

Eagles Mere Borough Minutes

November 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, Treasurer, Dennis Craig, Rick Liebert, Kathy McCorkle, Jan Johnson, Tom Graff and Mayor, John Brownback. Also present is Street Super, Jeremy Moore and Secretary, Julie Norton.

In the Gallery: Charlie Lockard, Ed Kassab, and Brian Smith.

Call to Order-Regular Meeting: President, Lee Middleton

Motion to Revise the Published Agenda- No Revisions.

Public Issues and Comments – Charlie Lockard represented Lockard Insurance and explained their 2025 insurance premiums for the borough. The toboggan slide insurance remains in effect at a rate of \$1600 for 2025.

Minutes- A motion to approve the minutes of the October meeting was made by Kathy McCorkle and seconded by Jim Way. All in favor. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report – October financial reports provided, no motion of approval for October 2024 financial report. The 2025 proposed budget presented and explained by Dennis Craig. A motion made by Dennis Craig to except and advertise the 2025 budget with adjusted items for street superintendent. The motion seconded by Tom Graff. All approved. The motion was conducted to duly advertise the proposed budget with adjusted items for street superintendent.

Secretary Notes- FEMA has recorded Eagles Mere Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan meets all requirements of Title 44.

Open Records Officer: 1 Request for the tax collector DCED September report.

Zoning & Ordinance Officer report: October Report

Tom McElhaney- 63 Linwood Ave - Addition- denied - setbacks cannot be met.

Mike and Allyssa Rickels - 31 Woodland Ave - Addition - Approved with previous ZHB decision.

Shaun Antrum - 306 Eagles Mere Ave - Replacing current deck. Approved

Zoning Hearing Boards scheduled for November 12 at 6pm. McElhaney's- for an addition at 63 Linwood Ave. and Alan Gilmore for an addition at 83 Forest Ave.

Street Superintendent Report: Included with Infrastructure.

Mayor's Report: No Report by Mayor.

Emergency Management Coordinator's report: No report

Committees:

Finance: A Resolution signed by President Lee Middleton to bring in to affect the rate of compensation for the elected office of tax collector to be 3% plus the cost of postage. The rate will take effect January 1, 2026.

Dennis Craig proposed a motion to enact an ordinance raising the fire tax from 0.019 to 0.024. There has been no increase in fire tax in 14 years. Tom Graff seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion was conducted to raise the fire tax to 0.024 with an ordinance.

Infrastructure: No Report

Ordinance: No Report

Personnel: The personnel committee agrees the fee for zoning hearings should be raised. The current fee is significantly below the amount to cover the expense of a zoning hearing. Personnel approves raising the cost of a zoning hearing to \$800. Motion for approval by Dennis Craig and seconded by Rick Liebert. All approved. The motion passed to raise the zoning hearing cost to \$800.

Museum: 2025 Museum Budget accepted by the borough at October 2024 meeting.

Website: Updates continue to be made as needed.

Continuing Business- Rodd Melzer replaced Doug Rider as chair of the zoning board. Doug continues to sit on the board. Two zoning hearings are to take place in November.

New Business:

Payment of Bills- Approval to pay the bills through November 2024 (as reviewed) by treasurer and street superintendent for the Borough was moved by Dennis Craig and seconded by Jim Way. All in favor. The motion to pay bills passed.

Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned by the President at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Norton
Secretary/Treasurer