

Eagles Mere Borough

Minutes

July 3, 2023

Regular Monthly Meeting

The Eagles Mere Borough Council 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: V.P. Lee Middleton, Dennis Craig, Jim Way, Rick Liebert, Tom Graff and Kathy McCorkle. Also present were Mayor John Brownback, Street Superintendent Jeremy Moore and Secretary/Treasurer Julie Norton.

In the Gallery: 15 residents were present.

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, will count as if present.

Revised Agenda: A motion by President, Bill Feese to revise the agenda. The Brandon Roy discussion should be removed from Continued Business. It was never introduced as an order of business.

Public Issues and Comments: Bill Detweiller made comments on his property rights. The Borough tax collector, Sharon Smith, requested residents to drop off real estate tax payments at the Borough office or in a drop box at the Borough office due to Post Office delivery issues. Mr. Craig made a motion to accept approval of dropping off tax payments at the borough office or in a drop box. Motion seconded by Jim Way. All in favor. The motion was approved.

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes with the exception of changing the Personnel section to say Julie's public hours are 10m to 2pm. of the June 5, 2023 regular meeting was made by Mr. Craig and seconded by Rick Liebert. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report –Reports through June 30, 2023 as presented. Mr. Craig stated we are in the process of getting the 2022 books ready for the 2022 audit. Mr. Craig recommended the approval to pay the auditors bill for the 2021 Audit. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report made by Tom Graff, seconded by Rick Leibert. All in favor. The motion was approved

Open Records/Right to Know Officer: Nothing to report.

Zoning & Ordinance Officer report: the following applications have been received:

Lewis- Replacing existing deck. (447 Laporte Ave.) Application is approved.

Homer – Driveway permit for 27 Prospect Ave. Application is approved.

All applications met zoning ordinances and have been approved by Malory Matje, (Zoning Officer).

Code inspections issued a permit for The Eagles Mere Historic Village to construct an electric charging station. The Eagles Mere Historic Village and The Eagles Mere Foundation is paying the costs of the project.

Street Superintendent Report: This report is covered under The Infrastructure report.

Mayor's Report: None

Emergency Management Coordinator's report: An Emergency Response Committee is now formed on the Council. There is a meeting on July 13th @ 7pm at Borough Hall.

Points of Interest and Information:

- The Lion's club wants approval for their Chicken Barbecue at The Outlet Pond during the Water Carnival. Lee Middleton made the motion and seconded by Dennis Craig. All in favor. Motion passed.
- A motion made by Mr. Craig to discontinue the 911 Reach program. Motion seconded by Ms. Middleton. All in favor, motion passed.
- A motion by Mr. Craig to destroy/shred documents listed in the attachment that are according to the PA Municipal Records Manual. Motion seconded by Mr. Leibert. All in favor. The motion was approved.
- A letter from Senator Gene Yaw is supporting Eagle's Mere's request for Post Office changes.

Committees:

Finance:

- The 2021 Audit has been submitted and approved by the Center of local government.

Museum:

- Cathy Wise and Wendy McCarty are approved to work at the museum. Motion made by lee Middleton and seconded by Tom Graff. All in favor. Motion passed.

Infrastructure:

- Kathy Holmes requested to approve the renaming of the portion of Geyelin Ave. referenced in the approved subdivision plan be renamed as Wingert Lane and the unopened road named on the plan as "Widget Run" also be named Wingert Lane. A motion by Jim Way made to rename the roads referenced to Wingert Lane. Dennis Craig seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion was approved
- Talk of Phase 3 of Clay Ave. There is a deadline and estimates are needed for the project. There is a meeting with Lynn Broschart scheduled on July 7th about the project and available grant money.

Ordinance:

- In 2020 recommendations were made for a storage and use of Recreational vehicles ordinance and to eliminate a resolution passed in 2018 that banned all use of golf carts and turn it into an ordinance. In January of 2021 the Borough made final approval for these two ordinances. These ordinances were never recorded so we have to redo these ordinances. Mr. Feese recommends review of the 2021 Recreational vehicle ordinance and in the August 7th meeting accept a new ordinance. The State has passed laws governing the use of golf carts on streets and highways along with low-speed vehicles. By State law a low-speed vehicles and golf carts can travel the roads with a speed limit of 25mph or less. Golf carts are not considered as low-speed vehicles, golf carts need to be off the road before dark and there is an age restriction. The Borough should consider going with the State Laws instead of an ordinance. The enforcement would be the State Police. A motion by Dennis Craig to make a move forward on the new Recreational Vehicle ordinance, seconded by Lee Middleton.
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Personnel: No Report

Website: Updates continue to be made as needed. A letter explaining no curb side pick up is now posted on the website.

New Business:

- President Bill Feese is recommending a motion to accept his resignation as council president. Mr. Craig made the motion and Ms. Middleton seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.
- A motion made by Mr. Leibert to appoint Louise/Lee Middleton as council president, seconded by Mr. Graff. All in favor and motion passed.
- A motion made by Rick Leibert to appoint Jim Way as vice president, seconded by Lee Middleton. All in favor, motion passed.

Workshops/Conferences-

Payment of Bills: Approval of the reviewed outstanding vendor bills for the Borough moved by Mr. Craig and seconded by Ms. McCorkle. All in favor, the motion passed.

Executive session: An executive session was called for a personnel issue and a potential matter of litigation.

Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned by the President at 7.50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Norton
Secretary/Treasurer