

Eagles Mere Borough

Minutes

December 5, 2016

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 and Mayor, Joan Werner in attendance: VP Christelle Loftus, Dave Werner, Matt Andrews, Richard Liebert & Robert Spahr. Secretary/Treasurer Wilson. In the gallery: J. Moore, K. Smith, J. Wilkinson & R. Lobach.

Public Comments: no issues were presented.

Minutes- for the previous monthly meeting were approved on a motion from Ms. Loftus and seconded by Mr. Werner.

Treasurer's Report – for the previous month was approved with the minutes.

Street Superintendent Report: no report, but the problem at Milligan's raised berm continues to be an issue for plowing because the street is so narrow.

Open Records Officer: No RTO forms received or filed.

Ordinance & Zoning Officer's Report-

Milligan landscaping violation- a letter was hand delivered advising Mr. Milligan that he is in violation and he must remove the landscaping installed in the Borough's right of way. He was given 10 days to comply or file for a variance. The code officer was summoned by Mr. Milligan to check the work he did; he had removed some stones by the drain. Mr. Milligan was told at that time that all of the landscaping had to be removed from the right of way. He stated that what was done was all he was doing because Mr. Huhn had been there to talk to him and he thought the letter that was delivered was moot. To date Mr. Milligan has not complied, nor filed for a variance. The solicitor is now involved and a letter is being sent to Mr. Milligan urging him to comply with the Borough's ordinances. If this doesn't work Council will be forced to file an injunction and take him to court.

Business Conducted -

2017 Tax Ordinance The meeting was recessed to convene a hearing to discuss the tax ordinance. No issues or comments being raised the hearing was adjourned and the meeting was continued. On a motion from Mr. Werner, seconded by Mr. Spahr the tax ordinance was adopted at the following rates: Real Estate remained the same at 1.1524, and Fire Tax at .191 which was raised .2 ml from last year. Total tax 1.3434.

2017 Budget was approved unanimously on a motion from Ms. Loftus, seconded by Mr. Werner.

Speed Limit at the Beach Area- A map and coordinates are needed before the attorney can amend the ordinance. Ms. Loftus has observed that there are 22 signs in that area and some of them indicate the speed limit is 20 mph. It was approved at the last meeting to make the speed reduction if only 4 signs would be added. After

recalculating how many signs are mandated by the state it was determined that 6-8 signs will actually be needed. After reviewing the number of signs, costs and questions raised it was suggested that the issue be reopened. Ms. Loftus made a motion to put the project on hold until the Infrastructure Committee has time to investigate the need for this speed reduction and whether other remedies might work better. Several studies indicate that cars parked along the street and better markings for pedestrian cross walks work better than speed limits. There is an existing lake traffic study and Ms. Wilson will see if she can find a copy.

Shade Tree Issue- a letter was delivered to Mr. Faulkner to remove the dead tree at the Crestmont entrance that the STC identified as a safety issue. He replied that the property is not his and he would furnish a map indicating who does own it. He has not complied to date.

The January 2017 meeting will be held on Jan. 2nd as advertised.

Sull. Co. Hazardous Mitigation Plan- the Council had agreed to continue using the Sullivan County Plan. EMS asked to have a new resolution passed and given to them for their records. It was read and approved by council on a motion from Mr. Spahr, seconded by Mr. Werner.

Sull.Co. Chamber Membership renewal is \$58.50 and was approved on a motion from Mr. Andrews, seconded by Mr. Liebert. Darla Bortz will be presented with their Citizens Award at their annual dinner.

Letter from Cheryl Shoemaker asking to reinstate her employment was discussed. She may apply for the summer helper job if it becomes available in the future. Ms. Wilson will have Ms. Loftus proof the letter.

PIRMA Elections- B.A Moyer is a candidate and will be nominated by the Borough. She will be asked to recommend others she may know.

Presbyterian Church- The EMBA was sent a letter advising they want to build a handicapped, accessible bathroom, but doesn't want to go to the expense of hooking up to the public sewer. They are asking if they could install a holding tank and have it emptied at the end of the season. Decision was tabled until EMBA has an opportunity to discuss this. The Church can ask for a hearing before the Council or appeal their decision. Mr. Crawford will attend the January meeting to answer questions and discuss the matter.

Bradford County Humane Society- resolution was approved and \$18 will be sent for the annual dues.

Committees:

Museum : EMHVI has provided the amount of rent for the Museum and it is lower than 2016. Note: Trip Advisor sent them a letter of Excellence, the Museum has a 5 star rating.

Infrastructure: continue discussions re: speed limit at the Beach are.

Ordinance: cell tower update, waiting for recommendations from the solicitor.

Website: out of town customers have been billed for 2017.

Shade Tree Commission: Tree at Lucas' needs attention and owner identified and Crestmont tree owner needs to be identified.

Secretary's Notes:

- ✓ Health Insurance plan- the current plan agreement approved last month will be renewed automatically, no forms or signatures needed for renewal with Highmark.
- ✓ U/C Forms filled out and returned for John Rider who is finished for this year.

- ✓ Comcast new pricing changes for some services and fees. See Secretary or cable bill for October.
- ✓ PSAB
 - 2017 annual conference will be May 7-10 at Hershey Lodge. We have a free registration fee for this conference that features Keynote Speaker, Cal Ripkin, Jr.
 - PSAB awards submission forms- several are available, see secretary if anyone wants to recognize someone.
- ✓ Newsletter will go out before December 10th.

The bills were ordered paid for the Borough and Museum by motion from Ms. Loftus, seconded by Mr. Werner.

The meeting was adjourned by of the President.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kay L. Wilson
Secretary/Treasurer