

Eagles Mere Borough Minutes

**May 3, 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, John Huhn, Cole Lee, Matt Andrews and Rick Liebert. Mayor Richard Lobach was present in the room. Street Superintendent Jeremy Moore and Secretary/Treasurer Dave Carson were also in attendance.

In the Gallery: None.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Public Comments: None

Minutes- A motion to approve the minutes of the previous Regular Meeting of April 5, 2021 was made by Lee Middleton and seconded by John Huhn. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report – A motion to approve the interim financial report through April 29, 2021, as distributed with the minutes, was made by Lee Middleton and seconded by John Huhn. The motion was approved.

Open Records Officer:

- No requests

Zoning & Ordinance Officer report:

- The Zoning Officer reported on the status of the sidewalk repairs needed at the home of Maria Casey on Laporte Ave.
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Street Superintendent Report:

- A written report (attached to these minutes) was distributed and reviewed.
- Jeremy will work to improve the drainage run off from the drop box at Geyelin and Eagles Mere Aves (Edwina Vauclain corner). A pipe will be installed to carry runoff underground away from the corner and to ultimately spill back onto Geyelin, thereby eliminating the existing dangerous ditch.
- There was discussion of the status of Wingert Lane. This is a Borough street that seems to have been co-opted by the abutting property owner to be a private driveway. It was moved by Dennis Craig and seconded by John Huhn that the Borough will assert its ownership with a letter to the property owner and through minor maintenance and installation of a street sign. The motion passed.

Points of Interest and Information from the Secretary:

- The Borough has received Realty Transfer taxes for March in the amount of \$3234.00 (Kevin Gardner > Tim Turner and Bezbatchenko > Blake).
- PennDoT has notified the Borough that they will be seal coating portions of Eagles Mere Ave. and Laporte Ave. this summer.
- The grant application for the Clay Ave. drainage improvements has been submitted and Stiffler McGraw are working on engineering details. Cost estimates were higher than the granting authority was expecting. A search for alternate solutions is under way.

Mayor's Report: None

Emergency Coordinator's Report: None

Committees:

Finance: Interim financial reports for the Borough through April 29, 2021 were attached. The Borough continues to operate on a firm basis. Trash bills have been sent by email and by surface mail and tax revenue has begun to arrive. The Auditor has completed his review and approval is included under Continuing Business.

Personnel: No report.

Museum: The Museum is now open for weekend hours and will begin daily hours on June 1. 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: -

- The Committee has reviewed a summary of the maintenance needs and the current provider of that service for the Field of Dreams/Beach parking area, Gypsy's Landing road parking, Edgemere parking area, and the Outlet Pond parking area. This is the first step to an agreement for on-going maintenance of these areas. A motion to endorse the suggestions in the summary was made by John Huhn and seconded by Dennis Craig. The motion passed with abstentions by Rick Liepert and Matt Andrews.
- Bids have been received from responding contractors and the official opening and approval of the best bid can proceed. See the attached summary for the bid results. It was moved by John Huhn and seconded by Dennis Craig to award the project to H&K Group if their bid is responsive after full review. The motion carried.

Ordinance: The concept of and the process for short term cottage rental registration continues under review.

Website: Updates continue to be made as needed.

Continuing Business-

- After review and discussion, it was moved by Dennis Craig and seconded by Lee Middleton to accept the report from Auditor Rick Lowe of his audit of the Borough and Museum for the 2020 year. As required, the summary figures have been advertised, the annual report has been filed with DCED, and the Auditors letters to the Council have been distributed.

New Business-

- It was noted that the Civic Club would like to place hanging baskets on four posts once created for that purpose in the downtown area. A motion to approve and encourage this project was made by Dennis Craig and seconded by Rick Liebert. The motion passed.

Workshops/Conferences-

- There are no events or programs on the schedule. The annual PSAB Conference in Hershey has been cancelled for 2021. There will be a no-charge virtual Conference with on-line programs on June 7 and 8, 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 Lee Middleton. The motion passed.

Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned by the President at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

David R. Carson
Secretary/Treasurer