

# Eagles Mere Borough Minutes

March 4, 2024

## Regular Monthly Meeting

The Eagles Mere Borough Council meeting was called to order at 7 PM on the above date by President Lee Middleton with the following council members in attendance in the room: Vice President, Jim Way, Rick Liebert, Kathy McCorkle, Jan Johnson, Tom Graff and Mayor, John Brownback. Dennis Craig conferenced in.

**In the Gallery:** Sargent, Daryl J. Elias, Rod Melzer, Richard Melzer, Ed Kassab, Michael Kennedy, Renee Witt, Kathy Martin, Marion Klopp, Tom Burkholder plus 2 residents on the phone.

**Call to Order-Organizational Meeting:** President, Lee Middleton

**Motion to Revise the Published Agenda-** A motion made by Tom Graff to revise the agenda to add Marion Klopp. Seconded by Kathy McCorkle. All in favor. The motion was approved.

**Public Issues and Comments -** Sargent, Daryl J. Elias, of the Pennsylvania State Police attended the meeting. He is new to the Laporte barracks and trying to make his round to meetings. If there are any specific issues let him know. He will leave his contact information if anyone wants to reach out.

**Minutes-** A motion to approve the minutes of the previous Regular Meeting of Feb 5, 2023, was made by Jim Way to except as amended, and seconded by Tom Graff. All approved. The motion was approved. Dennis abstained because he doesn't have the meeting packet.

**Treasurer's Report** – Mr. Craig abstained from giving the Treasurer's report for February.

**Open Records Officer:**

No Report

**Zoning & Ordinance Officer report:**

Micheal Kennedy- 873 Laporte Ave – Approved to do a 2<sup>nd</sup> story addition.

Bruce Powers -Eagles Edge Preserve- Denied permit to construct a viewing tower that will be 60-70 feet high. Zoning states no higher than 45', A Zoning Hearing has been requested and will take place on March 12 at 5 pm.

Kathy Holmes -Linwood Ave lot 3- Approved, new home being built.

Zoning Hearing requested for Marty Hammond at 879 Laporte Ave. Permit Denied in October for a 2 story garage. Too close to the rear setback. 25-foot requirement and requesting to place garage 6 feet from the rear property line. The hearing will also take place March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

**Street Superintendent Report:** The bid package for Lakewood Ave project was approved. The bids will go out in April.

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Brownback dislikes the cost of his post office box at the EM Post Office. His yearly bill is now \$120. The mayor will investigate why the post office boxes cost is so high and why they deliver to your house for free.

**Emergency Management Coordinator's report:** No report.

**Committees:**

- **Finance:** The auditor has finished the 2022 audit and DCED reports. The advertisement will be in The Sullivan Review next week. All audit reports were distributed to Council and the Mayor. The 2023 audit process has started with the auditors.
- **Museum:** Report gave by Kathy McCorkle. The Museum will reopen in May 2024.

- **Infrastructure:** No Report

- **Ordinance:**

The committee reviewed comments received prior to the February Ordinance Committee meeting and heard from a number of those in attendance. The following were moved and seconded:

- 1- Members of the Ordinance Committee have reviewed the comments and recommends the borough retain the current ordinance governing accessory buildings within borough limits. Motion passed.
- 2- The committee recommends additional parameters that reflect issues raised or researched by committee or community members, be reviewed and potentially put in place, either as part of the existing ordinance, or in a separate ordinance. Motion passed.

A final review and vote on possible additions or ordinances by borough council, will take place no earlier than the April borough council meeting, more likely the May or June meetings and will be posted prior to the meeting for public comment.  
The original ordinance is still in place as it stands.

- **Personnel:** No report
- **Website:** Updates continue to be made as needed.

**Continuing Business-** Marion Klopp has been approved by her doctors to return to duty provided the Fire Company approves it when the meet next Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. The motion made by Dennis Craig and the motion seconded by Jim Way. All in favor. The motion carried.

**New Business:**

Vote to add Rodd Melzer on the Zoning Hearing Board, effective immediately. He will be replacing Julie Adams, as she resigned in January. Mike Scarry will stay as an alternate. Motion for approval by Kathy McCorkle and seconded by Dennis Craig. All in favor. The motion carried.

With a vote, the Eagles Mere Borough Council welcomes the opportunity to lend its support for funding the Loyalsock Foundation's legacy project, The Summit: Center for Wellness. A letter for approval is attached to the agenda. Motion for approval by Dennis Craig and seconded by Tom Graff. All in favor. The motion passed.

**Workshops/Conferences**- The 2024 PSAB conference is June 2<sup>nd</sup> through June 5<sup>th</sup> at the Hershey Lodge. A motion made by Rick Leibert for the secretary to attend the conference with the borough paying for cost incurred. The motion seconded by Tom Graff. All approved. The motion carried.

**Payment of Bills**- Approval to pay the bills through February was moved by Jim Way and seconded by Tom Graff. All in favor. The motion passed.

**Adjournment**- The meeting was adjourned by the President at 7:24 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Norton  
Secretary/Treasurer