

# **Eagles Mere Borough Minutes**

**April 4, 2022  
Regular Monthly Meeting**

The Eagles Mere Borough Council meeting was called to order at 7 PM on the above date by Council President Bill Feese with the following Council members in attendance in the room: Lee Middleton, Dennis Craig, Tom Graff, Rick Liebert, and Jim Way and with Doug Smith by Conference Phone. Also present was Street Superintendent Jeremy Moore and Secretary/Treasurer Dave Carson.

**In the Gallery:** Liz Johnson

**Pledge of Allegiance** was recited by all in attendance.

**Quorum Present:** Council President Feese declared that a Quorum was present based on Council Members in the room. Therefore, votes from Members on the phone would count as if present.

**Motion to Revise the Published Agenda-** No request to revise agenda made.

**Public Issues and Comments** – None

**Minutes-** A motion to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2021 regular meeting was made by Tom Graff and seconded by Rick Liebert. The motion to approve the minutes was approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – Motion to approve of the interim financial report through March 31, 2022, as distributed with the minutes, was made Tom Graff and seconded by Rick Liebert. The motion was approved.

**Open Records Officer:**

- The RTK Officer has responded to a request from Jay Wilkinson seeking information on zoning permits/zoning hearing board rulings related to the Zuckerman residence and to the then Beck residence. The requested documents were provided within the extended time frame granted by Wilkinson.

**Zoning & Ordinance Officer report:**

- An application to build a new home at 107 Prospect Ave has been received, reviewed, and approved. (Builder is 44 MKT, LLC and finished home has been sold to an unidentified buyer.)
- An application to build a new home at 135(?) Prospect Ave has been received, reviewed, and approved. Owners are Dennis and Linda Gould.

**Street Superintendent Report:**

- Application for Phase 2 of a grant to improve drainage on Clay Ave. has been submitted.
- Trees have been trimmed on Dunham as requested and included in the 2022 budget.
- Jeremy reported on unused equipment items that are in the Maintenance Garage. He asked for approval to sell this equipment and to use the proceeds to purchase a grapple to attach to the John Deere tractor. This will be a big assist when clearing downed brush, branches, and trees. A motion to approve the request was made by Rick Liebert and seconded by Jim Way. The motion passed.

**Mayor's Report:** None.

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

**Points of Interest and Information from the Secretary:**

- At an earlier Council meeting, the Secretary requested funding to create a second face to the large sign that has been provided to the Borough by the Endless Mountains Heritage Region through a grant. Resident Liz Johnson volunteered to seek funds from the Eagles Mere Foundation for this project. The funds have been granted in the amount of \$1,725 to create a second face for the sign in support of Eagles Mere organizations and activities. The Borough looks forward to working with the Civic Club to create a second side for the Borough's sign.

**Committees:**

**Finance:** Interim financial reports through February 28, 2022 are attached to this Agenda.

- Letter of Engagement has been sent to Larson, Kellert & Associates, PC of Montoursville to conduct an Audit for the Borough for the 2021 year.

**Museum:** The Museum is now closed until the Spring except that it will be open Easter weekend.

**Infrastructure:**

- Bids were opened for drainage and for sealing projects (two separate bids) for Morgan and Dunham Avenues. The low bidder for the Dunham Ave drainage repair and improvement was HRI, Inc. The low bidder for the chip and seal project for Morgan and Dunham Avenues was R. C. Young, Inc. On motion by Dennis Craig and seconded by Rick Liebert, both bids were accepted and the President was authorized to sign contracts on behalf of the Borough. The Secretary was instructed to notify all bidders of the results and to seal and forward the contracts to the winning bidders. The motion passed.

**Ordinance:** No Activity

**Personnel:**

- Dave Houseknecht has started his new position as Office Assistant to help the Secretary Treasurer. He will be working a mutually agreeable schedule which may include evenings and weekends to allow access to the office computer. He expects to move to the Borough when his house is completed in June.

**Website:** Updates continue to be made as needed.

**Continuing Business-**

- On March 23, Dennis Craig, Dave Carson, and Bill Feese met with Solicitor Dave Smith to review the handling of paper streets and some other zoning issues. After discussion, Solicitor Smith said that, in his opinion, the Borough would not win an argument in court to "keep" Wingert Lane. His advice is to discontinue our effort to consider Wingert as a Borough Street. It was moved by Lee Middleton and seconded by Dennis Craig to discontinued efforts to classify Wingert Lane as a borough street and to permit the abutting property owners (Dilks and EMA) to manage and use the street under traditional easement practices. The motion passed.

**New Business:** None

**Workshops/Conferences-**

- The 110<sup>th</sup> PSAB Conference and Exhibition is scheduled for Hershey Lodge on May 22-25, 2022. Please contact the Secretary if you are interested in attending.

**Payment of Bills-** Approval to pay the bills for the Borough and Museum was moved by Dennis Craig and seconded by Rick Liebert. The motion passed.

**Adjournment-** The meeting was adjourned by the President at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

David R. Carson  
Secretary/Treasurer