

**EXETER BOROUGH**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 7, 2024**  
**7pm- Exeter Borough Building and Zoom Meeting**

Vice Chairman Morgan called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Present: Chairman Joseph Pizano (via Zoom), Vice Chairman John Morgan, Councilwoman Lori DeAngelo, Councilmen Joseph Esposito, David Balent, Richard Murawski, Excused: Councilman Carmen Marranca. Also present: Solicitor Ray Hassey, Mayor Denise Adams, Borough Manager Amy Huntington, Borough Secretary Sharon Sorokin, Streets Department Supervisor Vince Ninassi, WARP Police Chief Turner, and Ralph Dixon, Exeter Borough Fire Department.

There was no person of the month for May.

Motion to approve the April 2, 2024 Minutes made Councilman Balent; seconded by Councilwoman DeAngelo; motion passed unanimously.

Amy Huntington read the Treasurer's Report, on file, noting checks of \$129,883.07 paid. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Councilman Balent; seconded by Councilwoman DeAngelo; passed unanimously.

Correspondence: Amy Huntington read correspondence from Wyoming Area Kiwanis re: Memorial Day Parade; email from Neil Splendido, 1040 Scarboro Street requesting special consideration for trash payment relief; email from Taylor Ellis of Wilson Street, requesting enforcement of code for two abandoned vehicles at 454 Wilson; letter from PA Department of Environmental Protection issuing Air Quality Program Operating Permit No. 40-00069 to Independent Recycling Co LLC, 99 Stevens Lane; letter from PA DEP Grants Center announcing estimate of 2022 904-Performance Grant of \$10,691.11.

No Citizens' Input on the agenda items was provided.

Refuse & Recycling Report: Sharon Sorokin read the report, on file, noting a total of 2,085 stickers sold to date and 44.78T of recycling. Motion to approve the report was made by Vice Chairman Morgan; seconded by Councilman Balent; motion passed unanimously.

Motion to amend the agenda was made by Councilman Esposito to address the use for the recycling grant funding; seconded by Councilman Balent; motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman DeAngelo made a motion to purchase new round recycling barrels; seconded by Councilman Murawski; motion passed unanimously.

Report of Committees:

- Police: Chief Turner reported Exeter Borough had 222 of 415 total monthly calls to WARP; remodeling at the new Wyoming Avenue Headquarters is going well; new ATV will be wrapped and put into service; BMX Bike Show is set for May 31; National Night Out event is August 11. Next WARP Commission Meeting will be Thursday May 9 at 7:00 p.m.

- Finance & Insurance: No report at this time.

- Fire Department: Vice Chairman Morgan read the fire reports, and Councilwoman DeAngelo made a reminder of fire detector installation program planned for Sept. 7.

- Street/Recycling: Councilman Balent thanked the staff for repairing numerous potholes and laying new mulch at the Borough Building.

- Parks & Recreation: Chairwoman DeAngelo made reminders of May 25 Yard Sale; Sept 7 Paper Shredding; noted 8 Veterans Banners will be hung, and requested Streets Department to replace 2 swings in Wilson Street Park. Councilman Balent will look at the black fence needing repair and noted dog waste signs should be considered so not placed in recycling bins.

- WWSA Report: Vice Chairman Morgan read the WWSA report, on file, noting 41 lines flushed, 8 lines camera-checked. Wyoming Avenue Storm Catch Basin will be checked Friday May 10 between 5:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and Street Sweeping begins May 13-17.

- Zoning: Councilwoman DeAngelo read report prepared by Ron Mruk, report on file, noting 16 building permits and 12 zoning permits, total income of 35,583 for the month; Zoning Hearing Board for 126 Lehigh Street will be held tomorrow May 6, 2024 at 6pm.

- Hicks Creek: Councilman Balent reported water ponding and dirt falling on upper Slocum Avenue, noting bids should be solicited for sediment removal..

Motion to amend the agenda was made by Councilman Esposito; seconded by Councilman Murawski; passed unanimously. Councilman Murawski made a motion to request bids for removing sediment from Hicks Creek; seconded by Councilman Balent; motion passed unanimously.

- Building & Grounds: Chairman Pizano inquired about the paving planned for the parking lots adjacent to the Borough Building, and requested PennEastern to be contacted about status.

- Council of Governments: Councilman Balent noted the COG is waiting to pave Thomas and Park Streets and composting was done in Forty Fort in two days, providing a \$1,600 savings.

- NEPA Land Bank: Councilman Balent noted next meeting is scheduled for the same day as our June Council Meeting, so next update will be August 2024.

Mayor's Remarks: Mayor Adams announced the West Pittston American Legion is requesting assistance with the Memorial Day Parade and reminded everyone to meet at 11:00 a.m. on Linden Street for the parade start.

Solicitor's Report: Nothing to report at this time.

#### New Business

1. Motion to Approve the 2024 Memorial Day Parade made by Councilman Esposito; seconded by Councilman Balent; passed unanimously.
2. Motion to Approve Resolution #4 Conflict of Interest Policy for USDA Sewer Loan made by Councilman Murawski; seconded by Councilman Esposito; motion passed unanimously.
3. Motion to Instruct Amy Huntington to circulate RFP to local banks for USDA Interim Financing per November 13, 2024 USDA Letter of Conditions was made by Councilman Murawski; seconded by Councilman Esposito; motion passed unanimously. .
4. Motion to Approve new stop sign on Exeter Avenue, as approved by Wyoming Area Regional Police Chief Michael Turner, at Intersection of S.R. 1010 and Old Exeter Avenue, to improve traffic safety was made by Councilman Balent; seconded by Councilwoman DeAngelo; motion passed unanimously. PennDOT will also install safety chevrons on the westerly side of SR 1010 going Northbound, to further delineate curve and improve safety of intersection.
5. Motion to Approve installation of missing Handicapped Parking sign at parking space in front of Exeter Borough Building to satisfy item #54 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance, per November 13, 2023 USDA Letter of Conditions, made by Councilman Balent; seconded by Councilman Esposito; motion passed unanimously.
6. Motion to Approve Drew Mruk to serve as unpaid Exeter Borough summer intern per Princeton Summer Social Fund program for 40-hr/ week, 6-weeks starting July 5, 2024 made by Councilwoman DeAngelo; seconded by Councilman Esposito; motion passed unanimously.

#### Open to the Public:

Resident Renee Valenti, 170 Anthracite Street, requested Borough to address issue of water company never returning to pave the area they disturbed when repairing water main break 14 months ago; also expressed concern of overgrown property at 183 Anthracite Street. Councilman Murawski noted Astound responsible for road repair due to internet installation. Vice Chairman Morgan requested Ron Mruk visit property to determine issue and enforce code.

Resident Neil Splendido, 1940 Scarboro Street, petitioned Council for relief in trash fee, he was stabbed on November 2, 2023 and could not pay.

Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Esposito at 8:08 p.m.; seconded by Councilman Murawski; motion passed unanimously.

*Respectfully submitted by Amy Huntington, 6/4/2024.*