

Exeter Borough Council  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES  
March 5, 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

Council meets in executive session tonight at 6:30 PM to discuss security matters and for a personnel matter.

“Person of the Month” Joyce DeAngelo.

The Invisible Fence Company donated Project Breeze animal rescue kits to the Exeter Borough Fire Company.

Motion to approve the February 5, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Balent, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Morgan 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> Ms. DeRoberto and unanimously carried.

Citizens Input (agenda items only) Mr. Rome of Wyoming Ave asked for an explanation of the Ashburn Advisors bill. Mr. Murawski explained the bill is for grant work.

Correspondence – Invitation to Council to participate in the W. Pittston Cherry Blossom Parade.

Refuse Report– Lynda Hyzenski, report on file.

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

Reports of Committees

Police – Joseph Esposito, Betty Ann DeRoberto and Joseph Pizano. Nothing at this time.

Finance & Insurance (Grants) Larry Dellegrotto, Joseph Esposito and Betty Ann DeRoberto. The Borough will receive \$176,234.00 for the 2019 Liquid Fuels.

Fire Department – John Morgan & Joseph Pizano – 138 calls year to date. Report on file.

Street/Recycling –Betty Ann DeRoberto & David Balent – The Street Department is filling pot holes with cold patch.

Parks & Recreation – Betty Ann DeRoberto & John Morgan –Nothing at this time.

Hicks Creek – Joseph Pizano, John Morgan & David Balent – Nothing at this time.

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

Mayors Report – Veterans flag banners are being sold. Exeter Events will hold a Veterans ceremony on May 18, 2019 at the borough building.

Motion to authorize Exeter Borough to accept donations from Exeter Events under the Exeter Boroughs Park and Rec. Fund pending legal review. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Pizano, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Balent, Roll Call; Mr. Morgan – yes, Mr. Balent – yes, Mr. Dellegrotto – yes, Mr. Murawski – yes, Mr. Pizano – yes, Ms. DeRoberto – yes, Mr. Esposito – yes.

Solicitors Report - Ray Hassey, nothing at this time.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Motion to accept the prepaid bills in the amount of \$26,587.27. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Esposito, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Pizano and unanimously carried.

Motion to proceed with all necessary engineering and emergency construction work for the preplacement and relocation of the combined sewer overflow pipe from the WVSA diversion chamber to Hicks Creek. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Pizano, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Motion to accept the current bills in the amount of \$68,487.03. 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 accept Resolution #3-2019 requesting an Act 902 Municipal Recycling Program Grant in the amount of \$302,285.00 for the purchase of a new recycling truck equipped with a side loader packer and for the purchase of a natural gas fueling appliance. The Borough will use the Recycling Facility appraisal as Exeter Boroughs 30% match. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Morgan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Balent and unanimously carried.

Motion to start a PennVest financing program for Wyoming Ave Combination Storm and Sewer Project. The project will go from the corner of Schooley and Wyoming Ave north bound to the border of Erie Street and also Schooley Ave across Wyoming Ave. to the river. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Esposito, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Balent and unanimously carried.

Motion to amend the Exeter Borough refuse ordinance to address commercial recycling requirements to be drafted by the solicitor.

Motion to table the motion. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Morgan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Balent and unanimously carried.

Open to the Public

Phillip Knoble for Lincoln St. spoke about the basement flooding problems on Lincoln St. He asked on behalf of the Lincoln St. residence for the help of the borough will assistance to develop a solution to the flooding problem.

Motion to appoint Dave Balent to work on the Lincoln Park Storm Project to alleviate high water. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Morgan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Esposito and unanimously carried.

Bruce Fahee of 151 Susquehanna Ave spoke about a homeless veteran's pasta dinner. The Borough will post the information for the event in the borough building.

Leonard Galli of Jean Street had a question on the Clark Hill invoice. He asked how much the Borough has paid for police contract negotiations. Richard Murawski will provide him with the amount.

Joseph McCabe of Whitlock Street said that the fighting between Council members is a disgrace. He said this meeting is out of order and he wants Council to behave better at council meeting.

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

Prepared and submitted by Debra Serbin