

EXETER BOROUGH
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

November 14, 2023

7pm- Exeter Borough Building and Zoom Meeting

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

Roll Call was taken. PRESENT: Council Chairman Pizano, Vice Chairman Morgan, Council Members David Balent, Lori DeAngelo, Carmen Marranca, Solicitor Ray Hassey; Mayor Denise Adams. Staff present included Amy Huntington, Sharon Sorokin and Vince Ninassi, Mike Miller, and Police Chief Turner. Excused: Council members Rich Murawski and Joe Esposito.

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

Minutes: Vice Chairman Morgan made a motion to approve the October 3 minutes; seconded by Councilman Balent; motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report. Amy Huntington read report, on file. Vice Chairman Morgan made a motion to approve the report; Councilwoman DeAngelo seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence: Exeter Borough residents received letters from PA American Water regarding rate increase. Vice Chairman Morgan recommended we send a letter to the PUC to express disfavor and reported dissatisfaction with Grove and Sullivan Street repave; BHW provided correspondence declaring 299 Susquehanna Ave unsafe following home fire; Tiffany Mukerjee, 1020 Old Exeter Ave, requested guardrail replacement following auto accident at property, Borough engineers will be contacted to provide proper response.

Citizen's Input (agenda items only) None provided.

Refuse and Recycling Report: Sharon Sorokin read report, on file.

Report of Committees:

Police: John Morgan, Dave Balent, Carmen Marranca. Chief Turner reported 619 total calls, 214 in Exeter including 18 arrests, 110 traffic stops, 6 accidents.

Finance and Insurance (Grants): Lori DeAngelo, John Morgan, Rich Murawski. Amy reported upcoming meeting with USDA regarding \$8.7m loan request for Wyoming Avenue Sewer Improvement project.

Fire Department: John Morgan, Rich Murawski, Lori DeAngelo. Chief Roberts and Justin Parr were present. Chief reported increase in Borough property deteriorations and proposed considering a rental ordinance requiring occupancy permits and inspections. Chief made holiday safety reminder to be diligent watering Christmas trees, cleaning chimneys, monitoring fire alarms.

Street/Recycling Departments: Dave Balent, Carmen Marranca, John Morgan. Vince Ninassi explained Hicks Creek trees, locus trees, overgrowth are still a concern.

Parks and Recreation: Lori DeAngelo, Carmen Marranca, Joseph Esposito. Chairwoman DeAngelo announced reminder of Turkey Trot on Saturday 11/25/23; Exeter Lions Tree Lighting November 26: and new event, Parade of Trees involving Wyoming Avenue businesses.

WVSA report: Vice Chairman Morgan reported they flushed 54 sewer lines, 14 storm catch basins; report on file.

Zoning: Dave Balent, Rich Murawski, Lori DeAngelo. Councilwoman DeAngelo read Zoning report, on file.

Hicks Creek Dave Balent, Rich Murawski. Councilman Balent noted tree is down near Lizza's Garage.

Building and Grounds Rich Murawski, Joseph Esposito. Councilman Balent reported the elevator inspection letter does not apply to the building as we do not have that kind.

Council of Governments Councilman Balent will attend COG meeting 3rd Thursday of the month. Nothing to report now.

NEPA Landbank: Councilman Balent reported next meeting is November 15th at 6pm.

Mayor's remarks Mayor Adams congratulated Council members John Morgan, Lori DeAngelo, Carmen Marranca and Joe Esposito on their re-election; thanked Chief Turner for keeping us informed; reported the 2023 Veteran Ceremony went well; and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Solicitors report: Nothing to report at this time.

New Business: Vice Chairman Morgan made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 4 of 2023, establishing an application for handicapped parking spaces; Councilman Balent seconded; motion approved unanimously.

Open to the Public: none

Amy Huntington noted budget meeting is scheduled for Monday November 20 at 7pm.

Vice Chairman Morgan made a motion to adjourn at 7:53pm; seconded by Councilman Balent; motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Huntington and Sharon Sorokin.