

EXETER BOROUGH
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.

Solicitor Hassey reported Executive Session was held from 6:45 p.m. to 7:10 p.m. to discuss declaratory action being taken against Exeter Borough.

Chairman Pizano called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call was taken, all present: Chairman Joseph Pizano, Vice Chairman John Morgan, Council Members David Balent, Joseph Esposito, Lori DeAngelo, Carmen Marranca, Richard Murawski; Solicitor Ray Hassey; Mayor Denise Adams, Borough Manager Amy Huntington, Secretary Sharon Sorokin, Streets Department Vince Ninassi, Fire Department Ralph Dixon; and Wyoming Area Regional Police Chief Turner.

No Person of the Month was named for September.

Motion to Approve the August 6, 2024 Minutes was made by Vice Chairman Morgan; seconded by Councilman Balent; motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Morgan to Approve the Treasurer's Report as read by Amy Huntington; seconded by Councilwoman DeAngelo; motion passed unanimously. Total checks of \$110,822.87 paid.

Amy Huntington read the monthly Correspondence, which included resident letters re: property maintenance issues from Ozanick, 328 Anthracite; Smith, 31 Park Lane; Dziak, 402 Wilson; Loeffler, 312 Memorial; Letter from Handorf, 51 Mt. Lookout requesting new e-911 address;. Letters from BHW re: code violation at 354 Susquehanna; 1832 Scarboro; 1835 Wyoming Avenue. Letter from Health Inspector re: 740 Tunkhannock Ave inspection; Right to Know request from Sedora Consulting for 1946 Wyoming Avenue, Birchwood Estates; Annual Dept of Human Services Child Day Care Compliance letters received from Growing Patch 650 Tunkhannock Ave and Tiny Learners 1122 Wyoming Avenue; Letter from PEMA re: new municipal FEMA National Floodplain Insurance Program Compliance Audit Program; Letter from Luzerne County Historical Society stating interest in purchasing St. Cecelia's Church property; Letter from PA Opioid Misuse and Abatement Trust distribution payment of \$8,314.99. Email from Yummy Yummy Chinese Restaurant, 1213 Wyoming Avenue re: parking issue; and August 29, 2024 email from USDA re: Authorization to Bid the Wyoming Avenue Sewer Improvement Project.

Motion to Amend Agenda was made by Councilman Esposito; seconded by Councilman Marranca; motion passed unanimously. Motion to Approve new 20-minute parking space at 1213 Wyoming Avenue between 11a.m. and 11p.m., to be spaced and marked by Chief Turner and Streets Supervisor Vince Ninassi; Motion made by Vice Chairman Morgan; seconded by Councilman Balent; motion passed unanimously.

Citizens' Input (Agenda Items Only): No input was given.

Refuse & Recycling Report was read by Sharon Sorokin, on file. Deposit of \$5,271. was made in August; Recycling weight of 35.18T reported.

Report of Committees

Police/WARP: Chief Turner provided report, on file. He noted 170 of 430 monthly calls were from Exeter Borough; National Night Out event was a success; 3 new officers will receive training. Next WARP meeting is Thursday September 12, 2024 at 7 p.m.

Finance & Insurance (Grants) : Councilwoman Lori DeAngelo noted the next USDA Loan call will be Thursday Sept. 5, 2024 at 2:00 and interim financing is being sought through FNCFB.

Fire Department: Councilwoman DeAngelo reported the Fire Department will conduct smoke alarm installation assessment with residents at Saturday Sept. 7, 2024 Paper Shredding event.

Street/Recycling: No report at this time.

Parks & Recreation: Councilwoman DeAngelo reported Paper Shredding Day is Saturday Sept. 7, 2024, 9am-12 noon and Food Dignity Project will host pay-as-you-can fresh produce market, Exeter Lions Club will collect used eyeglasses; Turkey Trot is Saturday November 30, 2024.

WVSA: Vice Chairman Morgan read WVSA flushing and camera report, on file.

Zoning: Councilwoman DeAngelo read Zoning Report, on file, noting total income of \$29,579, majority for building improvements at Exeter Senior Living, 500 Schooley Avenue.

Hicks Creek: Councilman Balent said creek will be cleaned before winter; and Amy Huntington will provide bid tabulation for upper and lower ponding bids.

Building & Grounds: No report at this time.

Council of Governments: No report at this time.

NEPA Land Bank: Councilman Dave Balent will attend next meeting Wednesday September 4.

Mayor's Remarks: No report at this time.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Hassey reported the need to pass an Ordinance and Advertise Base Borrowing for USDA Sewer Loan and a Special Meeting of Council will be called to approve.

New Business: No Motions for New Business were on the September 3, 2024 Agenda.

Open to Public

1. Ms. Lizhen Gao of Yummy Yummy Chinese Restaurant, 1213 Wyoming Avenue showed photos and reported white vehicle of visitor to neighbor parking day and night in front of her business causing takeout pickup issue for customers; she requested business parking spot.
2. Ms. Kim Hromek spoke seeking justice for loss of her son ,Nicholas Hromek, on 8/28/2021 in the wrongful death lawsuit against Exeter Borough Police.
3. Mr. Carmen Nardozzi, 131 Penn Ave, reported it is Day 87 of continued noise and zoning violations on Penn Ave and is requesting stronger enforcement.
4. Ms. Danette Miller, 137 Penn Ave, requested enforcement of Penn Ave noise and zoning violations interrupting her sleep and affecting her job.
5. Ms. Jacqueline Deutch and Donna Fountain, volunteers for Whiskers World, requested \$750 support (\$15x50 cats) for trap/neuter/release program for cat colony on McCauley Court.
6. Mr. John Hayduk, 257 Sullivan St., requested Exeter Borough Streets Department make pave cut to alleviate street flooding caused by faulty paving by PA American Water Company subcontractor.
7. Mr. Ralph Dixon of Exeter Borough Hose Co #1 reported discussion with West Pittston Fire Department will take place September 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn made by Councilman Esposito; seconded by Councilman Balent; meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Amy Huntington, September 6, 2024.