

EXETER BOROUGH
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 6, 2023

7pm- Exeter Borough Building and Zoom Meeting

Call to Order was taken at 7:05pm 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. Councilman Carmen Marranta was excused.

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

Minutes: Vice Chairman Morgan made a motion to approve the June 6 minutes; seconded by Councilman Balent; passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report Report on file, made by Amy Huntington. Vice Chairman Morgan made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as read; seconded by Dave Balent; passed unanimously.

Correspondence: Amy Huntington reported a Right-to-Know request received 5/22/2023 re: Exeter Senior Living Apartments, 222 Schooley Avenue.

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

Refuse and Recycling Report made by Sharon Sorokin, on file.

Report of Committees:

Police: Vice Chairman Morgan called on WARP Chief Turner, who reported 512 service calls and 20 criminal arrests made in May, noting 158 calls were Exeter, including walk-ins at the Borough Building. A parking dispute has arisen in the back parking lots, and signs will be made and posted to authorize parking, and violations will be enforced. Additional police reporting will be made on Thursday June 15, 2023 at the WARP monthly meeting.

Finance and Insurance (Grants): Nothing to report.

Fire Department: Councilwoman DeAngelo noted the 2023 Exeter Hose Co #1 Fund Drive is underway. Vice Chairman Morgan thanked the Fire Dept for providing the new monthly service call activity and financial reports.

Street/Recycling Departments: Councilman Balent reported that Krasavage is repairing the fitting to the main to fix the Coolidge Street lateral issue, explained no reducer was used to go from 6" to 4".

Parks and Recreation: Councilwoman DeAngelo reported a very successful paper shredding event on May 27, thanked the Exeter Events Committee for organizing Exeter Borough Montage Waterpark Day on Thursday July 27, and announced the next paper shredding event is Saturday August 26.

WVSA report: Councilman Morgan reported 7 catch basins replaced, 24 sewer lines were flushed, 2 storm drains and 2 pump stations cleaned, and street sweeping completed.

Zoning: Ron Mruk, Exeter Borough Zoning Officer noted \$5,560 for May zoning, building and dumpster permits; noted he will work with Councilman Balent to address the homeless encampment issue on the Valenti property on Wyoming Avenue across from Sabatini's Pizza. Councilman Balent

Hicks Creek Councilman Balent reported Hicks Creek passed the state inspection.

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

Council of Governments: Councilman Balent reported the meetings are held the 3rd Thursday every month, and the location rotates among the member municipalities, the dates will be added to a master calendar so all Council members can stay informed. Exeter will be responsible for cut-outs, asphalt, tack, milling and trucking for our paves, the COG will work with us, we reimburse the labor cost to the appropriate towns. Staffing shortages and rain have caused delays in plans.

NEPA Land Bank: Councilman Balent serves as Exeter Borough representative, attended the April 12 meeting, and explained the Land Bank will collectively purchase tax sale properties, but the Borough will cleanup the property at our expense, and the taxes will be split with the Land Bank for five years after the sale. The Land Bank includes Exeter, Avoca, West Pittston, Duryea, Dupont, Pittston City, Pittston Township, Plains Township. The next meeting will be held July 12, 2023.

Mayor's remarks No remarks at this time.

Solicitors report: Atty. Hassey reported Mr. Sperazza of Wildflower Village proposal to donate the property to Exeter for a \$1.00 transfer to the Homeowners' Association, and explained this proposal would require a minor subdivision and result in the Borough owning half of the roadway, he will consult with Harold Ash to identify cost estimates and filing fees.

New Business:

- (1) Vice Chairman Morgan made a motion to amend the agenda, seconded by Councilman Balent, motion passed unanimously.
- (2) Vice Chairman Morgan made a motion to approve Borough Manager Amy Huntington to publish public notice as required by USDA in connection with Exeter Borough's funding application; seconded by Councilman Esposito, motion passed unanimously.
- (3) Councilwoman DeAngelo made a motion to approve Borough Manager Amy Huntington to execute all certifications and materials which USDA may require in connection with USDA application on behalf of Exeter Borough; seconded by Councilman Balent, motion passed unanimously.
- (4) Vice Chairman Morgan made a motion to pay annual Hicks Creek brush clearing costs of \$9,450 to Thomas Landscaping; seconded by Councilman Balent; motion passed unanimously.
- (5) Vice Chairman Morgan made a motion to pay annual mowing costs of \$6,200 to Thomas Landscaping; seconded by Councilman DeAngelo; motion passed unanimously.
- (6) Vice Chairman Morgan made a motion to authorize Borough Engineer Harold Ash to bid out paving project at Penn & Susquehanna Ave., from CBDG 2021 projects; and Mundy Court to Wyoming Ave & Grant Street; Warsaw to Park Streets, see what bids come in at, drop Grant Street if not enough funding; seconded by Councilman Esposito; motion passed unanimously.

(7) Solicitor Hassey opened the bids for the trash hauling contract, expiring on June 30, 2023.

Exeter Borough Bid Tabulation – June 6, 2023 7:00 p.m.			
Bidders Name/Address	Total Amount Of Base Bid	Bid Bond 10% Yes/No	Remarks Bulk/Extra Bag Fees
Waste Management 13 Peggy Parkway Dunmore, PA 18512	1YR: \$538,857 2YR: \$1,198,944 3YR: \$1,853,064	YES	\$75 bulk item \$8 extra bag (same all 3 years)
J.P. Mascaro & Sons 871 E. Main Street Nanticoke, PA 18634	1YR: \$505,296 2YR: \$1,010, 592 3YR: \$1,550,484	YES	1YR: \$50 bulk/\$6 extra bag 2YR:\$55bulk/\$6.50xtra bag 3YR:\$60bulk/\$7 extra bag
Prestige Disposal, LLC prestigedisposalnepa@gmail.com (484) 658-3333	1YR: \$581,360 2YR: \$1,179,360 3YR: \$1,794,360	YES	\$25 bulk item \$3 extra bag (same all 3 years)

First opened was Prestige Disposal, LLC. Second was J.P. Mascaro & Sons, third was Waste Management. **Vice Chairman Morgan made a motion, pending legal review, to approve a two-year contract with the lowest bidder, J.P. Mascaro & Sons, for a total of \$1,010,592: \$505,296 in year one and \$505,296 in year two, beginning July 1, 2023;** seconded by Councilman Balent, the motion passed unanimously, but excluded Councilman Marranca was absent/excused from the meeting.

Open to the Public:

- Borough Resident Mr. Steve Price of Laurel Court in Wildflower Village disputed the garbage sticker price and penalty, indicating he is not using Exeter Borough trash services and takes his trash to his Dad’s dumpster. Solicitor Hassey explained the Section 66-12 in the Borough Code requires residents to pay for trash services and Ordinance #8 of 2020 is the most recent update of the \$110 late payment penalty, and the Ordinance will be enforced via citation by the police powers of Exeter Borough through the Wyoming Area Regional Police force.
- Borough Resident Mr. Lee Rodeghiero of 129 Sturmer reported issues across the street at 130 Sturmer street: junk, metal in the yard, a truck with no inspection sticker, oil stains in the street and driveway; Chairman Pizano noted he will have Ron Mruk, Exeter Borough Zoning Officer, follow up with the property complaints.

Councilman Esposito made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31pm, seconded by Councilman Murawski; the motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Huntington 7/31/2023.