

Eagles Mere Borough Minutes

November 7, 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 in attendance: VP Christelle Loftus, John Huhn, Matt Andrews, Richard Liebert & Robert Spahr and Secretary/Treasurer Wilson. Mayor Werner & Dave Werner attended by conference call. In the gallery: J. Moore, K. Smith, L. Middleton, representative from Watson Diesel.

Public Comments: Watson Diesel presented a quote for a new truck budgeted for 2017.

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

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

Street Superintendent Report: written reports were sent with agendas.

Open Records Officer: No RTO forms received or filed.

Ordinance & Zoning Officer's Report- One zoning permit was issued to Jeff Smith on Laporte Ave.

Swimming Pool issues and Sidewalks still needing attention will have to wait until spring due to weather.

Overhanging vegetation on EM Ave has been checked by the Code Officer and the hedges are being trimmed. There is a new tree in that area that has some low hanging branches that may need some attention. John will check the tree to see who the memorial is for and advise the council.

Business Conducted -

1. **Charlie Lockard** made his annual report and quotes for insurance. It's up 2.6% overall. Deductible is \$1000 for property and vehicles. (Ambulance Asso. is insured separately) Replacement for Fire equipment is insured at replacement value. The new leaf vac was added and premium costs will be sent separately. ID cards were given to the secretary. A bill was presented for payment in December for coverage beginning Jan.1. A statement of values was left for signatures.
2. **2017 Budgets** for the Borough and the Museum was approved for advertising along with the tax ordinance on a motion from Ms. Loftus, seconded by Mr. Spahr.
3. **Wooden Eagles Mere elevation signs** have been inspected by the Street Super and he is confident he can refurbish them both including the flower boxes for about \$500. He also said someone would take care of the plantings. This was approved on motion from Mr. Huhn, seconded by Mr. Liebert.

4. **M. Milligan's New Landscaping** has been placed in the Borough's Right of Way and he will be advised he is in violation of the borough code and asked to remove it within 10 days. The Code Officer will try to speak with him again. The solicitor will be consulted if these remedies don't work.
5. **Ms. Lilly Houseknecht** has been approved for employment at the Museum on a motion from Ms. Loftus, seconded by Mr. Huhn.
6. **Continued: Borough Boundary** line at the EM Park will be GPS coded by EMS and our Surveyor, they will send us the information after completion.
7. **Annual Memberships due:** PSAB \$254, PSAB Management Caucus \$25, PSAB Asso. of Mayors \$50. All approved on motion from Mr. Liebert, seconded by Ms. Loftus.
8. **Auditor Richard Lowe** sent a letter of engagement for 2016 for \$3250-3750. This was approved on a motion from Mr. Huhn, seconded by Mr. Andrews.
9. **Labor & Industry Solvency Fee** for next year is \$443.83. It was decided to not pay this fee on a motion from Mr. Werner, seconded by Ms. Loftus.
10. **Borough News Magazine** renewal is only \$10 per subscription. The Mayor will share with Mr. Werner.
11. **DCNR Workshop Webinar** was approved for the mayor to attend, with possible \$40 fee. Motion from Mr. Spahr, seconded by Mr. Liebert.

Mayor's Report: Ms. Werner is working on a grant to connect existing trails. This is a matching grant. Any labor or materials donated count toward this match.

Committees:

Museum : the last meeting of 2016 was held on Oct 10. Officers were appointed as follows: V.P.-K. Wilson, Treasurer-N. Liebert, Secretary-J. Alley. No Chairman was selected.

J. Leo, J. Werner and B. James were reappointed to a second 3yr term on the board on a motion from Ms. Loftus, seconded by Mr. Spahr. EMHVI needs to send the rent amount for 2017. A letter from the Council will be sent to remind them the museum needs this information. Their budget was approved with the Borough's budget.

Finance: Everything looks good and on budget is for this year. The new budget has been finalized for advertising.

Personnel: Ms. Wilson will be eligible for Medicare next year. It has been discovered that she can remain on the current plan (includes coverage for her husband). The committee recommends that she be allowed to remain on the policy in addition to her Medicare and this was approved on motion from Mr. Liebert, seconded by Mr. Huhn. There are 2 payouts due for deductibles for Ms. Wilson and Mrs. Maczuga. They have each reached the \$1500 deductible expenses and are asking the borough to pay half as agreed to when this policy was implemented last year. Approved on a motion from Mr. Huhn, seconded by Mr. Werner.

Boro Branch – the person loitering there over the last month or so has been discouraged from doing so without "refunding" any donation. The list of donors turns out to include members of the community, the Fire Co, the church, etc. There was one donor who wasn't affiliated with the community except through EMS. The Fire Company has sent a letter to the community requesting funds to improve that building.

Infrastructure: The parking/driveway issue on EM Ave has been resolved to everyone's satisfaction. Mr. Huhn did a good job initiating this. He also suggested that the speed limit be reduced to 20mph at the beach area. Watch Children signs and speed bumps were discussed, but rejected. Additional signage (4-6) will be needed and the Borough's ordinance will have to be amended. Start and ending points will have to be established and a map drawn for the solicitor to write the amendment. Mr. Huhn made a motion to reduce the speed limit from Hayes Ave to Gypsy's Landing to 20 mph, seconded by Mr. Spahr. All approved.

Ordinance: the solicitor is checking to see if our wireless tower ordinance is in order after a article in the Borough News indicated it may be necessary.

Website: eaglesmere.org has been transferred back to the EM Inn and an agreement signed acknowledging this and nullifying the previous agreement.

Shade Tree Commission: it was brought to the Council's attention that the hemlock tree at the Crestmont entrance has not been removed as approved by the STC and Council last June. Mr. Faulkner will be reminded that this was to be done by the end of September.

Secretary's Notes:

- NTSWA sent a copy of the recycling application to the state they filed for EM.
- Received funds and paid Fireman's Relief in the amount of \$8546.58, also filed required form acknowledging both.
- Signed up J. Moore and J. Rider for Flagger training(\$150 for both). This is required by the State for flagging on any public streets.
- There will be a Zoning Hearing on November 10 at 6PM to hear an application from J. Stanley Smith to install a permanent generator at his home in the EM Park.
- New printer was purchased for the Branch and the phone has been disconnected.

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

The meeting was adjourned by of the President.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kay L. Wilson
Secretary/Treasurer