

# Eagles Mere Borough Minutes

November 6, 2023  
Regular Monthly Meeting

The Eagles Mere Borough Council meeting was called to order at 7 PM on the above date by Council President Louise/Lee Middleton with the following Council members in attendance in the room: V.P. Jim Way, Dennis Craig, Bill Feese, Richard Liebert and Tom Graff. Also present were Mayor John Brownback, Street Superintendent, Jeremy Moore, Zoning Officer, Malory Matje and Secretary, Julie Norton.

**In the Gallery:** Residents Liz Johnson, Bob Spahr, Ray Wilson, Mark Carl, Mike Gavitt, Tom Burkholder and Brian Smith in the gallery.

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

**Quorum Present:** Council President Middleton declared that a Quorum was present based on Council Members in the room.

**Public Issues and Comments:** Pete Swinick made a brief presentation of the Fire Companies 15-year plan and requested that council approve a vote that the Fire Co. can solicit funds and accept donations needed to upgrade facilities and equipment. Dennis made the motion for the Fire Co. to solicit funds and accept donations within the borough. Motion second by Jim Way. All in favor, motion carried.

**Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2023 regular meeting was made by Jim Way and seconded by Tom Graff. All in favor, the motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report** –Reports through October 31, 2023 as presented. Mr. Craig stated reports thru October were adjusted before presenting the budget to the board. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report made by Jim Way, seconded by Bill Feese. All in favor. The motion was approved.

**Zoning & Ordinance Officer report:** The following applications have been received by the zoning officer:

Jacqueline Kulp  
273 Eagles Mere Ave

Approved - fence along border of property (the good side of the fence must face out)

Jacqueline is requesting that the good side of the fence face her house instead of the adjoining property or road way. Rick made a motion to oppose. Bill second the opposed request. All in favor, the motion passed.

Marty and Rachel Hammond  
879 Laporte Ave  
Denied - wants to build 24×24 ft garage. Cannot meet setbacks.

Larry and Sherry Cooney  
862 Laporte Ave  
Approved - Kitchen and bedroom addition to main house

EMA LLC (worlds end coffee co.)  
Approved - 2 outdoor storage additions

Zoning Hearing Board Meeting-  
Approved the request to subdivide the baker property, 125 Prospect.

### **Street Superintendent Report:**

Clay Avenue phase 3 project is complete, except for the pipe restoration.

**Mayor's Report:** No report

### **Points of Interest and Information:**

- Andrea Scary and The Civic Club is asking for road closure of Pennsylvania Ave from SR 42 to Clay Ave on November 24, 2023 for the tree lighting event across from the sweet shop. A motion to approve the permit made by Mr. Liebert to approve the request. The motion second by Mr. Craig. All approved.

### **New Business:**

### **Committees:**

#### **Finance:**

- A preliminary budget to be voted on is in review by council.
- A motion proposed by Dennis Craig to raise R/E tax 10% to 2.167. This motion second by Jim Way. All approved. Motion is carried. The tax ordinance will be advertised and put to vote at December 4, 2023 meeting. This tax is for general purpose and will help to complete the Lakewood Ave. paving project.

#### **Museum:**

- The Eagles Mere Museum requests that the presented 2024 museum budget be considered for adoption. Mr. Craig made the motion for approval. Mr. Way made a second. All in favor, the motion passed.
- The museum board requested that Andrew Ward be appointed to the museum board for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2026. The

motion made by Mr. Craig and a second by Mr. Way. All approved, the motion is carried.

- The Museum Review Committee has been reestablished. The committee members are as follows: Borough appointees Dave McCorkle and Ruth Craig, Foundation appointees are museum president, museum secretary and museum treasurer.

**Infrastructure:**

- Clay Ave. is complete with exception of pipe restoration. Bon Spahr's damaged internet cable is now repaired.
- Discussion of new speed limit, road signs. A motion to vote on purchasing signs moved for December meeting.

**Ordinance:**

- The council reviewed the proposed amendment of the living space language in ordinance # 113.

**Personnel:** No report

**Website:**

- Updates continue to be made as needed.

**Payment of Bills:** Approval of the reviewed outstanding vendor bills for the Borough moved by Dennis Craig and seconded by Tom Graff. All in favor, the motion passed.

**Adjournment-** The meeting was adjourned by President, Lee Middleton. Jim Way made the motion to close the Council meeting. The motion seconded by Dennis Craig. All in favor, motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Norton  
Secretary/Treasurer