

# **EXETER BOROUGH REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING**

**TUESDAY June 3, 2025 • Exeter Borough Building 7:00 p.m.**

## **MINUTES**

Chairman Pizano called the meeting to order 7:00 p.m.; Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call was taken, all present: Chairman Joe Pizano, Vice Chair Morgan (on Zoom) Council Members David Balent, Lori DeAngelo, Joseph Esposito, Carmen Marranca, Richard Murawski; Mayor Denise Adams, Solicitor Ray Hassey, Borough Manager Amy Huntington, Secretary Sharon Sorokin, Streets Dept-Mike Miller; Fire Dept-Ralph Dixon, WARP Police Chief Turner.

Motion to Approve the May 6, 2025 Meeting Minutes made by Councilman Balent; seconded by Councilman Marranca; motion passed unanimously.

Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report as read and on file, by Amy Huntington made by Councilwoman DeAngelo; seconded by Councilman Marranca; motion passed unanimously. Monthly checks written total \$110,948.48.

Correspondence: Amy Huntington reported the following correspondence:

- 5/1, Luzerne Co Planning Commission review of Exeter Commons Subdivision.
- 5/2, PA DEP reporting violation of unleaded gasoline release, Four Seasons Golf Course.
- 5/6, Luzerne Co Zoning Office, request for list of bridges for GIS.
- 5/6, Luzerne County, Hazard Mitigation Plan, final draft of revised county plan.
- 5/7, PA Dept of Auditor General, approval of AG-385 report.
- 5/7, Luzerne County Recycling Office new composting program.
- 5/7, Joshua Granteed, re: 740 1/2 Tunkhannock Ave property blight.
- 5/8, Donna Comstock, re: unkempt property at 13-15-19 Park Lane.
- 5/8, Bartoli, property fence damage on Mundy Court.
- 5/8, Heather Dubois, re: speed limit, stop signs at Grant & Cedar Streets.
- 5/8, WVSA, re: Birchwood Settlement agreement.
- 5/8, PennEastern, final subdivision review, Keystone Automotive, Stevens Lane.
- 5/9, Miss Amazing recognizing Rebecca Jurchak as 2025 Pennsylvania State Representative.
- 5/12, U.S. Treasury, confirmation of System for Award Management [sam.gov](https://sam.gov) annual renewal.
- 5/12, PA American Water Infrastructure Week improvements report.
- 5/12, Donna Williams, Grant Street noise complaints.
- 5/12, WVSA Municipal Steering Committee Training on 5/30.
- 5/12, Russell Handorf request for PERC test for single family home cabin.
- 5/14, Luzerne County Recycling 902 Grant Reimbursement letter.
- 5/15, UGI letter confirming no rate increase on June 1, 2025.
- 5/15, PennEastern, request of Fire Department review of proposed subdivision plans.
- 5/15, William Hooper, 704 Schooley modular home new sewer permit requested.
- 5/15, U.S. Treasury SLFRF American Rescue Plan Act reporting compliance update.
- 5/20 PA Commonwealth Financing Authority (LSA) Luzerne County announcement approving Exeter Borough application: \$300,000 LSA Phase II sewers and \$50,000 LSA mural projects.
- 5/21 U.S. Census 2030 Local Update Census Addresses (LUCA) planning letter.
- 5/22, PA DCNR Annual Notification of Emergency Action Plan for Frances Slocum Lake Dam.
- 5/22, PA American Water service line material inventory submission for 1125 Wyoming Ave.
- 5/28, Connor Pribula's Troop 311 Eagle Project, Veteran Banner repair request.
- 5/29, Richard Chisarek, 810 Tunk Ave re: curbing at E. Packer Ave and Tunkhannock Ave.

- 5/29, Storb Environmental no-spill downstream notification for Ace-Robbins, Tunkhannock.
- 5/30, Mary Frances Selecky, 18 Park Lane re: speeding and signage request on Park Lane.
- 5/30, PAAmerica 250 Pennsylvania Day July 18-19, 2025.
- 5/30, PSAB Municipal Retirement Trust Non-Uniformed Pension Plan retiree distribution.

Motion to amend the agenda for Scout Troop Eagle Project timing was made by Councilman Esposito; seconded by Councilman Marranca; motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve Connor Pribula's Eagle Project, working with Exeter Events on Veterans Banner Repair, made by Councilman Marranca, seconded by Councilman Balent; motion passed unanimously.

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

Refuse & Recycling Report was read by Sharon Sorokin, on file. May deposit total \$25.651.; Recycling weight of 37.08T; 180.25T YTD reported.

Report of Committees:

- Zoning report made first to accommodate BHW Zoning Officer Carl Alber and Zoning Solicitor Gene Molino, present to answer questions re: 2 Park Lane, which is properly zoned and occupied as a residence, not a business or a group home. Councilman Murawski read May Zoning report, on file. Total deposit \$9,511.95.
- Police/Wyoming Area Regional Police (WARP): Chief Turner provided report, on file. 143 calls were Exeter, 2-3 more officers to be hired, acquiring body cams, taking Sept training.
- Finance & Insurance (Grants): No report at this time.
- Fire Department: Councilman Murawski read report, 33 calls this month. Report on file.
- Streets/Recycling: Councilman Balent reported hot box acquired today, one truck is down, should consider new truck in next year's budget.
- Parks & Recreation: Councilwoman DeAngelo reported 82 families participated in yard sale, Food Dignity produce sold out in 1-hour, WA Senior Parade is this Thursday.
- WVSA: Vice Chairman Morgan reported 47 sanitary sewer lines flushed 10 storm basins cleaned; thanks to WVSA for street sweeping, report provided by WVSA, on file.
- Hicks Creek: No report at this time.
- Building and Grounds: No report at this time.
- Council of Governments: Councilman Balent reported regionalization of services being explored, new equipment being sought.
- NEPA Land Bank: No updates at this time.
- Mayor's Remarks: Mayor asked about status of Sullivan Street, contacting PUC. Solicitor Hassey responded that PennEastern is estimating repair prices to improve drainage issue instead of litigating.
- Solicitor's Report: No report at this time.

**New Business:**

(1) Solicitor Hassey opened the two bids received for May 30, 2025 Trash Bid request, structured for 1.5, 2.5 and 3.5 years, to align contract to calendar-year-end December 2026, 2027 and 2028.

Casella Waste                      YR1: \$938,262.                      YR2: \$1,545,830.                      YR3 \$2,190,399.

J.P. Mascaro & Sons:                      YR1: \$847,962.                      YR2: \$1,458,750.                      YR3: \$2,104,788.

Motion to Accept Lowest Bid, \$2,104,788 (July 1, 2025 to December 31, 2028) made by Councilman Esposito; seconded by Councilman Morgan; motion passed unanimously, pending solicitor review.

(2) Motion to Approve Naming of Veterans Way for Exeter Commons Subdivision at Wyoming Avenue and Birchwood Village Drive made by Councilman Esposito; seconded by Councilman Balent; motion passed unanimously.

(3) Motion to Approve Fire Chief Doug Roberts as Temporary Borough Health Officer in instances of unavailability of Borough Health Officer made by Councilwoman DeAngelo; seconded by Councilman Balent; motion passed unanimously.

(4) Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 5 of 2025 to granting authority to WVSA to post Temporary No Parking Signs, authorize Wyoming Area Regional Police authority to Enforce; made by Councilman Marranca; seconded by Councilman Balent; motion passed unanimously.

(5) Motion to Approve \$6,512.53 to ImprintLogo.com to complete PA Opioid spending made by Councilwoman DeAngelo; seconded by Councilman Marranca; motion passed unanimously.

(6) Motion to Approve \$2,030 invoice for Hicks Creek pump station generator repairs made by Councilman Murawski; seconded by Councilman Marranca; motion passed unanimously.

(7) Motion to Rescind PA COSTARS General Recreation (*Quotes 21151-R0 \$211,990; 20770-R0-\$233,000; 20729-R0-\$285,710*) for Exeter Borough 2024 Site Development Pavilion and Concrete Slab, SLFRF Project No. 2024123102 made by Councilman Marranca; seconded by Vice Chairman Morgan; motion passed unanimously.

(8) Motion to Approve PA COSTARS Contract with Baldwin Pergolas (*Quote SO1082, \$175,000*) for 40'x50' Custom Steel Pavilion for Exeter Borough 2024 Site Development Pavilion and Concrete Slab, SLFRF Project No. 2024123102 made by Councilman Balent; seconded by Councilwoman DeAngelo; motion passed unanimously.

(9) Motion to Approve PA DEP Sewage Planning Module for Exeter Commons Major Subdivision and Wawa Development, made by Councilwoman DeAngelo; seconded by Vice Chairman Morgan; motion passed unanimously.

(10) Motion to Accept Recommendation of Exeter Borough Planning Commission and Borough Engineer to Amend Exeter Borough Zoning Map, and to Authorize Solicitor to Advertise Zoning Map Changes made by Councilman Marranca; seconded by Councilman Balent; motion passed unanimously.

Open to Public: No public comments. Adjourn: Councilman Murawski made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman DeAngelo; adjourned at 8:01p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted by Amy Huntington, Borough Manager, June 10, 2025.*