

Exeter Borough Council  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

April 5, 2016

7:00 P.M.

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

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

Exeter Borough Council congratulated the Wyoming Area Catholic School 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball team, who were in attendance, for winning the State Championship.

Motion to approve the March 1 and March 16, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. DeRoberto, Roll Call; Mr. Morgan yes, for March 1<sup>st</sup> and no for the March 16<sup>th</sup> minutes, Mr. Shannon – yes, Mr. Dellegrotto – no, Mr. Turner – yes, Mr. Pizano – yes, for the March 1<sup>st</sup> and no for the March 16<sup>th</sup> minutes, Ms. DeRoberto – yes, Mr. Esposito – yes.

Treasurer Report provided by Debra Serbin

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Dellegrotto, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Turner and unanimously carried.

Citizens Input (agenda items only) No public comments.

Correspondence: letter from City Line Truck of Pittston requesting to be called upon for Exeter Borough's towing needs.

Refuse Report – Lynda Hyzenski, report on file.

Recycling Report – Karen Szwast, report on file.

Reports of Committees

Police – Joseph Esposito, Larry Dellegrotto & Betty Ann DeRoberto. 281 call for the month.

Finance & Insurance (Grants) Larry Dellegrotto, Joseph Esposito and Betty Ann DeRoberto. The budget is in line. Pension Audits are completed with no findings. Liquid Fuels allocation for 2016 has been received.

Fire Department – Betty Ann DeRoberto & Joseph Pizano – Report on file. Calls, year to date 130

Zoning – Joseph Pizano & Larry Dellegrotto – 911 to renumber Slocum Ave and Memorial St. Letters will be mailed to the effected residents. Mr. Dellegrotto informed the public that it is now allowed, the Planning Commission can have up to 3 alternates on the board.

Street/Recycling – Richard Turner & Betty Ann DeRoberto – Flag pole in front of Borough Building was blown down by the recent high winds.

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

Parks & Recreation – Betty Ann DeRoberto & Joseph Pizano – will inspect Wilson Street Playground.

Remarks from Mayor Herman Castellani – Proclaimed April 21<sup>st</sup> Power Talk 21 Day in collaboration with MADD.

Solicitors Report – Ray Hassey – Nothing at this time.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion to accept the prepaid bills in the amount of \$49,009.79. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Esposito, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

Motion to ratify the March 8, 2016 signing of Resolution #4-2016, maintaining a Defined Benefit Pension Plan for all full time Police Officers for 2014, 2015 and 2016 a mandatory employee contribution of 4% in accordance with the arbitrator's award. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Esposito, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried..

Motion to approve the modifications to Chapter 97 Peddling and Soliciting. Section 97-6 of Chapter 97 of the Borough Code, pertaining to License fees is hereby REVOKED;

2) Section 97-14 of Chapter 97 of the Borough Code, pertaining to Violations and Penalties is hereby REVOKED;

3) Council does hereby ordain that the former Section 97-6 and Section 97-14 shall be replaced with the following:

97-6-1. License Fees. No license shall be issued under this Chapter until the proper application has been made on such form as the Borough may establish and fee as follows shall have been paid to the Mayor which fee shall be for the use of the Borough:

A) For itinerant merchants, peddlers, solicitors or canvassers, \$500.00 per month, for each month or partial month they may operate. Licenses shall be renewed monthly upon payment of the license fee as herein provided;

B) Transient retail businesses, \$500.00 per month, or fractional part of a month, for each month or partial month they may operate. Such license shall be renewed monthly upon payment of the license fee as herein provided.

C) All fees can be modified by Resolution of the Borough Council of Exeter. 97-14-1.

Violations and Penalties. Any person or entity who shall violate any provision of this Chapter, upon conviction thereof, shall pay a fine of \$1,000.00 per occurrence, plus costs of prosecution, and in default thereof, be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not more than 30 days. Each day that a violation occurs shall constitute a separate offense. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Esposito, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Turner, Roll Call; Mr. Morgan – yes, Mr. Shannon – yes, Mr. Dellegrotto – yes, Mr. Turner – yes, Mr. Pizano – yes, Ms. DeRoberto – yes, Mr. Esposito – yes.

Motion to approve the application forms recommended by the Civil Service commission for use by qualified applicants seeking the position of Captain in the Exeter Borough Police Department. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Morgan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

Motion to authorized Atty. Hassey to develop examination forms for use by the Civil Service Commission for hiring's involving the Exeter Borough Police Department. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Dellegrotto, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Turner and unanimously carried.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to administer exams used by the Civil Service Commission for hiring's involving the Exeter Borough Police Department. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. DeRoberto and unanimously carried.

Motion directing that the required notice/posting or advertising requirements be undertaken inviting applications for the position/rank of Captain in the Exeter Borough Police Department, with all applications to be received on or before April 30, 2016. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Esposito and unanimously carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Motion to accept the current bills in the amount of \$98,077.98. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. DeRoberto, Roll Call; Mr. Morgan – yes, with the exception of the Karpovach invoice, Mr. Shannon – yes, Mr. Dellegrotto – yes, Mr. Turner – yes, Mr. Pizano – yes, Ms. DeRoberto – yes, Mr. Esposito – yes.

Motion authorizing Debra Serbin to attend the May 13<sup>th</sup> Skill Path, Manager Seminar at a cost of \$99.00. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Esposito, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

Motion to hire Alexander Smith of Schooley Ave as a part time as needed Fire Truck Driver. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Esposito, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

#### Open to the Public

Mr. Don Hudock of 367 Susquehanna Ave asked for an update on the, No Truck Signage he requested at last month's meeting. He was informed that Sgt. Coolbaugh is working on the issue.

Mr. Martha Zavada of 101 Jean St. provided information to Mr. Pizano for the plaque that will be placed in the Borough Building for her father, who was a past Police Chief.

Adjournment by Mr. Morgan

Prepared and submitted by Debra Serbin