

EXETER BOROUGH
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY November 11, 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. Present: Chairman Joe Pizano; Council Members Lori DeAngelo, Dave Balent, Joseph Esposito, Carmen Marranca, Richard Murawski; Mayor Denise Adams, Solicitor Ray Hassey, Borough Manager Amy Huntington. Secretary Sharon Sorokin, Streets-Vince Ninassi; Fire-Ralph Dixon, WARP-Chief Turner. Excused: Vice Chairman John Morgan.

Motion to Approve the October 7, 2025 Meeting Minutes made by Councilman Marranca; seconded by Councilman Balent; motion passed unanimously.

Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report as read on file by Amy Huntington, made by Councilman Marranca; seconded by DeAngelo; motion passed unanimously. Monthly checks total \$408,545.25, including \$267,637.70 Pay App #1 to Pioneer Construction.

Correspondence: Amy Huntington reported the following correspondence:

- 10/7, PA Local Government Commission Symposium Day 2025.
- 10/8, PennEastern notice of UGI gas main replacement in Sullivan Park.
- 10/8, Scout Troop 311/311g Pulled Pork Dinner advertisement for Sunday 11/2.
- 10/8, WVSA 4th Quarter Flat & Meter invoice.
- 10/10, PA OneCall Landbase Migration notice 12/11/2025 to 1/6/2026.
- 10/21, AmTrust Workers Compensation premium audit notification.
- 10/21, North American Honeybee Pollinator Protection request, mateo@beeswarmed.org.
- 10/30, WVSA sewage treatment rate increase announcement 2026-2030.
- 10/24, Notification of Hearing on January 6, 2026 for Rezoning Insalaco Development property.
- 10/27, Luzerne Conservation District third mosquito newsletter.
- 10/27, PA American Water and Essential Utilities merger announcement.
- 10/29 Luzerne County opioid settlement fund meeting announcement for 11/19/2025, 11am.
- 10/31, Luzerne County safety action plan meeting for 11/17/2025, 4:30-6:30pm.
- 11/3, Luzerne Foundation Nonprofit Accelerator Program announcement.
- 11/3, Rep. Brenda Pugh year-end meeting date request to municipalities.
- 11/3, Ashburn Advisors 04R257 PA Multimodal Transportation Fund grant signature request.
- 11/4, Wyoming Ave Development Group LLC notice of seeking Commonwealth grants funding.
- 11/4, Mike Miller, GWA Jr. Warriors winter meeting location request.
- 11/4, DCED notification of advancement of LSA grant request to 3/2026 consideration meeting.
- 11/6, Wyoming Area Scouting announcement of community campfire, 11/21/2025 6-8pm.
- 11/7 Luzerne County Historical Society request for support, LSA grant for building renovations.

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

Refuse & Recycling Report was read by Sharon Sorokin, on file. Deposit total \$1,851.50; Recycling 33.44 Tons; 364.55T YTD reported.

Report of Committees:

- Police/Wyoming Area Regional Police (WARP): Chief Turner provided report, on file. 114 of 416 calls were Exeter; arrest was made for damage to the new digital sign; resident request for street light should be considered by Exeter Little League and apartment complex, street is already lit at the corner.

- Finance & Insurance: No report at this time.
- Fire Department: Councilman Murawski read report, 37 squad calls made; Report on file.
- Streets: Vince Ninassi reported patching complete on Stevens Lane; Mason Court cleaned up; all equipment ready for snow and 50 ton salt order received.
- Parks & Recreation: Councilwoman DeAngelo reported Turkey Trot billboard is up to promote event on Sat. 11/29; Exeter Lions & Scout Troop Christmas Tree Lighting is 11/23, 6pm.
- WWSA: Amy Huntington presented WWSA report, prepared by John Hood, WWSA Supervisor: 24 sanitary sewer lines flushed, 1 line camera, 9 storm basins, 3 pump stations vacuumed.
- Zoning: Report read by Councilwoman DeAngelo, on file, total deposit \$13,690.17.
- Hicks Creek: No report at this time.
- Building/Grounds: Councilwoman DeAngelo requested grate in alley, that is still sinking and a hazard, be repaired. Chairman Pizano discussed possibilities of former police station downstairs space rental and parking lot rental options, mentioning Greater Pittston Ambulance and Luzerne County should be made aware of the space availability.
- Council of Governments: Councilman Balent read the 10/27/25 COG report, on file, and noted participation is being solicited from other school districts; Chairman Pizano asked about bucket truck availability, Councilman Balent explained truck needs to be reserved in advance.
- NEPA Land Bank: Councilman Balent reported next meeting will be held in 2026.
- Mayor's Remarks: No report at this time. Councilwoman DeAngelo commended Mayor Adams and Amy Huntington for a successful 2025 Veterans Day Program.
- Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Hassey noted hearing scheduled for Insalaco Property re-zoning request will be January 6, 2026.

Old Business: Amy Huntington reported no response to code enforcement citation at 1117 Exeter Avenue, several neighbors continue to complain of trash pile, rodents, health hazards. Chief Turner and Borough Health Officer will visit to investigate, determine need to condemn property.

Councilman Esposito made a motion to Amend the Agenda to address time-sensitive items; seconded by Councilman Murawski; motion passed unanimously.

1. Councilman Esposito made a motion approve a letter to Luzerne County to request an extension for the CDBG FY 24 Pave Project to May 15, 2026 due to the cold weather. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman DeAngelo; motion passed unanimously.
2. Councilman Balent made a motion to Approve Pay App #1 to Pioneer Construction for \$267,637.70 for Exeter Borough Sanitary & Storm Rehabilitation Project from the Sewer Fund, seconded by Councilman Marranca; motion passed unanimously.
3. Councilman Marranca made a motion for Exeter Borough to pay the insurance for the Turkey Trot, to be reimbursed by Exeter Events next month; seconded by Councilman Balent; motion passed unanimously.
4. Councilman Esposito made a Motion to request Borough Solicitor to draft a new ordinance to permit issuing property liens to absentee landlords to address code violations and property maintenance issues, at the property owners' expense; seconded by Councilman Marranca; motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

1. Motion to Approve Hiring of Edward Casterline to part-time paid fire driver staff, Exeter Borough Hose Company #1 made by Councilman Murawski; seconded by Councilwoman DeAngelo; motion passed unanimously.
2. Motion to Approve the Pennsylvania Opioid Misuse and Addiction Abatement Trust (POMAAT) 2025 Certification Form using funds consistent with abatement uses of Settlement Exhibit E made by Councilwoman DeAngelo; seconded by Councilman Balent; motion passed unanimously.
3. Motion to Approve Resolution 11 of 2025, A Resolution For Plan Revision of Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act For New Land Development for Exeter Commons Development made by Councilwoman DeAngelo; seconded by Councilman Balent; motion passed unanimously.
4. Motion to Approve Pay App #1 to Pioneer Construction, for \$267,637.70 for Exeter Borough Sanitary & Storm Rehabilitation Project from the Sewer Fund. Motion was made and passed in the Amended Agenda items noted above.
5. Motion to Approve Request of Greater Wyoming Area Junior Warriors Football Association to utilize the Exeter Borough Building Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. for a one-hour administrative meeting on the following dates: 11/12, 11/26, 12/17/2025; 2/11, 3/11/2026 made by Councilman Marranca; seconded by Councilman Balent; passed unanimously.
6. Chairman Pizano called on Borough Manager Amy Huntington, who read through the Proposed 2026 Borough Budget, noting inflationary increases nearly every line item, and increase of \$8,000/month from July 2025 trash contract price increase, newly announced increase in WVSA sewer fees, and a shortfall of \$180,432. Chairman Pizano requested a special budget meeting before the next Regular Council Meeting to rectify the shortfall.

Open to Public - No public comment was made.

Adjourn: Councilman Esposito made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Murawski; adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Amy Huntington, Borough Manager, November 14, 2025.