr. Shannon – yes, Mr. Dellegrotto – yes, Mr. Turner – yes, Mr. Pizano – yes, Ms. Adams – yes, Mr. Esposito –yes.

Letter of interest for Mayor of Exeter Borough from Herman Castellani.

Motion to appoint Herman Castellani to the position of Mayor. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Pizano, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Adams, Roll Call: Mr. Morgan - yes, Mr. Shannon – yes, Mr. Dellegrotto – yes, Mr. Turner – yes, Mr. Pizano – yes, Ms. Adams – yes, Mr. Esposito –yes.

Mayor Herman Castellani was sworn in as Mayor of Exeter Borough.

Refuse Report – Lynda Hyzenski, report on file.

Recycling Report – Karen Szwast, absent, report on file.

Reports of Committees

Police – Joseph Esposito & Larry Dellegrotto: 286 calls for the month. The 2014 Annual Police Report is on file.

Finance & Insurance (Grants) – Joseph Esposito & Larry Dellegrotto: Mr. Esposito stated the Finance Committee is still looking for cost savings associated with running Exeter Borough.

Fire Department – Denise Adams & John Morgan: Residents are reminded to clean the snow from fire hydrants.

Street/Recycling Departments – Richard Turner, Street Department working around the clock due to the weather.

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

Hicks Creek Maintenance – Richard Turner & Joseph Pizano: New pumps are being installed.

Zoning – Larry Dellegrotto, Richard Turner & Joseph Pizano: Zoning meeting scheduled for February 17, 2015.

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

Remarks from Mayor Castellani, Thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve as Mayor.

Solicitors Report – Ray Hassey: Nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion to accept the prepaid bills in the amount of \$46,530.26. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Esposito and unanimously carried.

Motion for Exeter Borough to authorize the law firm of Dilworth Paxson, Attorney Joseph Rudolf and Ethan Dennis to file a motion on behalf of Borough to recover Attorney fees and all fees the Borough spent defending against Leonard Galli's lawsuit in the Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas. Council adjourned to Executive Session 7:15. Meeting resumed 7:25. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Esposito, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Dellegrotto, Roll Call: Mr. Morgan – no, Mr. Shannon – yes, Mr. Dellegrotto – yes, Mr. Turner – yes, Mr. Pizano – abstain, Ms. Adams – no, Mr. Esposito – yes.

Motion to accept pay request #3 from Blooming Glen Contractors in the amount of \$119,463.75 for the Hicks Creek Pump Station Improvements, as approved by Harold Ash of PennEngineering. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Morgan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Turner and unanimously carried.

Motion to appoint Larry Dellgrotto to the Planning Commission for a term of 4 years. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Esposito and unanimously carried with the exception of Mr. Dellegrotto who abstained.

Motion to appoint Lawrence Marchetti to the Planning Commission for a term of 4 years. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Esposito, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Turner and unanimously carried.

Motion to appoint Nancy Dolan to the Zoning Hearing Board for a term of 3 years. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Esposito, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Turner, Roll Call: Mr. Morgan - yes, Mr. Shannon – yes, Mr. Dellegrotto – abstain, due to personal relationship, Mr. Turner – yes, Mr. Pizano – yes, Ms. Adams – yes, Mr. Esposito –yes.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Motion to accept the current bills in the amount of \$78,040.74. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Esposito, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Turner, Roll Call: Mr. Morgan – yes, with the exception of the Dilworth Paxson and Donald Karpowich invoices, Mr. Shannon – yes, Mr. Dellegrotto – yes, Mr. Turner – yes, Mr. Pizano – yes, with the exception of the Dilworth Paxson invoice, Ms. Adams – yes, with the exception of the Dilworth Paxson and Donald Karpowich invoices, Mr. Esposito – yes.

Motion to ratify January 16, 2015 hiring of Janice Burlaga of Grant St. as a part time as needed school crossing guard. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Morgan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Turner and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept a 36 month service agreement between Exeter Borough and Northeast Recycling Solutions of Hanover Twp. to receive and process Exeter Borough’s recyclable materials which permits Council to opt into single stream recycling at a time of their choosing with pricing to be submitted as an addendum at that time. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Morgan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Turner and unanimously carried.

#### Open to the Public:

Mr. Bob Trusavage presented Council with a donation check for the Exeter Borough Park and Rec. Fund.

Mr. Jack Varaly gave Council an update on the zoning violation.

Attorney Layson on behalf of Frank Braccini of Lehigh Construction requested Council to allow Mr. Braccini’s property to be zoned to I-1 from a B-2 at no cost to Mr. Braccini.

Adjournment, 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Turner and unanimously carried.

Prepared and submitted by Debra Serbin