

Exeter Borough Council
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
May 1, 2018
7:00 P.M.

Meeting called to order by Council Chairman Richard Murawski. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Adam named Lorraine Backo as the, "Person of the Month".

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

Motion to approve the April 3, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Mr. Balent and unanimously carried.

Treasurer Report provided by Debra Serbin

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

Citizens Input (agenda items only) Ron Rome of 1009 Wyoming Ave asked if the police officers being hired tonight will fall under the existing contract. Atty. Hassey answered, yes any police hiring's will fall under the existing contract and that under, Section 1187 of the Borough Code the Council can hire officers by appointment when there is not an available list.

Pat Morgan of 139 Lincoln St. asked what about the civil Service process. Atty. Hassey said the Civil Service process will be undertaken.

Leonard Galli of 114 Jean St. asked if the positions were posted. Atty. Hassey said a list will be posted.

Bruce Fahey of 151 Susquehanna Ave asked what the benefit package is for the new police officers. Atty. Hassey said there will at this time be no benefit package and the salary is per contract.

Correspondence – letter from Luzerne County Transportation Authority concerning new bus stop signage.

Refuse Report– Lynda Hyzenski, report on file.

Reports of Committees

Police – Joseph Esposito, Larry Dellegrotto & Betty Ann DeRoberto. Call for the month are 202. Report on file.

Finance & Insurance (Grants) Larry Dellegrotto, Joseph Esposito and Betty Ann DeRoberto. The 2018 budget is in line. The recycling income is down due to single stream recycling.

Fire Department – John Morgan & Joseph Pizano – 318 calls year to date. Report on file.

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

Street/Recycling –Betty Ann DeRoberto & David Balent – planning to add addition catch basins and rebuild others. Vince Ninassi will be attending MS4 training.

Hicks Creek – Joseph Pizano, John Morgan & David Balent – Hicks Creek is scheduled for inspection June 20, 2018.

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

Remarks from Mayor Adams – working on the June block party.

Solicitors Report – Attorney Hassey, nothing at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion to accept the prepaid bills in the amount of \$28,572.36. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Mr. Balent and unanimously carried.

Motion to authorize the purchase 2 tactical rifles, 2 barrels and ammunition for the Exeter Borough Police Department not to exceed \$3,200.00. Motion tabled for additional information.

Motion to accept Resolution #4-2018 approves a municipal services partnership agreement with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of Luzerne County accepting Option “A” and the five year agreement option. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Mr. Balent and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept Resolution #5-2018 a General Obligation Notes-Series 2018 with FNCFB for the borrowing of \$83,000.00 for the purchase of a Case 580 Super Loader Backhoe. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Balent and unanimously carried.

Motion to nominate Officers Matthew Evans and Donald Hornlein to provisionally fill the vacant positions of full time police officers, subject to and conditioned upon certification by the Civil Service Commission, pursuant to Borough Code Section 1187. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Dellegratto, Roll Call: Mr. Morgan – no, Mr. Balent – no, Mr. Dellegratto – yes, Mr. Murawski – yes, Mr. Pizano – no, Ms. DeRoberto – yes, Mr. Esposito – yes.

Motion to notify the Civil Service Commission to schedule a meeting to administer examinations and provide council with certification of such officers, pursuant to Section 1187 of the Borough Code. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Dellegratto, Roll Call: Mr. Morgan – no, Mr. Balent – no, Mr. Dellegratto – yes, Mr. Murawski – yes, Mr. Pizano – no, Ms. DeRoberto – yes, Mr. Esposito – yes.

Motion to notify Civil Service Commission to initiate the process to generate an eligibility list to hire two full time police officers, subject to the Collective Bargaining Agreement. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Dellegratto, Roll Call: Mr. Morgan – no, Mr. Balent – no, Mr. Dellegratto – yes, Mr. Murawski – yes, Mr. Pizano – no, Ms. DeRoberto – yes, Mr. Esposito – yes.

Motion to notify all Borough Police Officers currently employed to submit to physical examinations by a physician of the Borough's choice on or before June 1, 2018 and to submit the results of same to the Borough for evaluation by the Civil Service Commission, to determine fitness for duty. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Dellegratto, Roll Call: Mr. Morgan – no, Mr. Balent – no, Mr. Dellegratto – yes, Mr. Murawski – yes, Mr. Pizano – no, Ms. DeRoberto – yes, Mr. Esposito – yes.

Motion to ratify the April 23, 2018 hiring of Drew Malvizzi of Laflin, as an as needed Patrolman for Exeter Borough as request by Police Commissioner Harden. 1st Mr. Pizano, 2nd Mr. Balent and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept Pay Request #1 from Sikora Brothers for the Lehigh St. Pave & Drainage Project in the amount of \$76,926.78 as approved by PennEastern Engineering. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to accept the current bills in the amount of \$170,330.42. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Dellegratto and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept Resolution #6-2018 authorizing the submission of a GTRP Grant application associated with the beautification of the Wilson St. Playground. The total project cost is \$181,189.00. The grant application amount (85%) is \$154,000.00 and the Borough's cash match (15%) is \$27,189.00. 1st Ms. DeRoberto, 2nd Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept Resolution #7-2018 authorizes the submission of a Luzerne County Office of Community Development application for capital improvement projects. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

Motion for Police Commissioner Harden show up to all of our Council Meetings. 1st Mr. Pizano, 2nd Mr. Morgan

Motion to amend the motion for Police Commissioner Harden attending Council Meeting, unless excused by Council. 1st Mr. Dellegratto, 2nd Mr. Esposito, Roll Call: Mr. Morgan – no, Mr. Balent – no, Mr. Dellegratto – yes, Mr. Murawski – yes, Mr. Pizano – no, Ms. DeRoberto – yes, Mr. Esposito – yes.

Open to the Public

Ron Rome of Wyoming Ave asked about the contract for Police Commissioner Harden and his attendance at meetings. Atty. Hassey states that we will not discuss personnel matters.

Joann Koboy of 353 Susquehanna Ave said her neighbor has open burning. She was advised to call 911.

Joseph Schlegal of 305 Union St. asked if Council knows where the two police officers hired tonight live. Why do I have to go for a physical? Why is this an issue? Why do I have to go to a borough approved doctor? Attorney Hassey said that the Civil Service process requires officers to go for physical and the borough has the right to send their officers for physicals.

Leonard Galli of Jean St. asked what happens if the police officers don't pass the physical? Attorney Hassey said the results will be given to the Civil Service Board and either certify them for duty or not.

Adjournment, Mr. Pizano

Prepared and submitted by Debra Serbin