

# **Eagles Mere Borough Minutes**

**August 22, 2022  
Special Emergency Meeting**

The Eagles Mere Borough Council Special Emergency meeting was called to order at 7 PM on the above date by Council President Bill Feese with the following Council members in attendance in the room: Lee Middleton, Dennis Craig, Rick Liebert, and Jim Way and with Doug Smith attending by Conference phone. Also present were Mayor John Brownback and Secretary/Treasurer Dave Carson.

**Pledge of Allegiance** was recited by all in attendance.

**Quorum Present:** Council President Feese declared that a Quorum was present based on Council Members in the room. Therefore, votes from Members on the phone, if any, would count as if present.

**Call to Order:** The Borough has been served with a Court Order requiring it to be present for a Hearing on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 1:00 pm. The Sullivan County Bureau of Elections was also summoned to appear. The subject of the Hearing is a citizen's Petition filed with the Court requesting that a question be placed on the Ballot for November, 2022 asking if the Council size for Eagles Mere Borough should be reduced to three members from the current seven. Neither Eagles Mere Borough nor the County Board of Elections has any issues with the names on the Petition or the process used to file it and are willing to Stipulate that the names and the process are according to the Statute. We see no reason to hold a Hearing and we request that the Judge cancel said Hearing.

Because the date of the Hearing is prior the next Council meeting and because publication of the special meeting can not be accomplished before August 31, 2022, the Emergency Meeting was called. Actions taken at this meeting will be reported at the beginning of the schedule September meeting and the Council will be asked to ratify them in a published and open meeting.

With that explanation, Council President Feese called the meeting to order.

**New Business:** It was moved by Dennis Craig and seconded by Lee Middleton to go into Executive Session. The motion passed.

In Executive Session, the following motion was made by Dennis Craig and seconded by Rick Liebert: Eagles Mere Borough moves to request that Judge Russell Shurtleff cancel the scheduled hearing scheduled for September 6, 2022 at 1:00 pm related to the filing of a petition to reduce the number Council members from seven to three. The Borough does not contest the validity of the petition or the process used for filing the petition. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Dennis Craig and seconded by Rick Liebert to go back to a regular Session. The motion passed.

**Adjournment-** The meeting was adjourned by the President at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

David R. Carson  
Secretary/Treasurer