

Exeter Borough Council

Regular Monthly Meeting

1101 Wyoming Ave

May 5, 2015

7:00 P.M.

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

Roll Call – Member Present,

Mr. Shannon, Mr. Dellegrotto, Mr. Turner, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Esposito Mr. Pizano, Mayor Castellani

Absent – Ms. Adams

Motion to approve the April 7, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes. 1st Mr. Turner, 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

Treasurers Report provided by Debra Serbin

Motion to accept the Treasurers Report as read. 1st Mr. Turner, 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

Citizens input (agenda items only) No public comments.

Correspondence: Letter thanking Mr. Shannon and Mr. Turner for helping a resident who has a hard time walking. They helped her into the building and even put her walker in the truck for her and she wanted to thank them.

Letter from the Pennsylvania American Water Co. asking for assistance with reporting any misuse of fire hydrants.

Refuse Report – Lynda Hyzenski, report on file.

Recycling Report – Karen Szwast, report on file.

Reports of Committees

Police – Joseph Esposito & Larry Dellegrotto: 274 calls for the month. Police Schedule is posted for the year.

Finance & Insurance (Grants) – Joseph Esposito & Larry Dellegrotto: Finances are good. Liquid Fuels allotment received and is greater than was budgeted. The Borough researching a fee for using credit cards when paying for garbage stickers.

Fire Department – Denise Adams & John Morgan: Fire Department will be starting there fund drive.

Street/Recycling Departments – Richard Turner, The pumps at the Hicks Creek Pump Station are installed. Susquehanna Ave Sewer Project is back on schedule. Street Sweeper is down for repairs.

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

Hicks Creek Maintenance – Richard Turner & John Morgan: Nothing at this time.

Zoning – Larry Dellegrotto, Richard Turner & Joseph Pizano: Mr. Dellegrotto stated that representatives from Luzerne County 911 will be at a later council meeting to explain the numbering of homes in Exeter Borough.

Building & Grounds – John Morgan & Joseph Pizano: Nothing at this time.

Remarks from Mayor Castellani, The Mayor attended a Mayors Conference hosted by Senator Cartwright concerning grants available to Boroughs.

Solicitors Report – Ray Hassey: explained the proposed agreement with West Pittston to hook up residents of Tunkhannock Ave to their sewer system.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion to accept the prepaid bills in the amount of \$27,120.58. 1st Mr. Turner, 2nd Mr. Esposito and unanimously carried.

Motion for Krasavage Construction to do exploratory work on a sinking sewer line on Layton St. and report back to Exeter Borough Council. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Turner and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept pay request #5 from Blooming Glen Contractors in the amount of \$55,261.56 approved by Harold Ash of PennEngineering, payable from the General Fund and reimbursed through the LSA grant. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

Motion authorizing Atty. Hassey to advertise a new pave cut ordinance for Exeter Borough. 1st Mr. Turner, 2nd Mr. Esposito and unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to accept the current bills in the amount of \$199,127.99. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Turner, Roll Call: Mr. Morgan – yes, with the exception of the Dilworth Paxton invoice, Mr. Shannon – yes, Mr. Dellegrotto – yes, Mr. Turner – yes, Mr. Pizano – yes, with the exception of the Dilworth Paxton invoice, Mr. Esposito- yes.

Motion to erect a Handicap Sign for 239 Birchwood Estates Plaque #887769P as approved by Chief John McNeil. 1st Mr. Turner, 2nd Mr. Dellegrotto and unanimously carried.

Open to the Public:

Mr. Rome of 1009 Wyoming Ave asked if the Borough will be paying a late fee on the March legal bill. Mr. Dellegrotto stated the Council took steps to save the taxpayers money and there will not be any late fees applied to the legal bills.

Sharon Korba of 134 Mason St stated she was glad to hear the Mayors report.

Melissa Morgan of 254 Sullivan St. asked if there was a way not to spend so much money of the pending personnel matter. Mr. Shannon stated there is no way of knowing.

Mrs. Mary Pat Coleman of 1304 Wyoming Ave asked if there is a concern that another employee may file sexual harassment charges if Council does not create a safe work environment. Atty. Hassey said anything is possible and it depends on the facts of the case.

Adjournment, 1st Mr. Turner and unanimously carried.

Prepared and submitted by Debra Serbin