

**EXETER BOROUGH**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY October 1, 2024 • Exeter Borough Building. 7:00 PM**

Chairman Pizano reported Executive Session was held from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to discuss legal issues and property reversionary clause request; he called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 October.

Motion to Approve the September 3, 2024 Minutes was made by Vice Chairman Morgan; seconded by Councilwoman DeAngelo; motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Morgan to Approve the Treasurer's Report as read by Amy Huntington; seconded by Councilman Marranca; motion passed unanimously. Total checks of \$176,233.65 paid.

Amy Huntington read correspondence from Mary Ann Fedor, 1900 Scarboro re: One-Way sign violations on Sullivan Street; Invitation from Corpus Christi Parish to Wyoming Area Catholic School Parking Lot Blessing & Dedication; Request from WA Football Parents Association to support Wednesday October 23, 2024 Parade, Pep Rally and Bonfire; Luzerne County Board of Tax Assessment Appeals Hearings October 2 and October 9 announcement; PSAB Unemployment Compensation 3rd Quarter Report Due; Letter from Atty. Robert S. Cronin, Jr. requesting consideration of subordination of reverter language re: Exeter Senior Living Apartments 222 Schooley Avenue.

Citizens' Input (agenda items only): No input was given.

Refuse & Recycling Report was read by Sharon Sorokin, on file. September deposit total \$5,486.00; Recycling weight of 33.2T, 346.4T YTD reported.

#### Report of Committees

Police/Wyoming Area Regional Police (WARP): Chief Turner provided report, on file:172 of 440 monthly calls were Exeter Borough; new Collective Bargaining Agreement is completed ; fraud arrest at M&T Bank. Next WARP meeting is Thursday, October 10, 2024, 7pm.

Finance & Insurance (Grants) - Councilwoman DeAngelo noted that Amy Huntington submitted two DCED Luzerne County Local Share Account grant applications for mural and sewer projects by the September 30 deadline, and resolutions will be signed tonight to complete the applications.

Fire Department: Councilwoman DeAngelo requested the department follow up with the Smoke Alarm Installation Project list of residents, compiled by Ralph Dixon at the September 7 Paper

Shredding Day. Vice Chairman Morgan requested the department submit timely reports, since Council has not seen reports in months.

Streets/Recycling: Councilman Balent reported tub grinder not working and thanked the Streets Department for continuing to fill the potholes.

Parks & Recreation: Councilwoman DeAngelo thanked Amy and the Fire Department for helping make 2024 Paper Shredding and Produce Market a success, over 80 residents participated despite the rain; announced Nov. 22 Kalahari Waterpark Discount Day and November 30 Turkey Trot.

WVSA: Vice Chairman Morgan reported 31 sanitary sewer lines flushed and 1 line viewed on camera, report on file.

Zoning: Councilwoman DeAngelo read Zoning Report, on file: total income was \$8,578. Vice Chairman Morgan requested Amy Huntington ask Hanover Township for their out-of-area property owners registry to help draft new, similar ordinance for Exeter Borough.

Hicks Creek: Councilman Balent reported Thomas Landscaping creek cutting is in progress.

Building and Grounds: No report at this time.

Council of Governments: No report at this time.

NEPA Land Bank: Councilman Balent will recommend consideration of 299 Susquehanna/Mosier fire-damaged property.

Mayor's Remarks: Mayor Adams commended Chief Turner and WARP officers for their professionalism at M&T Bank fraud case where she was present to witness; reported Father Michael was very happy about Wyoming Area Catholic Parking Lot; thanked Amy Huntington for continued diligence with the USDA sewer loan process.

Solicitor's Report: No report at this time.

Motion to Amend the Agenda made by Vice Chairman Morgan; seconded by Councilman Esposito, motion passed unanimously. Vice Chairman Morgan added the following motions:

- Motion to Approve the WA Bonfire and Parade Route on October 23 made by Vice Chairman Morgan; seconded by Councilman Balent; motion approved unanimously.
- Motion to Approve the Memorandum of Understanding to made by Vice Chairman Morgan; seconded by Councilman Balent; motion approved unanimously.
- Motion to Approve the Restricted Parking Ordinance made by Councilwoman DeAngelo; seconded by Vice Chairman Morgan; motion approved unanimously.
- Motion to Approve the Turkey Trot Route and Road Closures on November 30 made by Vice Chairman Morgan; seconded by Councilman Balent; motion approved unanimously.
- Motion to Transfer \$29,056.78 State Aid to Exeter Fire Relief Association per Act 205 made by Vice Chairman Morgan; seconded by Councilman Balent; motion approved unanimously.

- Motion to Approve Solicitor Hassey to Advertise USDA loan financing, made by Councilman Esposito; seconded by Councilman Balent; motion approved unanimously.

New Business

1. Motion to Ratify August 2024 bid tabulation awarding Thomas Landscaping lowest bid to clean Hicks Creek, upper ponding area, \$13,770; lower ponding area, \$12,860 made by Vice Chairman Morgan; seconded by Councilman Murawski; motion passed unanimously.
2. Motion to Approve \$99,160.85 reimbursement request to Luzerne County for CDBG FY 2021 Penn Avenue Pave Project made by Councilman Balent; seconded by Vice Chairman Morgan; motion passed unanimously.
3. Motion to Instruct Penn Eastern to put bid package out for next street approved by Luzerne County Community Development for CDBG FY 2021 funding to expend remaining \$95,559.15 of grant total \$194,720, made by Vice Chairman Morgan; seconded by Councilman Marranca; motion passed unanimously.
4. Motion to Approve joint defense with West Wyoming Borough, Wyoming Borough, Exeter Township and Wyoming Area Regional Police Commission relative to West Pittston lawsuit filed in Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas No. 2024-08847, and approve hiring Rosenn Jenkins & Greenwald, LLP to represent the joint Defendants, with said legal representation to be managed and billed through the Wyoming Area Regional Police Commission and its cost sharing structure; Motion made by Vice Chairman Morgan; seconded by Councilwoman DeAngelo; motion approved unanimously.
5. Motion to Approve Resolution #8 of 2024 to apply for \$50,000 Luzerne County Local Share Account (LSA) funding for West Side Mural Revitalization Project, Phase V for six Exeter Borough murals on Wyoming Avenue and Exeter Avenues; Motion made by Councilman Balent; seconded by Councilman Marranca; motion approved unanimously.
6. Motion to Approve Resolution #9 of 2024 to apply for \$914,199.00 Luzerne County Local Share Account (LSA) funding for Susquehanna Avenue Sewer Project North, Phase 2 Project for sanitary/stormwater separation projects on three streets: Barber Street: \$292,050, Orchard Street \$308,319, and Lincoln Street \$313,830 made by Councilman Esposito; seconded by Councilwoman DeAngelo; motion approved unanimously.
7. Motion to Approve PennEastern Bidding Schedule for USDA Wyoming Avenue/Schooley Avenue Sewer Improvement Project: October 4-First Ad; October 15-Second Ad; October 25 Pre-Bid Meeting; November 15-Bid Received. Meetings will be at the Borough Building at 10:00AM on the dates listed; made by Councilman Esposito; seconded by Vice Chairman Morgan; motion approved unanimously.
8. Motion to Allocate September 2024 Commonwealth State Aid of \$29,056.78 to Exeter Borough Hose Company #1 Volunteer Fire Relief Association made by Councilman Murawski; seconded by Councilman Marranca; motion approved unanimously.

9. Motion to Approve the subordination of Exeter Borough's reversionary interest in the property of Exeter Senior Living Apartments at 222 Schooley Avenue, on the condition that the restrictive covenant preserving senior subsidized housing not be removed and is preserved, subject to Borough Solicitor's approval; Motion made by Vice Chairman Morgan; seconded by Councilman Balent; motion approved unanimously.

Open to the Public

- Attorney Rob Cronin of Nikolaus & Hohenadel, LLP law firm, Lancaster, PA explained his letter requesting consideration of subordination or termination of reverter language at 222 Schooley Avenue, Exeter Senior Living Apartments.
- Mr. Greg Kurtz of Advanced Code USA introduced himself and his zoning services business and provided promotional literature. Chairman Pizano requested he prepare a proposal with billing rates and return to the Borough.

Councilwoman DeAngelo reminded everyone next month's **November Regular Council Meeting is Tuesday November 14, 2024** instead of the 1st Tuesday of the month, which is Election Day.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Councilman Murawski at 8:01p.m.  
*Respectfully submitted by Amy Huntington, October 10, 2024.*