

EXETER BOROUGH
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY March 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-Sgt. Len Lombardo.

Motion to Approve the Feb 3, 2026 Regular Council and Feb 16 Special Council Meeting Minutes made by Councilwoman DeAngelo; seconded by Councilman Balent; motion passed unanimously.

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report as read on file by Amy Huntington; made by Vice Chairman Morgan; seconded by Balent; passed unanimously. Monthly checks total: \$381,904.55, including \$240,268.11 for Pay Apps #3-4-5 to Pioneer Construction for sewer project.

Correspondence: Amy Huntington reported the following correspondence:

- 3/3, City of Pittston, 2026 St. Patrick's Day Parade invite.
- 3/2, Luzerne County Recycling, 902 Grant open, due by May 22, 2026.
- 2/27, Mr. Mike Wascavage, re: McKinley Street and park pave request.
- 2/26, PA Auditor General, Act 205 reports accepted.
- 2/26, Times Leader Media, re: reviving Greater Pittston Town News section.
- 2/26, Congressman Bresnahan FY27 Community Project Funding announcement, due 3/6/26.
- 2/24, WVSA Letter: re: Exeter Borough lien filings on delinquent accounts.
- 2/23 Mr. Joseph Gilroy, Daffodil Court, re: neighbor feeding cats whole chicken.
- 2/23, SBA Communications RTK re: PPL tower construction PIN: 16E11NW410A011000/
- 2/23, Mr. Robert Pugh, 345 Susquehanna, re: Dec 5, 2025 sewer blockage.
- 2/23, PennDOT Traffic Count Studies will take place between March-Nov 2026: on Grove, Jean, Lincoln, McKinley, and OKeefe Alley between Laird and Cedar.
- 2/20, Mr. John Stoss, 1138 Exeter Ave, re: wrongful removal of handicapped parking sign.
- 2/20, Rep. Brenda Pugh, re: Fire Grants awarded in the 120th District.
- 2/20, Guardian Asset Management re: RTK, records and violations at 74 Mason Street.
- 2/19, Mr. TJ Bell, 1128 Exeter Ave, re: neighbor unleashed dog and public waste.
- 2/19, PA PUC Investigation of UGI requested rate increase.
- 2/19, PEMA announcing Floodplain Management Certification Exam training/testing program.
- 2/18, Luzerne County re: PennDOT District Meeting on 4/2/2026.
- 2/16, Thomas J. Anderson Assoc, re: 2025 Act 205 certification of police, non-uniform pension.
- 2/17, U.S. Dept of Commerce Construction Progress Report Request, sewer project.
- 2/16, PA Opioid Trust reminder of March 2026 reports due.
- 2/13, Zoning Hearing Board request, Pastor Guy Giordano, Slocum Chapel.
- 2/13, Rep. Brenda Pugh support letter, 2026 Wyoming Ave Sidewalk Project, PADot MTF fund.
- 2/13, PA DCED first Statewide Housing Action Plan report.
- 2/13, PA One Call Spring Training Programs announcement.
- 2/12, USAA Fire Claim report request for 196 Birchwood.
- 2/13, Ms. Joann Montagna, Cherry Drive, re: removal of trailers on Penn Ave.
- 2/12, Cleveland Brothers, 2026 Pump Maintenance Contract/Hicks Creek.
- 2/11, Rep. Brenda Pugh, letter to recommend application to PennDOT MTF funding program.
- 2/11, PA American Water, resident precaution instructions re: West Pittston water main break.
- 2/9, Thomas J. Anderson & Assoc, 2026 AG-385 Form Reporting.
- 2/6, Mr. Michael Supey, Next Step Supports, My Work Initiative disability work program.
- 2/4, U.S. Census re: 2026 Boundary and Annexation Survey.

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

Refuse & Recycling Report was read by Sharon Sorokin, on file. Deposit total \$322,370.
Monthly Recycling 29.11 Tons; YTD 50.80 Tons.

Report of Committees:

- Police/Wyoming Area Regional Police (WARP): Sgt. Lombardo reported 306 calls for the month, 82 from Exeter. Vice Chairman Morgan suggested a drone for WARP.
- Finance & Insurance: First meeting was tonight at 6:30p, annual and monthly financials are being cleaned up with professional accounting assistance from Renee Pizano; line item expense review will take place next committee meeting is June 2, 2026.
- Fire Department: Report and bank statements presented; Councilman Murawski read report, on file; Total of 38 callouts; 19 Squad, 19 Engine. Vice Chairman Morgan requested Carl Alber to look into violations from fire at Timchak on Stevens Lane. Ralph Dixon noted the Hose Company completed and passed the fire audit with the PA Attorney General, and requested Susquehanna Avenue to be closed down on April 14th. Vice Chairman Morgan explained this may not be possible because the sewer project already has Barber to Valley Street closed.
- Streets: Councilman Balent reported the Streets Department are completing pothole patching on Packer Ave; and noted the backhoe is in for repairs, possible transmission issue.
- Parks & Rec: Councilwoman DeAngelo requested the bucket truck for hanging banners, and noted the Easter Bunny event is Saturday March 28th and also noted that Musto park needs a new sign. She also reported the Scouts Pork Dinner is March 9th, Borough Yard Sale is May 24th, 2026 and Paper Shredding is August 22nd. Amy Huntington noted Brenda Pugh is holding shredding and tire recycling event on May 9th at West Side Tech.
- WWSA: Vice Chairman Morgan read WWSA report, on file: 21 sanitary sewer lines flushed, 48 checked; Exeter DPW on Slocum Ave garage drains vacuum cleaned.
- Zoning: Report read by Councilwoman DeAngelo, on file, total deposit \$2,789.98. Vice Chairman Morgan wants an ordinance to address potential data center development, to protect residents from absorbing the costs of possible increased power demands and water usages.
- Hicks Creek: Vice Chairman Morgan recommended we talk to Rep. Pugh re: creek pumps.
- Building/Grounds: No report at this time.
- Council of Governments: Councilman Esposito requested a Letter of Support from the Borough to Congressman Bresnahan, for COG storage, training, maintenance building funding request.
- NEPA Land Bank: Councilman Balent reported the next meeting is tomorrow March 4, 2026.
- Mayor's Remarks: Mayor received and distributed sealed envelope letters from Mr/Mrs. Walter Janoski to each Council and Staff Member.
- Solicitor's Report: No report.

Old Business

The 2026 trash fees are in Face Value payment period through March 31, 2026, and Penalty Period begins on April 1st. Unpaid accounts on May 1, 2026 will be cited by the Wyoming Area Regional Police and sent on to District Magistrate Carmody's Office.

New Business:

1. Motion to Approve Resolution #5 of 2026 to proclaim April 2026 as "Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month" to notify 811 at least three business days before intent to dig, made by Vice Chairman Morgan; seconded by Councilman Balent; motion passed unanimously.
2. Motion to Approve \$97,363.60 for Pay App #3 to Pioneer Construction for the Wyoming Avenue-Schooley Avenue Sewer Improvement Project made by Councilman Balent; seconded by Councilman Marranta; motion passed unanimously.

3. Motion to Approve \$8,697.25 for Pay App #4 to Pioneer Construction for the Wyoming Avenue-Schooley Avenue Sewer Improvement Project made by Councilman Marranca; seconded by Councilman Murawski; motion passed unanimously.
4. Motion to Approve \$134,207.26 for Pay App #5 to Pioneer Construction for the Wyoming Avenue-Schooley Avenue Sewer Improvement Project made by Councilwoman DeAngelo; seconded by Councilman Marranca; motion passed unanimously.
5. Motion to Authorize Borough Solicitor to Advertise Amendment to the Exeter Borough Zoning Ordinance to Define and Add Specific Requirements for Data Centers and Data Center Accessory Uses, made by Councilman Morgan; seconded by Councilman Marranca; motion passed unanimously.

A Motion to Amend the Agenda was made by Vice Chairman Morgan to add three urgent items; seconded by Councilwoman DeAngelo; motion passed unanimously.

6. Motion to transfer \$240,268.11 from M&T Bank to PSBT Sewer Fund -0291 to pay Pioneer Pay Apps #3, #4, #5 (as described in New Business Items 2,3,4 above) made by Councilman DeAngelo; seconded by Vice Chairman Morgan; motion passed unanimously.
7. Motion to refund \$13,151.79 of 2025 excess state pension aid to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as recommended by pension administrators T.J. Anderson & Sons, made by Councilwoman DeAngelo; seconded by Councilman Marranca; motion passed unanimously.
8. Motion to refund \$23,409.58 of 2025 excess 2024 and 2025 Non-Uniformed Pension Plan employer contributions to the Exeter Borough General Fund, as recommended by pension administrators T.J. Anderson & Sons, made by Councilman Murawski; seconded by Councilman Balent; motion passed unanimously.

Open to the Public:

1. Mr. William Norton, Adams Court, inquired about the zoning requirements and suitability of building at the vacant property near Hicks Creek. Vice Chairman Morgan asked Mr. Norton to contact Zoning Officer Carl Albert to determine the Borough Right of Way in that area.
2. Ms. Vanessa Smith, 31 Park Lane, asked about the 2026 trash fee, and also reported a damaged French drain on Park Lane. Vice Chairman Morgan explained the trash contract was put out to bid for 3 bags, bulk items at additional \$50.00 each, and Mascaro was the lowest bidder. The signed contract included 6 bags and 2 bulk items at the lowest-bid contract price, which is now provided to the Borough in 2026. Vice Chairman Morgan also indicated the broken drain will be put on the list to be repaired by WWSA this year.
3. Mr. Ralph Dixon, Exeter Borough Hose Co. #1 thanked Vice Chairman Morgan for his assistance with the West Pittston water main break and helping in the recovery and water restoration in all of the neighboring towns.

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

Respectfully Submitted by Amy Huntington, Borough Manager, March 30, 2026.