

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

Vice Chairman Morgan thanked our Luzerne County Manager, Romilda Crocomo and members of her staff 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. Absent: Richard Murawski. Also present Mayor Denise Adams, Solicitor Ray Hassey, Amy Huntington, Sharon Sorokin, Streets-Vince Ninassi; Fire-Ralph Dixon, WARP-Chief Turner.

Motion to Approve the March 3, 2026 Regular 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 Balent; seconded by DeAngelo; passed unanimously. Monthly checks total: \$383,644.32.

Correspondence: Amy Huntington reported the following correspondence:

- RTK Request, 182 Susquehanna Ave, Power Rail.
- PA Opioid Spending Report - filed, no new spending this period
- America250 Upcoming events
- Wyoming Valley Run Sunday 9/6/2026
- 3/11 Luzerne County letter re: FBI warning of zoning scam warning
- COSTARS salt request
- Letter from Luzerne County Planning Commission, comments on Data Center Ordinance.
- Brenda Pugh news: April 17 Romance Scam; May 9th Paper shredding/tire recycling; June 4 Concealed Carry Seminar; June 13th Boating Certification.
- Greater Pittston Regional Ambulance, change of command notice. New Chief:
- Congressman Bresnahan, BRIC Letter of Intent request
- WWSA, Requesting Stormwater basin replacements.

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

Refuse & Recycling Report was read by Sharon Sorokin, on file. Deposit total \$248,745.

Monthly Recycling 32.87 Tons; YTD 83.67 Tons. Vice Chairman Morgan requested a total next month to be sure our garbage fee revenue is meeting the cost of the contract and labor.

**Report of Committees:**

- Police/Wyoming Area Regional Police (WARP): Chief Turner reported 401 calls for the month, 108 from Exeter; explained uprise of synthetic kratom, trying to expedite illegality of sales; thanked Health Officer Ted Kross addressing a residential issue; confirmed both grants submitted to Congressman Bresnahan were denied.
- Finance & Insurance: Vice Chairman Morgan wants to ensure garbage and recycling expenses are being met, next meeting is Tuesday June 2, 2026. Chairman Pizano recommended Amy talk to Wyoming and West Pittston about aligning contract services with Code and Zoning, similar to the Fire Department discussions.
- Fire Department: Report and bank statements presented; Councilwoman DeAngelo reported 32 callouts, report on file. She noted dept met with West Pittston fire, and now following recommendations of Rep Pugh's office to consolidate services.

- Streets: Councilman Balent patching was on hold because of rain.
- Parks & Rec: Councilwoman DeAngelo requested the bucket truck to hang the Veterans banners; thanked Easter Bunny volunteers; announced Borough Yard Sale is Sat. 5/24/26, Paper Shredding 8/22/26; she is looking for grants to improve parks. Thomas St. Park needs swings; Musto Park needs new sign, maybe W-B CTC or Scouts can help.
- WWSA: Vice Chairman Morgan read WWSA report, on file: 41 sanitary sewer lines flushed, 7 storm basins 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: No report at this time.
- Building/Grounds: No report at this time.
- Council of Governments: Councilman Esposito reported COG looking for funding to replace grinder, may have rate increase next year.
- NEPA Land Bank: No report at this time.
  
- Mayor's Remarks: No report at this time.
- Solicitor's Report: No report at this time.

#### Old Business

#### New Business:

1. Motion to Ratify Submission of \$3.67M 2027 Community Project Funding request to Congressman Rob Bresnahan for U.S. Rt. 11/Wyoming Avenue Sidewalk and Street Light Improvement Project, as submitted by PennEastern Engineers: \$2,717,360 for Sidewalk and \$955,500 for Street Lights made by Vice Chairman Morgan; seconded by Balent; motion passed unanimously.
2. Motion to Approve Pay App #6 for \$\$213,776.76 to Pioneer Construction for the Wyoming Avenue-Schooley Avenue Sewer Improvement Project made by Vice Chairman Morgan; seconded by Marranca; motion passed unanimously.
3. Motion to Approve Pioneer Construction Change Order #1, for change in state trench sub base at Wyoming Avenue South, as recommended by PennEastern, Borough Engineers, resulting in net change amount of -\$111,402.04 made by Councilwoman DeAngelo; seconded by Balent; motion passed unanimously.
4. Motion to Approve Sewer Lateral Replacement at 54 Tunkhannock Avenue as reviewed and recommended by PennEastern Engineers, LLC, upon establishment and approval of liability and insurance requirements made by the Exeter Borough Solicitor, made by Vice Chairman Morgan; seconded by Marranca; motion passed unanimously.
5. Motion to Approve Update of PennDOT Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement (TSMA) made by Vice Chairman Morgan; seconded by Balent; motion passed unanimously.

6. Motion to Approve Proposed Roadway Improvements at 1101 Wyoming Avenue Frontage in PennDOT Highway Occupancy Permit (HOP) Application No. 373775 made by Vice Chairman Morgan; seconded by Balent; motion passed unanimously.
7. Motion to Approve Change Order #2 for \$9,957 to Latona Trucking for roof drainage collection system work one 2024 Exeter Borough Site Development and Pave Project made by Vice Chairman Morgan; seconded by DeAngelo; motion passed unanimously.
8. Motion to Approve Pay App #4 for \$33,106.05 to Latona Trucking for 2024 Exeter Borough Site Development and Pave Project, upon final review, approval by PennEastern Engineering made by Vice Chairman Morgan; seconded by Marranca; motion passed unanimously.
9. Motion to Approve Use of Wyoming Avenue in Exeter Borough for 2026 Wyoming Valley 10K Run on Sunday 9/6/2026 pending WARP Chief Turner approval made by made by Vice Chairman Morgan; seconded by Balent; motion passed unanimously.
10. Approve Settlement as recommended by insurance carrier in Case# 00549 made by Vice Chairman Morgan; seconded by DeAngelo; motion passed unanimously.
11. Motion to Hire Aiden Walsh and Gunnar Collum, as needed as part-time Exeter Borough Streets Department staff at \$13.50/hr. made by Vice Chairman Morgan; seconded by Balent; motion passed unanimously.

Open to Public

1. Ms. Sally Sperazza, Stevens Lane, requested deer crossing signage in both directions to alert truck drivers servicing Bridon-Baekert business. Vice Chairman Morgan explained the PPL power project causing deer movement down from mountain into neighborhoods. Chairman Pizano explained public deer feeding exacerbating issue, and we will look into signage as part of the solution.
2. Mr. William Norton, 7th St. Wyoming, requested permission, if purchased, to build outside the 100 ft. Range of use of public utilities on 20 acre vacant lot on Slocum Avenue. Harold Ash explained he would need a waiver from Borough Council, which could be considered after a sketch plan is presented to the Planning Commission showing placement of home. Chairman Pizano noted the yard waste odor from the municipal recycling could become an issue, and recommended he coordinate a ride up the mountain with the Streets Department.

Adjourn: Motion by Esposito, seconded by Morgan, adjourned 7:54 pm.

*Respectfully Submitted by Amy Huntington, Borough Manager, April 30, 2026.*