

**Eagles Mere Borough
Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 5, 2025
Regular Monthly Meeting
Time: 7:00 pm**

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, Dennis Craig, Jan Johnson, Richard Liebert, Kathy McCorkle, and Tom Graff. Also present were Mayor John Brownback, Jeremy Moore Street Superintendent, Malory Matje zoning officer and Secretary Julie Norton.

In the Gallery: Ed Kassab, Leslie Johnson, Renee & Bob Writt, Jay Wilkinson, Kate Albertini, Jamie Dieter, Lauren Hricisak. Dave & Sallie McClain called in.

Quorum Present: Council President Lee Middleton declared that a Quorum was present based on Council Members in the room and called the meeting to order. The pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Public Issues and Comments: Jay Wilkinson stated that he serves as the treasurer for Nina Sordoni's campaign. He encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming meeting for her campaign at the Laporte Firehall on May 7th at 7 PM. Leslie inquired about the reason why the borough's candidates, who are up for election, were requesting write-in votes. She was informed that this issue was due to a communication error.

Minutes: Jim Way moved to accept March minutes. Dennis Craig seconded. All approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Interim reports presented with agendas. Reports are through April 30, 2025.. A motion to accept the Treasurer's reports by Tom Graff. Second, by Jim Way. The motion passed unanimously.

Zoning & Ordinance Officer report – Jon Alloca - 751 Laporte Ave. Permit to build home on Dunham Ave returned. County planning has confirmed ownership of one lot, which cannot be divided into two parcels.

Permits for multiple projects received are incomplete and awaiting the required paperwork for completion and processing.

Consulting with the solicitor regarding a resident's non-compliance.

Street Superintendent Report: Report included with Infrastructure.

Mayor's Report: Mayor John Brownback is participating in the primary election on May 20, 2025, as a write-in candidate.

The mayor stated that Eagles Mere post office box rates are higher than those in neighboring boroughs and townships.

New Business: Abby Nunn resigned from the Eagles Mere Authority board on April 21, 2025.

The sewer authority has proposed that Fred Mulford be formally considered by the borough for a position on their board, requiring a vote. Dennis Craig made a motion to accept Fred Mulford onto the authority board at the meeting held on May 22, which was seconded by Rick Liebert. The motion was unanimously approved.

Residents have requested the closure of Mifflin Avenue, a paper street.

Old Business:

David & Sallie McClain requested updates on efforts to close Hayes Avenue, a paper street.

Committees:

Finance: Tom Graff proposed that the borough enact an ordinance to implement a 0.5 mill tax for the year 2026. This tax is intended to support paid Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) starting from July 2026. The motion was seconded by Jim Way. The proposal received unanimous approval, and the motion passed without opposition.

Museum: Kathy McCorkle reported that the museum has had no significant changes since last month.

Infrastructure: Jim Way reported that the committee is currently reviewing resident letters concerning drainage issues. In particular, the drainage problem at State Route 42 in the central square is under consideration, with proposed solutions being evaluated to address the matter effectively.

A reminder to the residents that SR42 and Laporte Ave. are PennDOT state roads.

A budget of \$143,000 was allocated for the paving project, which cost \$122,406. It has been proposed to use the remaining funds to pave both ends of Glass Avenue.

Dennis made a motion to extend Glenn O. Hawbaker's contract to include the paving of Glass Avenue, provided the cost does not exceed \$18,000. Jim seconded the motion. The motion was carried with a unanimous vote.

Ordinance: The Borough Council plans to pass an ordinance to vacate a section of Hayes Avenue at the June 2nd board meeting. The public notice was published in the April 23 and April 30 editions of the Sullivan Review.

The zoning permits now include updated requirements for contractors.

Personnel: No report

Website: Updates are ongoing. The issue is being resolved for timely posting.

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 unanimously.

Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned by President, Lee Middleton. The meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Norton / Secretary/Treasurer 