

Eagles Mere Borough

Minutes

**July 5, 2021
Regular Meeting**

The Eagles Mere Borough Council meeting was called to order at 7 PM on the above date by President Feese with the following Council members in attendance in the room: Lee Middleton, Dennis Craig, Cole Lee, and Rick Liebert. Mayor Richard Lobach was not able to be present. Street Superintendent Jeremy Moore and Secretary/Treasurer Dave Carson were also in attendance.

In the Gallery: Residents Bob Zelton, BA Moyer, Edwina Vauclain, Doug Smith, George Watson, Tom Graff

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Public Comments: George Watson introduced himself and stated his interest in the vacant Council seat. Tom Graff also introduced himself and noted his interest in the same seat.

Minutes- A motion to approve the minutes of the previous Regular Meeting of June 7, 2021 was made by Lee Middleton and seconded by Dennis Craig. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report – A motion to approve the interim financial report through June 30, 2021, as distributed with the minutes, was made by Lee Middleton and seconded by Dennis Craig. The motion was approved.

Open Records Officer:

- A routine request for tax payment information for May has been received and response sent.

Zoning & Ordinance Officer report:

- The Zoning Officer has provided informal information about the building rules for a lot on Allegheny Ave.

Street Superintendent Report:

- Jeremy noted that improvements around the Eagles Mere Inn, funded by the property owner and Borough, have been completed.
- The Jones Ave project has been completed by H&K Group, the winning bidder on this project.
- There is concern for parking at the Beach area where occasionally cars park over the lines and may obstruct traffic. The Code Enforcement Officer will monitor the situation and issue warnings and then tickets if necessary.
- Jeremy noted his frustration with the way residents drop off recycling at the Borough Garage area. Both the shed for cardboard and the sorting bins sometimes have mixed garbage placed in them and/or incorrectly sorted items. The Secretary will include subject in a Borough newsletter.

Points of Interest and Information from the Secretary:

- The Borough has received Realty Transfer taxes for May in the amount of \$7,374.50 (Mills > Klemens, Holmes > Eagles Edge Preserve, LLC, Slodysko > Dorko, McClintock > Poole, Sheetz > Gordon).
- The grant application for the Clay Ave. drainage improvements has not been awarded due to lack of funds. The participating organizations have been informed of this status. A search for alternate solutions and negotiations with the Conservation District continue. All have agreed that no work will be started during the summer season.
- The Eagles Mere Borough Authority has reached agreement with the owner of a parcel of land adjoining the Outlet Waste Water Treatment Plant to purchase the 3.4 acre lot for \$45,000. This will eliminate the multiple sewer main and roadway easements across this property and allow the Authority to use the additional space should it be needed in the future. This action will remove \$182.31 in tax revenue from the Borough's rolls.
- The Dumpster Day results and costs are available. In June we had 4 dumpster loads (8.89 tons) removed at a total cost of \$1297.83. This compares to 2020 when 5 loads (15.28 tons) cost a total of \$1818.10. In addition, in each year there was one dumpster load of scrap metal removed at no charge.

Mayor's Report: None

Emergency Coordinator's Report: None

Committees:

Finance: Interim financial reports for the Borough through June 30, 2021 were attached. The Borough continues to operate on a firm basis. The delivery status of the truck, ordered in 2020 with expected delivery in Spring, 2021 is unknown. We assume it is delayed by supply issues.

Personnel: No report.

Museum: The Museum is now open daily 2021 season. Several special programs have been planned which recognize the electrification of Eagles Mere, the special experience of the Laurel Path, and recollections of the Forrest Inn Hotel.

Infrastructure: - No report

Ordinance: No report

Website: Updates continue to be made as needed.

Continuing Business-

New Business-

- Council must appoint a new member to replace Matt Andrews who has moved outside the borough limits and can no longer serve on Council. Several names were discussed as possibilities. Appointee should be of the same party as the resignee, which is Republican. Rick Liebert moved that Council approve Doug Smith as an excellent candidate who meets all known requirements. Dennis Craig seconded the motion.

Following brief discussion and the introduction of the candidate, the motion carried unanimously.

- The Borough has been asked by Endless Mountains Visitors Bureau to place an ad in Happenings Magazine in August. Eagles Mere is being featured in this issue. The cost for a half page ad will be \$470. Approval was moved by Rick Liebert and seconded by Dennis Craig. The motion passed.

Workshops/Conferences-

- There are no events or programs on the schedule. The annual PSAB Conference in Hershey was cancelled for 2021.

Payment of Bills- Approval to pay the bills, as reviewed by Dennis Craig, for the Borough and Museum was moved by Dennis Craig and seconded by Cole Lee. The motion passed.

Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned by the President at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

David R. Carson
Secretary/Treasurer