

**EXETER BOROUGH**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY February 3, 2026 • Exeter Borough Building 7:00 p.m.**

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

Roll Call was taken. Present: Chairman Joe Pizano, Vice Chairman John Morgan.  
Council: Lori DeAngelo, Dave Balent, Joe Esposito, Carmen Marranca, Richard Murawski.  
Mayor Denise Adams, Solicitor Ray Hassey, Amy Huntington, Sharon Sorokin, Streets-Vince Ninassi; Fire-Ralph Dixon, WARP-Chief Turner.

Mayor Adams recognized Ralph Dixon, Exeter Borough Hose Co #1, as Person of the Month for February 2026, recognizing his outstanding contributions to Exeter Borough.

Motion to Approve the Jan. 5 Reorg and January 6 Regular Council Meeting Minutes made by Councilwoman DeAngelo; seconded by Councilman Marranca; motion passed unanimously.

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report as read on file by Amy Huntington; made by Vice Chairman Morgan; seconded by Marranca; passed unanimously. Monthly checks total: \$315,660.58, including \$90,681.21 Pay App #2 to Pioneer Construction for sewer project.

Correspondence: Amy Huntington reported the following correspondence:

- 1/6, Bridon Bekeart request for permission to pave 95-101 Stevens Lane and borough engineer road pave requirements.
- 1/7, Rep. Brenda Pugh's Office confirmation of 1/12/2026 borough needs meeting.
- 1/8, BHW letter, following 2021 Building and Residential Code; 2020 National Electrical Code.
- 1/8, PSAB, Websurance new group life insurance (replacing Guardian) Council census request.
- 1/9 Entrust Solutions Group, Moon Twp, PA requesting permit requirements for PPL pole replacements, installments and repairs.
- 1/13, City of Pittston invite to 13th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, March 7, 2026.
- 1/14, DCED Grant Extension Letter Request, C000071817, C000083261, C000086237.
- 1/14, PSAB driver drug/alcohol testing compliance program announcement.
- 1/14, PennEastern Engineers, revised Exeter Borough Zoning Map.
- 1/14, PEMA annual report request for Floodplain Management Reports, due 2/28/2026.
- 1/14, Congressman Bresnahan, invitation to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/Luzerne County Flood Protection roundtable discussion on Friday 1/16/2026.
- 1/21 U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Construction Progress Report Request.
- 1/26, Luzerne County EMA disaster declaration request.
- 1/26, Cintas, Exeter Borough Alarm Contract renewal letter.
- 1/26, USAA Insurance request for fire loss report for 196 Birchwood.
- 1/20, Hassey Legal Services, copy of 2024 Borough audit letter to Rainey & Rainey.
- 1/28, KSG Civil Structural Engineers, firm informational package.
- 1/28, Skibitsky & Molino, Zoning Hearing Board announcement for 2/11/2026.
- 1/28, UGI Rate Increase Announcement Letter.
- 1/28, [starbridgeopenaccess.com](http://starbridgeopenaccess.com) RTK request for digital payment records.
- 1/30, Woodland Design Associates re: NPDES permit for stormwater associated with construction of Stanton-Swoyersville-Exeter 69kV Line Rebuild for PPL Electric.
- 1/30, Mr. TJ Bell, 1128 Exeter Ave, neighbor dog leash complaint.
- 1/30, Ms. Mary Ann Velez, UNA, Veterans Housing Development proposal.
- 1/30, PEMA Ice Jam Training classes.
- 1/30, Luzerne County Recycling Office, Report Due Date March 6, 2026.
- 1/31, Luzerne Foundation, Community Champions Dinner Thursday 4/30/2026.
- 1/27, Rainey & Rainey, completion of 2024 Municipal Annual Audit and Financial Report.
- 2/2, Skibitsky & Molino, re: Exeter Twp. Representatives to WARP Commission new appointments Nancie Redmond, primary voting representative; Alex Felker, representative, Adam Pendolphia, alternate representative.

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

Refuse & Recycling Report was read by Sharon Sorokin, on file. Deposit total \$227,330.  
Monthly Recycling 21.69 Tons; YTD 21.69 Tons.

**Report of Committees:**

- Police/Wyoming Area Regional Police (WARP): Chief Turner provided report, on file. 320 calls this month, 100 Exeter; applied for DCED grant \$110K for signage, plaques, crime lab reno; Feb 28th DUI Awareness Program with fatal vision go-karts 10am-1pm at WARP Headquarters.
- Finance & Insurance: Next committee meeting is March 3, 2026.
- Fire Department: Report and bank statements presented; Councilman Murawski read report, on file; Total of 32 callouts; 24 Squad, 8 Engine.
- Streets: Councilwoman DeAngelo reported people congregating behind Thomas Street at dusk/ 5pm, towards Schooley Ave (gated area) should be investigated; Vice Chairman Morgan noted new plow truck is needed, maybe in next LSA request.
- Parks & Rec: Councilwoman DeAngelo reported Borough Yard Sale is May 24th and Paper Shredding date is TBA.
- WWSA: Vice Chairman Morgan read WWSA report, on file: 7 sanitary sewer lines flushed and 21 storm basins cleaned; Liens will be filed next month on delinquent accounts; \$2M WWSA sewer project forthcoming; Exeter Borough USDA monthly work conference for sewer project will be Feb 11 @ 11:00am here at the Borough.
- Zoning: Report read by Councilwoman DeAngelo, on file, total deposit \$4,926.28.
- Hicks Creek: Vice Chairman Morgan recommended we seek help, talk to Brenda Pugh about managing the creek pumps.
- Building/Grounds: Amy reported black vinyl replacement chairs for the council chamber are forthcoming, to replace red cloth chairs.
- Council of Governments: No report at this time.
- NEPA Land Bank: No report at this time
- Mayor's Remarks: Chairman Pizano announced Mayor's Birthday today-Happy Birthday, Mayor!
- Solicitor's Report: None at this time.

**Old Business**

1. Solicitor Hassey explained Resolution #1 of 2026 is to assist in collection of trash/recycling fees, both residential and businesses. Vice Chairman Morgan explained everybody pays this year, we have to pay the contracted amount, went up \$8,000/month since July.
2. Chief Turner will help the Borough with the new Ordinance #4 of 2026, enforcement and collection of the \$250 fee for annual Amusement Devices.

Vice Chairman Morgan made a motion to amend the agenda to approve the WA Senior Parade, seconded by Councilman Marranca; motion passed unanimously. Councilman Esposito made a motion to approve the June 4, 2026 parade request of the Wyoming Area Senior Parents of the Class of 2026; seconded by Councilwoman DeAngelo; motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

1. Motion to Approve \$90,681.21 for Pay App #2 to Pioneer Construction for the Wyoming Avenue-Schooley Avenue Sewer Improvement Project made by Councilman Balent; seconded by Councilman Marranca; motion passed unanimously.
2. Motion to Approve revised date for Wyoming Avenue-Schooley Avenue Sewer Improvement Project Groundbreaking/Ribbon-Cutting Press Event to Tuesday February 17, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. made by Vice Chairman Morgan; seconded by Councilman Balent; motion passed unanimously.
3. Motion to Approve hosting Town Hall Meeting with County Manager Romilda Crocomo, Thursday February 12, 2026, 5:00-6:00 p.m. made by Vice Chairman Morgan; seconded by Councilwoman DeAngelo; motion passed unanimously.
4. Motion to Approve the Re-Appointment of John Morgan as Exeter Borough Representative to the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority Board of Directors for the five-year term, January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2030 made by Councilman Esposito; seconded by Councilman Balent; motion passed unanimously.
5. Motion to Approve Form MS-965 for January 1-December 31, 2024, completion of Audit of the 2024 Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Liquid Fuels Tax Fund made by Vice Chairman Morgan; seconded by Councilman Marranca; motion passed unanimously.
6. Motion to Approve Audit of Financial Statements for Exeter Borough for the Year Ending December 31, 2024, completed by Rainey and Rainey CPAs, Scranton, PA made by Vice Chairman Morgan; seconded by Councilman Balent; motion passed unanimously.
7. Motion to Approve the Letter of Extension Request for Contract C000071540 for the \$150,000 DCED Local Share Account - Luzerne County Grant for the Schooley Avenue, formerly Wyoming Avenue Storm/Sanitary Sewer Separation Replacement Project expiring on June 30, 2026 made by Vice Chairman Morgan; seconded by Councilman Marranca; motion passed unanimously.
8. Motion to Approve the Letter of Extension Request for Contract C000063966 for the \$500,000 DCED Local Share Account - Luzerne County Grant for the Schooley Avenue Multi-Municipality Sanitary/Stormwater Sewer Replacement, formerly Wyoming Avenue Project, expiring on June 30, 2026 made by Vice Chairman Morgan; seconded by Councilman Marranca; motion passed unanimously.
9. Motion to Approve the Letter of Extension Request for Contract C000071817 for the \$75,000 DCED Local Share Account - Luzerne County Grant for Schooley Wyoming Avenue Improvement Project, expiring on June 30, 2026 made by Councilwoman DeAngelo; seconded by Councilman Marranca, motion passed unanimously.

10. Motion to Approve the Letter of Extension Request for Contract C000086237 for the \$350,000 DCED Local Share Account - Luzerne County Grant for the 2023 Schooley-Wyoming Avenue Project, expiring on June 30, 2026 by Councilman Marranca; seconded by Vice Chairman Morgan; motion passed unanimously.
11. Motion to Approve the Letter of Extension Request for Contract C000083261 for the \$243,723 DCED Local Share Account - Luzerne County Grant for the 2022 Schooley-Wyoming Avenue Project, expiring on June 30, 2026 made by Vice Chairman Morgan; seconded by Councilwoman DeAngelo; motion passed unanimously.
12. Motion to Approve the Purchase of Savvy Citizen residential communication/information alerts smartphone app made by Vice Chairman Morgan; seconded by Councilwoman DeAngelo; motion passed unanimously.

Open to the Public:

1. Walter Janosky, Scout Troop 311/311g announced the next Pulled Pork Takeout Dinner Fundraiser on Sunday March 8, 2026, and requested the Borough's assistance in promoting the event.
2. Kim Pocono, Chicory Court, expressed complaints about the price of the 2026 trash sticker and her disappointment in the recycling services and she will not be recycling this year.

Adjourn: Motion made by Councilman Esposito, seconded by Councilman Murawski, adjourned 7:45 pm.

*Respectfully Submitted by Amy Huntington, Borough Manager, February 9, 2026.*