

Exeter Borough Council
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
September 3, 2019
7:00 P.M.

Meeting called to order by Council Chairman Richard Murawski.

Roll Call: Present: Mr. Morgan, Mr. Balent, Mr. Esposito, Mr. Murawski, Mr. Pizano and Mayor Adams

Absent; Mr. Dellegrotto

Jacob and Giana DeRoberto presented the Borough with a donation check for Parks and Recreation in memory of Danial and Betty Ann DeRoberto.

Person of the Month, no person of the month

Motion to approve the August 6, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Mr. Esposito and unanimously carried.

Treasurer Report provided by Debra Serbin

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

Citizens Input (agenda items only) No public input.

Correspondence – A notice from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation informing the Borough that the bridge on W. Packer Ave needs bi- annual inspection.

Refuse Report– Lynda Hyzenski, report on file.

Recycling Report – Renee Pizano, report on file.

Motion for Renee Pizano to allow her to look for fire truck grants and park and recreation grants. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Mr. Esposito and unanimously carried with the exception of Mr. Pizano who abstained.

Lincoln Park Drainage Report. Mr. Balent –There will be a site meeting soon with the engineer.

Reports of Committees

Police – Joseph Esposito, Joseph Pizano. 352 service calls for the month.

Finance & Insurance (Grants) Larry Dellegrotto, Joseph Esposito. The budget is in line for this time of year.

Fire Department – John Morgan, Joseph Pizano & Lori DeAngelo – No report. Mr. Morgan talked about fire safety.

Street/Recycling –David Balent – The Street Department is starting to catch up on pot hole patching and catch basin repairs.

WVSA Report – John Morgan, read the WVSA report for the month. The report is on file.

Parks & Recreation –John Morgan & Lori DeAngelo –A walk through of each park is planned to determine what is need for the next season.

Hicks Creek – Joseph Pizano, John Morgan & David Balent – the creek has been inspected.

Zoning – Larry DelleGrotto and Joseph Pizano. Report on file. A hearing is scheduled for the property on Donna’s Way.

Mayors Report – 67 Penn Ave needs a handicap sign. Also the police will be enforcing the Fire Works Ordinance. The Mayor is riding with the police to look for blighted properties.

Solicitors Report - Ray Hassey – Exeter Borough will participate in the Opioid lawsuit and he will report back next month on any progress.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Motion to accept the prepaid bills in the amount of \$25,502.29. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

Motion to approve Resolution #7-2019, establishing police employee pension contributions at 5%, pursuant to the Collective Bargaining Agreement. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

Motion to award the bid to Stell Enterprises in the amount of \$178,249.00 for the CDBG Pave Project contingent upon the review of PennEastern Engineering and the Luzerne County Office of Community Development. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Pizano and unanimously carried.

Motion to award the bid to Stell Enterprise in the amount of \$109,950.00 the Holly Lane & Silverbell Drive Pave Project contingent upon the review of PennEastern Engineering. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Ms. DeAngelo and unanimously carried.

Motion to transfer \$250,000.00 from the M&T Sewer Fund to the FNCB Sewer Fund for bill payments. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Balent and unanimously carried.

Motion to approve pay application #3 from Krasavage Construction in the amount of \$31,226.40 for the Layton Street Pave & Drainage Project, contingent on PennEastern Engineering review. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Mr. Esposito and unanimously carried.

Motion to approve pay application #1 from Krasavage Construction in the amount of \$103,908.53 for the Exeter Avenue Storm Sewer Project, contingent on PennEastern Engineering review. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Mr. Esposito and unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to approve the current bills in the amount of \$274,038.85. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

Motion to allow Forty Fort Borough to become a member of the West Side Compost Association. 1st Mr. Balent, 2nd Mr. Esposito and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept the MMO (Minimum Municipal Obligation) for the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan for 2020 in the amount of \$13,444.00. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Balent and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept the MMO (Minimum Municipal Obligation) for the Police Pension Plan for 2020 in the amount of “0”. 1st Mr. Pizano, 2nd Mr. Esposito and unanimously carried.

Motion for a RFP go out for an audit of the years, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019. 1st Mr. Balent, 2nd Mr. Pizano and unanimously carried.

Motion to advertise a Noise Ordinance granting regulation controlled by the Exeter Borough Police. 1st Mr. Pizano, 2nd Ms. DeAngelo and unanimously carried.

Open to the Public:

Ron Rome of 1009 Wyoming Ave asked about the road dedication of Wildflower Village. The association through Sam McArthur is working on getting the road dedicated to the Borough. Larry Marchette of 273 Harland St. had questions on the purchase of 1125 Wyoming Ave. He wanted to know what the Borough has planned for the property. The Borough will demolish the building and hopes to make it available for public use. He would also like to be part of any crime watch citizens group should it be established.

Paula Tracy of 1210 Wyoming Ave reported that her sidewalks are lifting due to a tree that the Borough planted. She is asking for assistance from the Borough as she does not want anyone to trip on the sidewalk. Mr. Murawski will go and take a look at the situation.

Phil Knobel of 312 Lincoln St. wants to know what the Borough will do on Susquehanna Ave if we get another flooding event. He does not want another dike built in front of his mother's home on Susquehanna Ave.

Adjournment, Mr. Esposito, 2nd Ms. DeAngelo and unanimously carried.

Prepared and submitted by Debra Serbin