

Exeter Borough Council

Regular Monthly Meeting
1101 Wyoming Ave
July 1, 2014
7:00 P.M.

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

Roll Call

Members Present:

Mr. Morgan, Mr. Shannon, Mr. Dellegrotto, Mr. Turner, Ms. Adams, Mr. Esposito, Mr. Pizano, Mayor Coleman- Corcoran

Motion to approve the June 3, 2014 Council Meeting Minutes. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Mr. Turner 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 has meet in executive session tonight at 6:30 to discuss the police contract negotiations and a police personnel matter.

Letter from Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority pertaining to the H&H Study for Hicks Creek. No public meeting will be held and the study is closed out.

Refuse Report – Lynda Hyzenski, absent, report on file.

Recycling Report – Karen Szwest, report on file.

Reports of Committees

Police – Joseph Esposito & Larry Dellegrotto: 331 calls for the month.

Finance & Insurance (Grants) – Joseph Esposito & Larry Dellegrotto: Budget is inline as of today.

Fire Department – Denise Adams & John Morgan: 182 responses year to date.

Street/Recycling Departments – Richard Turner, road crew will be taking vacation time.

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

Hicks Creek Maintenance – Richard Turner & Joseph Pizano: Nothing at this time.

Zoning – Larry Dellegrotto, Richard Turner & Joseph Pizano: A Planning meeting is scheduled on July 9, 2014.

Building & Grounds – John Morgan & Joseph Pizano: Awaiting price quotes for doors and awning over doors.

Remarks from Mayor Cassandra Coleman-Corcoran, FEMA representatives are available tonight to answer questions about the FEMA Flood Map.

Solicitors Report – Ray Hassey, nothing at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion to accept the prepaid bills in the amount of \$27,133.95. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Mr. Turner, Roll Call: Mr. Morgan – yes, Mr. Shannon – yes, Mr. Dellegrotto – yes, Mr. Turner – yes, Mr. Pizano – yes, with the exception of the Dilworth Paxton bill, Ms. Adams – yes, Mr. Esposito – yes.

Motion to hire Atty. Gene Merlino as legal counsel as needed to the Zoning and Planning Boards. 1st Ms. Adams, 2nd Mr. Turner, Roll Call: Mr. Morgan – yes, Mr. Shannon – yes, Mr. Dellegrotto – yes, Mr. Turner – yes, Mr. Pizano – yes, Ms. Adams – yes, Mr. Esposito – yes.

Motion to hire Ted Cross as a health officer for Exeter Borough to be used as needed. 1st Mr. Turner, 2nd Mr. Pizano, Roll Call: Mr. Morgan – yes, Mr. Shannon – yes, Mr. Dellegrotto – yes, Mr. Turner – yes, Mr. Pizano – yes, Ms. Adams – yes, Mr. Esposito – yes.

Motion to appoint Betty Ann DeRoberto to the WVSA Board for the remainder of the unexpired term of Daniel DeRoberto through December 31, 2014. 1st Mr. Dellegrotto, 2nd 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.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to accept the current bills in the amount of \$81,479.97. 1st Mr. Turner, 2nd Mr. Esposito and unanimously carried.

Motion to hire the firm of Dilworth Paxson to represent Exeter Borough in the negotiations for the Police Contract. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto, Roll Call: Mr. Morgan – no, Mr. Shannon – yes, Mr. Dellegrotto – yes, Mr. Turner – yes, Mr. Pizano – no, Ms. Adams – no, Mr. Esposito – yes.

Open to the Public:

FEMA representatives were present to answer question about the new FEMA Flood Map. Ms. Pamela Fenner of 332 Donna's Way asked the FEMA representatives about the remapping of the FEMA Flood Map. She will be seeking information on how to challenge the map.

Mr. Sam McArthur represents 183 home owners of Wildflower Village and they are concerned about the placement of the development in a flood zone. He, on behalf of the residents would like to challenge the FEMA map.

Many residents of Wildflower and Fox Meadows voiced their concerns about the FEMA flood map. The residents had question about the placement of their homes in a flood plain. The residents stated that their homes do not flood due to Hicks Creek and that the water in their basements is due to ground water flooding.

Ronald Rome of 1009 Wyoming Ave asked how many matters the law firm of Dilworth Paxton is working on and where the money will come from to pay their bill. Council answered that there is one matter they are working on and the bill will be paid from the General Fund.

Adjournment, 1st Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

Prepared and submitted by Debra Serbin