

**EXETER BOROUGH
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 7, 2023
7pm- Exeter Borough Building and Zoom Meeting**

Call to Order was made at 7pm by Chairman Pizano, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call was taken. Present were Joseph Pizano, Chair and John Morgan, Vice Chair; Council Members David Balent, Lori DeAngelo, Joseph Esposito, Carmen Marranca, Richard Murawski. Solicitor Ray Hassey; Mayor Denise Adams; Borough Staff Vince Ninassi, Bob Hyzenski and Amy Sorokin Huntington.

Person of the Month. Mayor Adams recognized Renee Pizano for her outstanding contributions to the Borough's recycling programs.

Minutes. Motion was made by John Morgan to approve January 3, 2023 Exeter Borough Council regular meeting minutes; seconded by Carmen Marranca; passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report. Amy Huntington presented the balance sheet, income statement and monthly checks of \$132,446.09 paid. A motion to approve the report was made by John Morgan; seconded by Dave Balent; passed unanimously.

Citizens' Input (agenda items only) No citizen input was made.

Correspondence. No correspondence was reported, but a reminder was made to talktous@regionalpolice.org to reach WA Regional Police Chief D.F. Pace to correspond on non-urgent community policing matters.

Refuse Report- Amy Huntington reported 615 stickers were sold through February 7, 2023, and a CodeRed reminder would be sent announcing 2/28/2023 end of the rebate period, and sticker price increase to \$200 (\$150 for senior citizens age 65+) will begin March 1, 2023.

Recycling Report – Amy Huntington reported 49.02 tons for January 2023.

Report of Committees

Police. John Morgan thanked WA Regional Police Chief D.F. Pace for attending the meeting, and Chief Pace reported 391 calls for service. He explained Exeter Borough has its own zone and officer on duty 24/7; there are 11 vehicles in the fleet; and officers are sharing intelligence and responding effectively.

Finance & Insurance (Grants). No report.

Fire Department. Lori DeAngelo called on Doug Roberts, Chief, who reported the pumper engine is still being serviced, and emergency calls are being routed via Luzerne County 911 to Pittston City. He also explained the Win2Work app used in other communities would be useful to fill shifts. Lori DeAngelo would organize a committee meeting to plan 2023 fundraisers. Chairman Pizano thanked the Exeter Hose Co for dedicated 24/7 service to our Borough and asked that the committee begin discussions to explore possibly regionalizing fire services in the future.

Street/Recycling Departments. John Morgan explained the trees in Hicks Creek were removed and there is no more appearance of foam.

Parks & Recreation. Lori DeAngelo reported that the little library will soon be unveiled, and books are being accepted to fill it; Hometown Heroes banners are being sold; the Easter Bunny will come to Musto Park on Sunday March 26th at 12pm and help will be provided by Exeter Boy Scouts.

WVSA Report. John Morgan reported that 24 sanitary and sewer lines were flushed; that the residential complaint re: Hicks Creek white foam discharge was investigated, tested, and was found negative, that the foam was due to turbulence from the trees laying in the creek.

Zoning. Richard Murawski recommended in light of Brian Graham's anticipated resignation, to make a motion to hire BHW Construction Consultants for Zoning services on a month-to-month basis. Dave Balent seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. Chairman Pizano explained Zoning Hearing Board Steve Harmonos has retired after 30 years of service and we should ask PSAB for a recognition certificate, call the alternate member to service. John Morgan made a motion to call alternate Tony Doblovasky to fill the open slot; seconded by Lori DeAngelo; passed unanimously.

Hicks Creek. Report was made under WVSA and Streets Department committee reports above.

Building & Grounds. Richard Murawski stated that Roosevelt Street in Exeter Park should be addressed; Joseph Esposito thanked Council for the new Borough Building shed.

Mayor's Remarks: Mayor Denise Adams thanked Chief Pace for his continued dedication to the operations of the new Wyoming Area Regional Police department.

Solicitor's Report. No additional report was made by Atty. Ray Hassey.

New Business. John Morgan made a motion to add a motion to the agenda regarding the upcoming expiring trash services contract in June 2023; Joe Esposito seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. John Morgan made a motion for Ray Hassey to review and advertise the trash services contract, recommending an Request For Proposals be made for a 1-2-3 year flexible contract, possibly including neighboring municipalities in the contract, if interested. Joe Esposito seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn. Richard Murawski called for the meeting to adjourn at 8:16pm; motion was seconded by Lori DeAngelo; passed unanimously.