

EXETER BOROUGH
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY June 2, 2026 • Exeter Borough Building 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Pizano called the meeting to order 7:00 p.m.; Mayor Denise Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance. 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.

Person of the Month: Mayor Denise Adams recognized Mr. Josh McGuire of Birchwood Village as Person of the Month for June 2026, for taking the initiative to clean up the railroad tracks and help beautify Exeter Borough with his neighbors and church members. Council members thanked and applauded his efforts. Mr. McGuire had an unforeseen conflict and could not attend, and will be presented with his certificate at another time.

Motion to Approve the May 5, 2026 Regular Council Meeting Minutes made by Councilman Marranca; seconded by Councilwoman DeAngelo; 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: \$680,581.39.

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

Refuse & Recycling Report was read by Sharon Sorokin, on file. Deposit total \$18,070.
Monthly Recycling tonnage for May will be reported next month, as the Streets Supervisor was off this week; YTD will be 110.23 April Tonnage + this month amount.

Report of Committees:

- Police/Wyoming Area Regional Police (WARP): Chief Turner reported 354 calls for the month, 104 from Exeter; held Building Dedication and Plaque Presentation with Rep. Brenda Pugh, honoring formers Rep. Aaron Kaufer, Sen. John Yudichak, and founding members of WARP. Vice Chairman Morgan expressed concerns about e-bike safety, checking with Rep. Pugh and PennDOT about blinking-light stop sign, or possibly streetlight, to improve dangerous intersection at Schooley and Slocum.

Correspondence: Amy Huntington reported the following correspondence:

- 5/8/26 RTK Request from Norma/Walter Janoski, re: 9/10/25 Zoning Hearing Board transcript.
- 5/30/2026 Chief Turner, approved handicapped parking space at 250 Susquehanna Ave.

- Finance & Insurance: Vice Chairman Morgan noted financials presented, working to stay on budget with high fuel prices; PA DEP 904 recycling grant new truck was submitted 5/22/26.
- Fire Department: Councilman Murawski reported 19 calls, read bank balances, report on file.
- Streets: Councilman Balent reported pothole patching is continuing around the weather, recommended prisoners to work part-time, Vice Chairman Morgan disagreed to prisoners. Chairman Pizano recommended summer college and high school students with work papers.

- Parks & Rec: Councilwoman DeAngelo reported a successful 2026 Borough yard sale, announced the first Food Dignity Movement, Tues. June 9 from 4-6pm at Musto Park, and volunteers are needed; the next date is July 7th at McKenna Park, and dates will rotate through the Borough parks until the Exeter Borough Pavilion is complete.
- WWSA: Vice Chairman Morgan read full WWSA report of all streets serviced, report on file, and reported that the sewer blockage at Wildflower Village is in a private development and the Borough cannot repair.
- Zoning: Report read by Councilman Murawski, total deposit \$7,956.07, report on file.
- Hicks Creek: Councilman Balent reported U.S. Army Corps of Engineers creek inspection is tomorrow 6/3 and Thomas Landscaping is mowing creek bed this month.
- Building/Grounds: No report at this time.
- Council of Governments: Councilman Balent reported \$3,000 contribution requested for repairing tub grinder repair, other towns higher/lower based on usage. Amy explained town differ in measuring usage, by yardage composted vs. by hours of machine use, trying to be fair in splitting repair cost; COG personnel change, Ted Ritsick resigning for new County job.
- NEPA Land Bank: No report at this time, next meeting coming up.
- Mayor's Remarks: Mayor requested every house in the Borough fly the American Flag on July 4, 2026 in honor of the 250th Semiquintennial Anniversary of America, and asked if the Borough Siren could be fixed, used on July 4th. Councilman Murawski stated he would check the siren functioning and operate on July 4th.
- Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Hassey reported a legal claim was received today, June 2, 2026 to Exeter Borough and WWSA, in \$3,000 offer maximum was rejected by the plaintiff, Borough will be exposed if settlement amount is higher.

New Business:

1. Motion to Approve Fireworks Permit Application Letter from Fox Hill Country Club for July 2, 2026 fireworks, as requested by Rep. Brenda Pugh. Amy Huntington clarified we are approving the request in accordance with the rules and regulations outlined in Exeter Borough Ordinance No. 5 of 2016. Motion made by Councilman Balent; seconded by Marranca; motion passed unanimously. Vice Chairman Morgan asked that Exeter Borough Fire Department be included in the safety plans.
2. Motion to Approve \$3,000 to the West Side Council of Governments Composting Association for the proportionate contribution to the repair costs of the tub grinder. Motion was made by Councilwoman DeAngelo, and requested a full report on the status of the tub grinder; Vice Chairman Morgan requested a receipt of the repair. Motion seconded by Councilman Esposito. Roll Call Vote was taken: Balent-Yes; DeAngelo-Yes; Esposito-Yes; Marranca-Yes; Morgan-No; Murawski-Yes; Pizano-Yes. Motion passed 6-1.
3. Motion to Approve Pay App #8 for \$179,802.63 to Pioneer Construction for the Wyoming Avenue-Schooley Avenue Sewer Improvement Project made by Councilman Marranca; seconded by Vice Chairman Morgan; motion approved unanimously.
4. Motion to Approve FY2024 CDBG Community Development Block Grant Pay App #2 \$327,950.38 to American Asphalt for Lincoln, Grant & Thomas St. Pave Curb Project made by Vice Chairman Morgan; seconded by Councilman Balent; motion approved unanimously.

5. Motion to Approve Change Order #3 for \$24,656 Payment to Latona Trucking for Exeter Borough Pavilion Concrete Slab made by Vice Chairman Morgan; seconded by Councilwoman DeAngelo; motion passed unanimously.
6. Motion to Approve \$25,000 Planned Expenditure for Whitlock Street roadway gutter areas/ inlet repair work and pave as recommended by PennEastern Borough Engineers, to be paid from the WWSA Stormwater Fund balance made by Councilman Balent; seconded by Councilman Marranca; motion approved unanimously. Vice Chairman Morgan requested Borough Engineer advise us on how to avoid \$25K next year, discuss impact of draining pools, gutters in concordance with the MS4 plan.
7. Motion to Approve Request of \$5,000 to Peoples Security Bank and Trust (PSBT) Charitable Foundation for security cameras for the new Exeter Borough Community Pavilion at 1125 Wyoming Avenue made by Councilman Murawski; seconded by Vice Chairman Morgan; motion passed unanimously. Councilman Murawski asked for the contact information of the camera supplier and Northeast Security to assist with installation. Chairman Pizano will invite Karen Smith from PSBT, who is handling our Borough accounts, to a future meeting.
8. Motion to Approve Resolution #7 of 2026, A Memorandum of Understanding between Exeter Borough and West Pittston Borough Councils to create a Exeter-West Pittston Fire Partnership Steering Committee for DCED study, made by Vice Chairman Morgan; seconded by Councilwoman DeAngelo; passed unanimously. Amy Huntington to work with Solicitor Ray Hassey to finalize resolution and provide to West Pittston for their approval.
9. Motion to Submit a Letter of Intent to the Governor's Center for Local Government Services for technical assistance for a study of Exeter-West Pittston fire regionalization made by Councilwoman DeAngelo; seconded by Vice Chairman Morgan; motion passed unanimously.

Open to Public:

1. New resident, Mr. Joseph Mirin, 173 Mason Street, commented on the COG tub grinder repairs, left his cell number if his contractor expertise would be helpful, 570-690-9688.
2. Vice Chairman Morgan asked Amy Huntington and Ray Hassey to obtain the repair cost estimate from Harold Ash to solve the Sullivan Street water pooling issue.
3. Mr. Don Hudock, on behalf of Exeter American Legion Post 833, thanked Mayor Adams, Borough Council, Police and Fire for the U.S. flag, the newly hung Veterans banners, and participation in the 2026 Memorial Day Parade and Program that was so meaningful and important to Exeter Borough Veterans.

Mr. Hudock also reported concern about the out-of-service fire hydrant at the site of the sewer project on Susquehanna Avenue. Amy Huntington reported that the water line relocation occurred because of the sewer project and Firefighter Ralph Dixon acknowledged the Fire Dept is aware and alternate hydrants are available in case of a fire.

Adjourn: Motion by Murawski, seconded by Esposito, adjourned 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Amy Huntington, Borough Manager, June 4, 2026.