

## **Exeter Borough 2026 BIENNIAL REORGANIZATION MEETING**

### **Meeting Minutes • Monday January 5, 2026 - 7:00 p.m.**

The swearing-in of Newly Elected Officials began at 7:00 p.m.

Notary Public Rhonda Pizano presided and administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Denise Adams, who was re-elected to office in the November 4, 2025 elections.

Mayor Adams administered the Oath of Office to Councilmen Joe Pizano, Richard Murawski, and David Balent, and Tax Collector Tom Pizano, who were all re-elected to office 11/4/2025.

Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Amy Huntington took Roll Call. Present: Joe Pizano, John Morgan, Dave Balent, Lori DeAngelo, Joe Esposito, Carmen Marranca, Richard Murawski; Mayor Denise Adams, Solicitor Ray Hassey (Zoom); Sharon Sorokin, Ralph Dixon, Doug Roberts.

Mayor Adams called for the Nomination and Election of Council Chairman. Vice Chairman Morgan made the motion, seconded by Councilman Esposito; motion passed unanimously. Mayor turned gavel over to Chairman Pizano.

Chairman Pizano read the following Nominations:

- Motion to Nominate Vice Chairman John Morgan made by Councilwoman DeAngelo, seconded by Councilman Balent; motion passed unanimously.
- Motion to Nominate President Pro Tempore Lori DeAngelo made by Vice Chairman Morgan, seconded by Councilman Murawski; motion passed unanimously.
- Motion to Appoint Borough Manager: Amy Huntington made by Vice Chairman Morgan; seconded by Councilwoman DeAngelo; motion passed unanimously.
- Motion to Appoint Secretary: Sharon Sorokin made by Councilwoman DeAngelo; seconded by Councilman Balent; motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Pizano read the following appointments to Council Committees:

- Wyoming Area Regional Police Commission (2 Members, 1 Alternate), Joe Pizano, Denise Adams, John Morgan.
- Finance: Lori DeAngelo, John Morgan, Richard Murawski
- Fire: Lori DeAngelo, John Morgan, Richard Murawski
- Street/Recycling: Dave Balent, Carmen Marranca, John Morgan
- Parks & Recreation: Lori DeAngelo, Carmen Marranca
- WWSA: John Morgan
- Hicks Creek: Dave Balent, Richard Murawski
- Zoning: Dave Balent, Richard Murawski, Lori DeAngelo
- Building & Grounds: Richard Murawski, Joe Esposito
- Council of Governments: Dave Balent

- Northeastern PA Land Bank Authority: Dave Balent
- Motion to Appoint Borough Solicitor: Ray Hassey
- Appointment of Borough Zoning/Planning Solicitor: Gene Molino
- Appointment of Vacancy Board Chairman: Cassandra Coleman
- Appointment of Building/Zoning Code Officer: BHW/Carl Alber
- Appointment of Building/Zoning Code Inspector: BHW/Carl Alber
- Appointment of Borough Engineer: PennEastern Engineers, LLC
- Appointment of Borough Auditors: Rainey & Rainey, and to provide RFP to Prociak CPAs.
- Appointment of Sewer Enforcement Officer: Steve Egenski
- Appointment to the Zoning Hearing Board: Mark Casper, Nick Giambra, Frank Pizano, and Alternate Jeff Gerchak.
- Appointment to the Planning Commission: Rudy Forlenza, Lindo Sabatini, Carmen Mauriello, Caleb Graham, Tony Doblovasky, Dave Balent, Lori DeAngelo, Gene Molino, Harold Ash
- Appointment of Borough Fire Chief: Doug Roberts
- Appointment of EMA Director: John Morgan
- Appointment of Assistant EMA Director Ralph Dixon
- Appointment of Council of Governments (COG) Members: Dave Balent and Joe Esposito

And the following Designations:

- Designation of Bank Depository: Peoples Security Bank & Trust (General, Road, Refuse Funds), PLGIT (Sewer) and M&T Bank (Sewer)
- Designation of the Borough Building, 1101 Wyoming Avenue, and 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. for Borough Council Meetings, and last Thursday of the month for Planning Commission Meetings as needed.
- Motion to retain all present Borough employees not covered under collective bargaining agreements.

Prior to a call for a Motion for the appointments, Chairman Pizano opened the floor for discussion.

Councilwoman DeAngelo inquired about the 1/4/2026 house fire at Birchwood Village. Ralph Dixon reported there was a good stop at the fire and Chief Doug Roberts explained tankers are on automatic call at the trailer parks. Councilwoman DeAngelo explained her concern that no other firefighters besides Ralph attended the fire, and situation was the same for the last five fires over the past year in the Borough. Councilman Marranca noted Council will help the fire company if we hear their concerns. Chief Roberts reported the firefighter staffing shortage is a state and national issue. Chairman Pizano indicated we need to address the staffing shortage and consider possible regionalization solutions with neighboring municipalities. Vice Chairman Morgan reiterated it is imperative we solve the issue in Exeter to provide sufficient fire coverage to our residents. Councilwoman DeAngelo will call a meeting of the Fire Committee to begin to solve.

Motion to Approve the Aforementioned Appointments and Designations Read by Chairman Pizano made by Vice Chairman Morgan; seconded by Councilwoman DeAngelo; motions were approved.

Open to the Public: There was no public comment.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Amy Huntington, January 6, 2026.*