

Exeter Borough Council Meeting
October 6, 2020
Zoom Meeting
7:00 PM

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

This meeting was held on Zoom. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic no public will be allowed in the building for the meeting. The meeting's agenda was posted on the Borough's web page. The public was given the opportunity to question or comment by e-mail or calling and asking for the Zoom log in information by Monday, October 5, 2020 at 3:00 PM.

Roll Call: Mr. Morgan, Mr. Pizano, Ms. DeAngelo, Mr. Esposito, Mr. Balent
Absent: Richard Murawski and Carman Marranta

Person of the Month – no person of the month.

Motion to approve the September 1, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes. 1st Mr. Balent, 2nd Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

Treasurers Report- Motion to accept the Treasurers Report as read. 1st Mr. Balent, 2nd Ms. DeAngelo and unanimously carried.

Citizens Input (agenda items only) No public input.

Correspondence – A electronics recycling event is scheduled for October 22, 2020 at the soccer field in Forty Fort.

Refuse Report – Lynda Hyzenski – report on file.

Recycling Report – Renee Pizano - report on file.

Reports of committees

Police – John Morgan, David Balent & Carmen Marranta – calls for service in September were 265. The West Side COG will be applying for a grant to purchase equipment of the police departments.

Finance & Insurance (Grants) Lori DeAngelo, John Morgan & Richard Murawski
A motion to transfer funds in the Sewer Account was made by Mr. Morgan.

Fire Department – Carmen Marranta, John Morgan & Richard Murawski
The Fire Company had a Chicken BBQ as a fund raiser.

Street/Recycling Departments – David Balent & John Morgan

All work is moving forward.

Parks & Recreation – Lori DeAngelo, Carmen Marranca & Joseph Esposito
The dedication of the DeRoberto Park take place on September 27, 2020 at 1PM.
McKenna Park needs equipment maintenance.

WVSA Report – John Morgan – Report on file.

Zoning – David Balent, Richard Murawski & Lori DeAngelo – Report on file.

Hicks Creek – David Balent & Richard Murawski – The flap gate on Donna’s Way needs maintenance work.

Building & Grounds – Richard Murawski & Joseph Esposito
Nothing at this time.

Remarks from Mayor Denise Adams, a handicap sign is needed at 110 Valley St.

Solicitors Report – Ray Hassey, nothing at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion to accept the prepaid bills in the amount of \$33,829.75. 1st Ms. DeAngelo, 2nd Mr. Balent and unanimously carried.

Motion to transfer \$86,000.00 from the M&T Sewer Fund and \$94,000.00 from the Plget Fund to the FNCSB Sewer Fund for future bill payments. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Mr. Balent and unanimously carried.

Motion to approve Pay Request #1 from Krasavage Construction in the amount of \$36,351.09 for the Sullivan Street Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project, payable from the FNCSB Sewer Fund as approve by PennEastern Engineering. 1st Mr. Balent, 2nd Mr. Esposito and unanimously carried.

Motion to approve Change Order #1 a decrease in quantities in the amount of \$2,380.00 for the Schooley Ave Stom Sewer Rehabilitation Project. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Balent and unanimously carried.

Motion to approve Pay Request #2 (final) from Krasavage Construction in the amount of \$848.15 for the Schooley Ave Storm Sewer Rehabilitation Project payable from the WVSA Stormwater Fund as approve by PennEastern Engineering. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Balent and unanimously carried.

Motion to approve Pay Request #5 from Krasavage Construction in the amount of \$80,632.05 for the Layton Street Pave and Drainage Project payable from the O&M Storm/Sewer Fund as approved by PennEastern Engineering. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Ms. DeAngelo and unanimously carried.

Motion to approve Pay Request # 10 (final) from Krasavage Construction in the amount to \$10,410.17 for the Susquehanna Ave Sanitary/Storm Sewer Project payable from the FNCB Sewer Fund as approved by PennEastern Engineering. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

Motion to approve the agreement between Exeter Borough and Local Union 542-C IUOE, representing Exeter Borough Street Department, for the term 8-16-2020 through 8-15- 2023. 1st Mr. Balent, 2nd Ms. DeAngelo and unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to approve the current bills in the amount of \$188,275.82. 1st Ms. DeAngelo, 2nd Mr. Balent and unanimously carried.

Motion to hire Michael Miller of Thomas Street, Exeter as a part time as needed street department labor for Exeter Borough. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

Motion to hire Kara Kroll as a part time as needed patrolman for Exeter Borough. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Ms. DeAngelo and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept the Kuharchick Construction proposals for services of Pole Inspections, Traffic Signals Preventative Maintenance and Response Maintenance for Traffic Lights. 1st Mr. Esposito, 2nd Mr. Balent and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept the Pennsylvania Department of Veterans designation for John J. Morgan of 139 Lincoln Street, Exeter as being exempt for paying property taxes pursuant to Chapter 89 Disabled Veterans Real Estate Tax Exemption Act. The Borough's Tax Collector will be notified. 1st Mr. Balent, 2nd Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

Motion to accept Resolution #13-2020 adopting the Luzerne County 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan for Exeter Borough. 1st Ms. DeAngelo, 2nd Mr. Esposito and unanimously carried.

Motion to approve the agreement between Exeter Borough and WVSA permitting WVSA to utilize the Storm Water Retention Pond on Hicks Creek across from the Musto Park on Donna's Way. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Mr. Esposito and unanimously carried.

Motion to approve the educational recycling flyer to be sent to all residents of Exeter Borough. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Ms. DeAngelo and unanimously carried.

Open to the Public

Ron Rome of Wyoming Ave asked who is eligible to participate in the non-uniform pension plan. Atty. Hassey stated the pension plan is for anyone who is not a police officer. Atty. Hassey and Mr. Rome will have a phone call to discuss.

Nick Giambra of 445 Roosevelt St. would like to offer a donation of trash cans for the Nature Park through his employer Lowe's. Mr. Giambra also stated he is not happy with the way his contractor and the zoning officer conducted business on his addition to his home.

Amy Bezek of the Street Art Society asked Council to consider sponsoring a LSA Grant on their behalf. The Council will consider sponsoring the grant for the year 2021.

Adjournment, 1st Mr. Balent, 2nd Mr. Morgan and unanimously carried.

Prepared and submitted by Debra Serbin