Exeter Borough Council Meeting

July 6, 2021

Zoom Meeting

7:00 PM

Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and called to order by Council Chairman, Joseph Pizano at 7pm.

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 Tuesday, July 6, 2021.

Roll Call: Mr. Morgan, Mr. Balent, Mr. Marranca, Mr. Murawski, Mr. Pizano, Ms. DeAngelo, Mr. Esposito, Mayor Denise Adams.

Person of the Month: No person of the month.

Motion to approve the June 1, 2021 Council Meeting and June 14,, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Mr. Marranca. Unanimously carried.

Treasurer Report – Motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report as read. 1st Mr. Morgan. 2nd Ms. DeAngelo. Unanimously carried.

Motion to open the Exeter Borough ARPA funds account at FNCB Bank and deposit $289,986.05. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Mr. Esposito. Unanimously carried.

Citizens Input (agenda items only) - No citizens input.

Correspondence- Play Streets Letter, Letter from Mr. Rome re: parking lot dedication, Thank You Letter from Wyoming Area, and C-PACE letter from Luzerne County read into the record by Ms. Radle.

Refuse Report- Lynda Hyzenski – Report on file. 100 letters went out, 37 residents did not buy.

Recycling Report – Renee Pizano – Report on file. 268 tons, YTD as of June.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Police – John Morgan, David Balent & Carmen Marranca – 230 calls to service, 2 arrests, 1 citation.

Finance & Insurance (Grants) Lori DeAngelo, John Morgan & Richard Murawski – Nothing at this time.

Fire Department – Carmen Marranca, John Morgan & Richard Murawski – Nothing at this time.

Street/Recycling Departments –David Balent & John Morgan – Thank you to Street Department, working hard in the heat.

Parks & Recreation –Lori DeAngelo, Carmen Marranca & Joseph Esposito – Thank you to the street department for the mulch at DeRoberto park. The DeRoberto sign area needs some additional work. Musto park being done by the Scouts. Suggestion to ask Mayor Adams to ask the police department to close McKenna park at dusk and then the street department will open it in the morning. Discussed street department taking over maintenance of McKenna park.

Motion to purchase one dog waste station for each park. 1st Ms. DeAngelo, 2nd Mr. Marranca. Unanimously carried.

WVSA Report – John Morgan – Report on file. Street sweeper in town last week. Rain garden coming along in Donna’s way. Possible collapsed lateral on Sanovia Street.

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

Hicks Creek – David Balent & Richard Murawski – Cut and cleaned. Free of logs and debris. Will try to keep clear and open. Area by Kuharchik needs to be dredged. Inspection coming up.

Building & Grounds – Richard Murawski & Joseph Esposito – Spraying for weeds and building will be cleaned.

Remarks from Mayor Denise Adams – Nothing at this time.

Solicitors Report – Ray Hassey – 3 pension proposals have been received and there will be a special meeting on July 12th at noon.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion to accept the prepaid bills in the amount of $28,646.41. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Ms. DeAngelo. Unanimously carried.

Motion to approve Partial Payment Request #4- Final to Krasavage Construction in the amount of $21,180.53 for the Sullivan Street Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Mr. Balent. Unanimously carried.

Motion to accept Change Order #1 in the amount of $96,453.00 for an increase in quantities for the Exeter Avenue Strom Sewer Project. 1st Mr. Morgan. 2nd Mr. Marranca. Unanimously carried.

Motion to approve Partial Payment Request #6- Final to Krasavage Construction in the amount of $6,549.34 for the Exeter Avenue Storm Sewer Project subject to PennEastern’s receipt of the final as-built plans and maintenance bond from the contractor. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Ms. DeAngelo. Unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to approve the current bills in the amount of $187,503.29. 1st Ms. DeAngelo, 2nd Mr. Morgan. Unanimously carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE BOROUGH/TOWNSHIP’S PARTICIPATION IN THE WYOMING AREA POLICE REGIONALIZATION COMMISSION, TO CONSIST OF THE MAYORS OF EXETER BOROUGH, EXETER TOWNSHIP, WEST PITTSTON, WYOMING ANDWEST WYOMING, AS VOTING MEMBERS, AND A MEMBER OF EACH MUNICIPALITY’S COUNCIL TO SERVE AS ALTERNATE VOTING MEMBERS, IN THE CASE OF ABSENCE OF THE MAYOR. 1st Mr. Morgan. 2nd Mr. Marranca. Unanimously carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR ADAMS TO SERVE ON THE WYOMING AREA POLICE REGIONALIZATION COMMISSION, AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF EXETER BOROUGH. 1st Mr. Morgan. 2nd Mr. Marranca. Unanimously carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE COUNCILPERSON JOSEPH PIZANO TO SERVE AS THE ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE ON THE WYOMING AREA POLICE REGIONALIZATION COMMISSION ON BEHALF OF EXETER BOROUGH. 1st Mr. Marranca. 2nd Mr. Morgan. Unanimously carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE SOLICITATION FOR PROPOSALS FOR AN ATTORNEY TO SERVE IN THE CAPACITY AS SOLICITOR FOR THE WYOMING AREA POLICE REGIONALIZATION COMMISSION, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES OF EACH MUNICIPALITY TO INITIATE, PREPARE, DISEMINATE AND PUBLISH THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL. 1st Ms. DeAngelo. 2nd Mr. Balent. Unanimously carried.

Motion to approve the exterior cleaning of the Exeter Borough Municipal building to be completed by Shawnee Restoration Inc in the amount of $4,000.00. 1st Mr. Marranca. 2nd Mr. Balent. Unanimously carried.

Motion to ratify the June 14, 2021 hiring of Carlos Velasquez as a part time Street Department employee. 1st Ms. DeAngelo. 2nd Mr. Morgan. Unanimously carried.

Motion to approve Resolution No 2021- 7 supporting the Pennsylvania Commission for the United States semi-quincentennial (AMERICA250PA) 1st Mr. Morgan. 2nd Mr. Balent. Unanimously carried.

Motion to approve Resolution 2021-8 requesting a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant of $$331,700.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the Susquehanna Avenue Improvements Project. 1st Mr. Morgan. 2nd Mr. Balent. Unanimously carried.

Motion to hire Matthew Evans as a part time, as needed, police officer. 1st Mr. Morgan, 2nd Ms. DeAngelo. Unanimously carried.

Motion to hire Alexandra Nolan as a part time, as needed, police officer. 1st Mr. Morgan. 2nd Mr. Balent. Unanimously carried.

Motion to hire Thomas Skilonger as a part time, as needed, police officer. 1st Mr. Morgan. 2nd Mr. Balent. Unanimously carried.

Open to the Public. Michael Sowinski of Wildflower Village asked for update on FEMA maps.

Motion to Adjourn. 1st Mr. Morgan. 2nd Mr. Esposito. Unanimously carried.