

EXETER BOROUGH
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

August 1, 2023

7pm- Exeter Borough Building and Zoom Meeting

Call to Order was taken at 7:03 pm by Vice Chairman Morgan and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call was taken. Present: Chairman Joseph Pizano (via Zoom) Vice Chairman Morgan, Council Members: David Balent, Lori DeAngelo, Joseph Esposito, Richard Murawski and Carmen Marranca (via Zoom); Solicitor Ray Hassey; Mayor Denise Adams.

Staff present included Amy Huntington, Sharon Sorokin, Vince Ninassi, Mike Miller and WARP Chief Mike Turner.

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

Minutes: Councilwoman DeAngelo made a motion to approve the June 6, 2023, Exeter Borough Council regular meeting minutes; seconded by Councilman Balent; motion passed.

Treasurers Report. Amy Huntington read the Treasurer's Report, on file, noting the need to pay an outstanding balance of \$206,583.66 to Stell Enterprises for the Susquehanna Ave Improvement Project. Chairman Pizano made a motion to amend the agenda to add for the payment; seconded by Councilman Murawski; the motion passed unanimously. Councilman Balent made a motion to pay Stell Enterprises; seconded by Councilman Murawski; the motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence: Amy Huntington reported she received a communication from Arthur Becker of the Harding Parks and Recreation Committee, inviting Exeter Borough to attend the Inaugural 2023 Wyoming Valley Parks and Rec Forum on Thurs. July 20 5:30-7pm at the Exeter Twp. Municipal Building in Harding, and she and Councilwoman DeAngelo and Exeter Events committee members Frank Pizano and Pat Morgan attended.

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

Refuse and Recycling Report: Sharon Sorokin read the Refuse Report, on file, noting the first month of the contract with J.P. Mascaro and Sons hauler has been a success.

Report of Committees:

Police: John Morgan, Dave Balent, Carmen Marranca. Chief Turner mentioned the WARP meeting is on August 10th at 7pm. WARP had 737 calls. 312 were for Exeter. They also have implemented nightly business checks.

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. Councilman Morgan and Councilman Balent reported the Street Department has been busy pumping water, clearing fallen trees, and patching potholes, and commended them for doing a great job for the Borough.

Parks and Recreation: Lori DeAngelo, Carmen Marranca, Joseph Esposito. Councilwoman DeAngelo will be coordinating the Turkey Trot for the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Also, Exeter Borough is having its

second shredding event of the year, on August 26th from 9 to 12 noon. Councilwoman DeAngelo also reported the Borough offered a very successful discount day at Montage Waterpark providing over 70 residents with savings.

Zoning: Dave Balent, Rich Murawski, Lori DeAngelo. Amy Huntington read Zoning Officer Ron Mruk's report, on file.

Hicks Creek Dave Balent, Rich Murawski. Councilman Balent reported that the Streets Department is continuing to work on clearing tree debris from the creek.

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

Council of Governments: Councilman Balent attended the meeting 3rd Thursday of the month.

NEPA Landbank: Dave Balent; Rich Murawski. Councilman Balent attended the meeting on July 14, 2023, noted that the only properties for tax sale in Exeter were vacant trailers in Birchwood Estates, and were not of interest to the Land Bank.

Mayor's remarks: Nothing at this time.

Solicitors report: Nothing to report at this time.

New business: No new business was reported at this time.

Open to the Public:

- Property owners Nancy & Al Peters, 1109 Wyoming Avenue, requested assistance with making parking available to their tenants as their lot, including a handicap ramp and 2 HVAC units, encroaches on Exeter Borough property. They requested Exeter Borough's consideration to buy land or implement an easement, and indicated they would be having the property surveyed to verify property lines. Vice Chairman Morgan noted Exeter borough would take this into consideration.
- Andy Chakan of Chestnut St. raised concerns of the invasive black locust trees that are going to wipe out the maple and arborvitaes. Streets Department Supervisor Vince Ninassi explained that there is insufficient clearance to get the bucket truck back there at the creek's edge, and Councilman Balent mentioned to have North Branch Land Trust take look at it.
- Martin Sowa of Lily Court spoke about the power outages in Wildflower. Vice Chairman Morgan explained this is not Council related.

Councilman Esposito made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm; seconded by Councilman Murawski; the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Huntington and Sharon Sorokin, on 8/31/2023.