

Exeter Borough Council
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
September 6, 2016
7:00 P.M.

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

Roll Call: Present: Mr. Shannon, Mr. Turner, Mr. Pizano, Mr. Morgan, Ms. DeRoberto, Mr. Dellegrotto, Mr. Esposito and Mayor Castellani

Motion to approve the August 2, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto, and unanimously carried.

Treasurer Report provided by Debra Serbin
No report.

Citizens Input (agenda items only) Denise Adams of 205 Cedar St. asked about the motion to change Memorial St to a one way. Toni Valenti of W. Pittston and a Wyoming Area School Board Member also asked why the school board was not notified. They were informed that there was a meeting with the school superintendent early in June. However the council will not be making Memorial St. a one way. The police will monitor the situation and address any traffic matters if the need arises

Ron Rome of Wyoming Ave asked if the Borough Managers position was advertised. Mr. Shannon stated that the council will be hiring from within.

Correspondence: Council meets in executive session on September 6, 2016 at 6P.M. to discuss a personnel matter.

Refuse Report – Lynda Hyzenski, report on file.

Recycling Report – Karen Szwast, absent, no report.

Reports of Committees

Police – Joseph Esposito, Larry Dellegrotto & Betty Ann DeRoberto. 240 call for the month.

Finance & Insurance (Grants) Larry Dellegrotto, Joseph Esposito and Betty Ann DeRoberto. No report.

Fire Department – Betty Ann DeRoberto & Joseph Pizano – Report on file. Calls, year to date 335.

Zoning – Joseph Pizano & Larry Dellegrotto – Mr. Pepe, report on file.

Street/Recycling – Richard Turner & Betty Ann DeRoberto – the department rebuilt a manhole on Mason St. and other street related duties, such as street sweeping.

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

Parks & Recreation – Betty Ann DeRoberto & Joseph Pizano – the parks are in good condition.

Remarks from Mayor Herman Castellani – Captain Coolbaugh read the police financial report. Report on file.

Solicitors Report – Nothing at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion to accept the prepaid bills in the amount of \$84,650.00. 1st Mr. Turner, 2nd Ms. DeRoberto and unanimously carried.

Motion to suspend the issuance of any permits related to fireworks displays or shows, until such time as Council amends and updates the Borough's fireworks ordinance. No Borough official shall have the authority to grant permission to allow a firework display in the Borough. Except that Council will review any individual requests on a case by case basis, and may in its discretion grant authority by Resolution if the request does not pose a threat to the general welfare and safety of person or property, and if the requestor provides sufficient insurance. 1st Mr. Dellegrotto, 2nd Mr. Pizano, Roll Call: Mr. Morgan – yes, Mr. Shannon – yes, Mr. Dellegrotto – yes, Mr. Turner – yes, Mr. Pizano – yes, Mr. DeRoberto – yes, Mr. Esposito – yes.

The following motion was tabled.

Motion to ratify the following traffic changes for Memorial Street and Penn Ave, pursuant to Chapter 134, Vehicles and Traffic:

1. Memorial Street from Lincoln Street to be changed to a one-way street, travelling north from Lincoln Street.
2. Penn Avenue from Memorial Street to Susquehanna Ave to be changed to a one way street travelling east from Memorial Street.
3. Council will review changes in 90 days to determine whether the above modifications shall remain in effect.
4. Council authorizes the appropriate signage to be installed regarding the above.

Motion to appoint Debra Serbin as the Borough Manger of Exeter Borough, consistent with Section 1141 of the Borough Code, it.seq. and Borough ordinance. The Solicitor shall prepare an Employment agreement in accordance with Section 1142 of the Borough Code. Debra Serbin shall continue on as Borough Secretary/Treasurer, as is permitted under Section 1143. 1st Mr. Turner, 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto, Roll Call: Mr. Morgan – no, Mr. Shannon – yes, Mr. Dellegrotto – yes, Mr. Turner – yes, Mr. Pizano – no, Ms. DeRoberto – yes, Mr. Esposito – yes.

Motion to accept the advertised amendments to the Property Maintenance Ordinance Section 34.7 as follows:

1. Section 34-7 (E) of the Property Maintenance Ordinance, as adopted on November 10, 1998, is hereby revoked and repealed;
2. Former Section 34-7 (E) is hereby replaced with new Section 34-7 (E) which shall hereafter read as follows:

“34.7 (E) Fences constructed within the Borough of Exeter shall comply with the Exeter Borough Zoning Ordinance Article 3, Section 306, subsections 306.2 and 306.3 when swimming pools, spas or hot tubs are installed or constructed. All fences shall be constructed, installed or placed such that the finished side of the fence shall face the adjoining property (ies) and shall be installed a minimum of twelve (12”) inches from the property line: Except that if there has been a survey by a Pennsylvania state certified surveyor and pins are in place within one year from the time a new fence is installed, the fence and any product used to stabilize the fence may be placed immediately inside the property line. A survey that has recertified the location of the property pins would also qualify the fence for placement immediately inside the property line.”

3. Council adopts the new Section 34-7 (F) which shall read as follows:

34.7 (F) Where applicable, the area between the inside edge of the street curb and the outside edge of the sidewalk shall be planted and maintained with grass and trees, which shall be approved by Council. 1st Mr. Dellegrotto, 2nd Mr. Turner and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept pay request for Krasavage Construction in the amount of \$58,661.21 for the emergency sewer project on Schooley Ave, payable from the 1st National Sewer Fund, contingent upon repairing the parking lot on Schooley Ave and broken sewer lateral. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to accept the current bills in the amount of \$139,035.75. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept the 2017 MMO for the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$0. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Turner and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept the 2017 MMO for the Non-uniform Pension Plan in the amount of \$12,370.00. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Mr. Turner and unanimously carried.

Motion to terminate Exeter Borough Police Department participation with the PA Attorney General Drug Task Force due to changes at the Attorney General Office, which necessitate same. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto, Roll Call: Mr. Morgan – no, Mr. Shannon – yes, Mr. Dellegrotto – yes, Mr. Turner – yes, Mr. Pizano – no, Ms. DeRoberto – yes, Mr. Esposito – yes.

Motion to investigate participation with the Luzerne County District Attorney’s Drug Task Force, subject to District Attorney Stephanie Salvantis meeting with Council in executive session to discuss the program and the benefits to Exeter Borough. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Pizano, Roll Call: Mr. Morgan – no, Mr. Shannon – yes, Mr. Dellegrotto – yes, Mr. Turner – yes, Mr. Pizano – yes, Ms. DeRoberto – yes, Mr. Esposito – yes.

Open to the Public

Ron Rome of Wyoming Ave asked Atty. Hassey what is the status of the promotion for Caption. In June Council appointed Sargent Coolbaugh to the position of Captain subject to getting the agreement worked out.

John Stacavage 110 Jackson St. asked if a study was done for the signs on Schooley Ave. Captain Coolbaugh explained that this was a matter of public safety. A study of this area is being done and then if needed an ordinance will be done.

Mrs. Hiznes of 251 Sanovia St. told Council about a home in her neighborhood that is vacant and has a swimming pool filled with water that is causing a hazard. Council will look into the matter.

Ms. Martha Zavada of 101 Jean St. asked if Council will dedicate money for a plaque to be erected in the borough building. Atty. Hassey said Council can allocate money toward the purchase and installation of the plaque along with donated funds to match what the Borough allocates.

Adjournment by Mr. Turner

Prepared and submitted by Debra Serbin