

EXETER BOROUGH
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
MAY 2, 2023

7pm- Exeter Borough Building and Zoom Meeting

Call to Order was taken at 7:00pm by Chairman Pizano and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call was taken. PRESENT: Chairman Pizano, Vice Chairman Morgan, Council Members David Balent, Lori DeAngelo, Joseph Esposito, Richard Murawski. Solicitor Ray Hassey; Mayor Denise Adams. Staff present included Amy Huntington, Sharon Sorokin and Vince Ninassi.

Person of the Month. No person of the month was named in May.

Minutes: Councilman Morgan made a motion to approve the May 2, 2023, Exeter Borough Council regular meeting minutes; seconded by Councilman Balent; passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report. Amy Huntington reported bills totaling \$148,347 to be paid. John Morgan made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as read; seconded by Dave Balent; passed unanimously.

Correspondence: Amy Huntington reported three Right-to-Know requests: 4/4/23 from Commonwealth Foundation; 4/23/23 from Prestige Disposal, LLC; and 5/2/23 from Ramboll Law Firm; and a letter on 4/25/23 from the PA Auditor General's Office requesting a visit for the annual 2022 Liquid Fuels Audit.

Citizen's Input (agenda items only) No input was made.

Refuse and Recycling Report 150 placards were sold along with extra bags and bulk items totaling \$31,282. 2023-24 garbage contract bids have been advertised; will be opened prior to the 6/6/23 meeting.

Report of Committees:

Police: John Morgan, Dave Balent, Carmen Marranca. Chief Pace read statistics for the month of April noting 76 calls were made from the Exeter zone. Chief Pace will be stepping down and Michael Turner will be the new Chief of Police. Chief Pace will still be involved in the Regional Police force working on policies, procedures, accreditations, and grants. WARP is also relocating from West Pittston to the Exeter Borough Building as temporary headquarters.

Finance and Insurance (Grants): Lori DeAngelo, John Morgan, Rich Murawski. Nothing to report.

Fire Department: John Morgan, Rich Murawski, Lori DeAngelo. Nothing to report.

Street/Recycling Departments: Dave Balent, Carmen Marranca, John Morgan. The free residential paper shredding event with Purple People Eaters Shredding, will be held on Saturday May 27, 2023 from 9am to 12 noon at the Borough Building.

Parks and Recreation:Lori DeAngelo, Carmen Marranca, Joseph Esposito. Nothing to report.

WVSA report: Councilman Morgan reported 28 sewer lines were flushed, and street sweeping will begin the week of May 8th to May 12th. Also, PA American Water will flush lines between 5/3 and 5/19, residents may experience low pressure between the hours of 8am-4pm to test and maintain fire hydrants.

Zoning: Dave Balent, Rich Murawski, Lori DeAngelo. Ron Mruk, Exeter Borough Zoning Officer noted \$2,154 for April permits, registrations and hearing board fees. The Zoning Hearing Board was held 5/24/23,

resulting in approval of a Use Variance to operate a bakery/retail store at 163, 167, 171 Susquehanna Avenue.

Hicks Creek Dave Balent, Rich Murawski. Councilman Balent reported the annual Department of Environmental Protection inspection was made on April 17. The inspection report was received on 5/16/2023 and will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

Building and Grounds Rich Murawski, Joseph Esposito. Nothing to report.

Mayor's remarks Expressed condolences to the Fanelli Family for the loss of Mariano. She reminded everyone the Memorial Day parade Monday May 29, 2023 and lineup will be at Linden St, West Pittston at 11:30am and will end at Wyoming Area Catholic.

Solicitors report: Nothing to report at this time.

New Business:

(1) Councilman Morgan made a motion to approve the Addendum to 2023 Trash Contract Bid Packet to include bidder proposals for bulk item tags and extra bag tags; seconded by Councilman Marranta; motion passed unanimously.

(2) Councilman Murawski made a motion to advertise the Addendum to 2023 Trash Contract Bid Packet; seconded by Dave Balent; motion passed unanimously.

(3) Councilman Morgan made a motion to hire Glen Paluski to the Streets Department, 32h/week part-time position; seconded by Councilman Balent; Councilman Murawski abstained due to his family relationship; the remainder of Council voted in favor of the hiring and the motion passed.

(4) Councilman Morgan made a motion to hire Justin Coskey to the Streets Department, 40h/week full-time position, 6-month probation; seconded by Dave Balent; the motion passed unanimously.

(5) Councilman Balent made a motion to approve Amy Huntington, Borough Manager, to attend PA State Association of Boroughs Conference in Hershey June 4-6, 2023; seconded by Councilman Marranta; the motion passed unanimously. Councilman Esposito made a motion to include meals and travel expenses for Amy Huntington's conference; seconded by Councilman Morgan; passed unanimously.

(6) Councilman Murawski made a motion to approve the reimbursement of \$345 to Margaret Marcy, 960 Exeter Ave, for plumbing repairs incurred due to collapse of Exeter Borough sewer main; seconded by Councilman Balent; passed unanimously.

Open to the Public:

- Chaplain Thomas S. Furino, Luzerne County Fire Chaplains announced his availability for crisis intervention services for Exeter Borough/WARP. He is a retired Veteran, a friend of the Exeter Boy Scouts, and he explained his many qualifications. He can be reached at chaplainthomas53@gmail.com.
- Tracy Petrosky of 212 Susquehanna Avenue spoke about the potholes and zoning violations on Pepe Court and Ron Mruk indicated he would meet with her tomorrow to discuss.
- Eugene Mizenko of Susquehanna Avenue described the water pooling behind Pizza L'Oven and said he would share photos to be passed on to our Borough Engineer for review.

Councilman Esposito made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02pm; seconded by Councilman Balent; the motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Huntington and Sharon Sorokin, 6/3/2023.