

**EXETER BOROUGH**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

**October 3, 2023**

**7pm- Exeter Borough Building and Zoom Meeting**

Call to Order: 7:00pm by Councilman Pizano; Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Present: Chairman Joe Pizano, Vice Chairman John Morgan, Council Members David Balent, Lori DeAngelo, Joe Esposito, Richard Murawski; Mayor Denise Adams; Solicitor Ray Hassey; Amy Huntington, Sharon Sorokin, Vince Ninassi, and WA Regional Police Chief Mike Turner. Councilman Marranca was excused.

Person of the Month: No person of the month was named in October.

Minutes: Vice Chairman Morgan made a motion to approve the 9/5/23 meeting minutes; seconded by Councilman Balent; motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Joe Esposito made a motion to approved 9/25/23 meeting minutes; seconded by Councilman Balent; motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report: Report on file, read by Amy Huntington. Vice Chairman Morgan made a motion to approve the report; seconded by Councilman Balent; motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence: Correspondence from Sharon Davidson, 76 Penn Ave, requesting handicapped parking sign was discussed. The Borough will draft an ordinance to make applications available.

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

Refuse and Recycling Report: Report on file, read by Amy Huntington. Vice Chairman Morgan made a motion to approve the report; seconded by Councilman Balent; passed unanimously.

**Report of Committees:**

Police: Chief Turner reported 205 of 622 calls were Exeter in September, He noted business checks have been effective and cooking oil thieves were caught. Next WARP meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 12 at 7pm.

Finance and Insurance (Grants): Nothing to report.

Fire Department: Vice Chairman Morgan requested Exeter Borough Hose Company fire department representative attend monthly Council meetings and a driver schedule be provided.

Street/Recycling Departments: Councilman Balent reported the Borough/COG will soon start paving starting on Park.

Parks and Recreation: Councilwoman DeAngelo announced the Turkey Trot is Sat. Nov. 25 and thanked the street department for hanging Veterans' banners. Rep. Aaron Kaufer's License Plate Check, Senior Expo, Luzerne County e-Recycling days events flyers are posted.

WVSA Report: Report on file, read by Vice Chairman Morgan: flushed 50 sanitary sewer lines, 6 storm lines, and camera 2 storm lines.

Zoning: Report on file prepared by Zoning Officer Ron Mruk, read by Amy Huntington.

Hicks Creek: Nothing to report.

Building and Grounds: Councilman Esposito reported spraying to be completed one more time.

Council of Governments: nothing to report.

NEPA Landbank: Councilman Balent attended the monthly Land Bank meeting and noted two properties in Birchwood Estates could potentially be contributed.

Mayor's remarks: Mayor Adams read the WA Football Parents Association letter and provided approval for the WA/PA Parade and Bonfire on October 25 at 6:30pm. Chairman Pizano and Chief Turner discussed the route to be down Lincoln St. Also announced Exeter Scout Troop 311/311g annual pork dinner, Sunday October 29; Veterans' Day Ceremony, November 5 at 12:00pm at the Borough Building.

Solicitors report: Solicitor Hassey reported Exeter Borough Council will hold contract negotiations with Exeter Borough Street Department and Local 542 Union.

### **New Business:**

Councilman Esposito made a motion to authorize Exeter Borough Solicitor Hassey to advertise a new Handicapped Parking Ordinance to provide for residential handicapped parking permits; seconded by Councilman Balent; motion passed unanimously.

### Open to the Public:

Nathan Jameson and Jeff Rufe representing ARX Communities managing Birchwood Estates, thanked the Borough for the brush cleanup efforts underway at the perimeters of the property.

Amy Huntington announced next Regular Council Meeting will fall on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month next month, on November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, due to Election Day.

Vice Chairman Morgan made a motion to adjourn at 7:45pm; seconded by Councilman Esposito; motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted 10/23/2023, by Amy Huntington and Sharon Sorokin.