

Eagles Mere Borough Minutes

December 4th, 2023

Regular Monthly Meeting

The Eagles Mere Borough Council meeting was called to order at 7 PM on the above date by Council President, Lee Middleton with the following Council members in attendance in the room: V.P. Jim Way, Dennis Craig, Bill Feese, Richard Liebert, Kathy McCorkle, and Tom Graff. Also, present were Mayor John Brownback, Street Superintendent Jeremy Moore, Zoning Officer Malory Matje, Doug Steck, Emergency Management and Secretary Julie Norton.

In the Gallery: Residents Liz Johnson, Bob Spahr, Jan Jhonson, Ed Kassab, Charlie Lockard, Carol Feese, Chris Magwood, Renee Witt, Bob Witt, and Brian Smith in the gallery.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Quorum Present: Council President Middleton declared that a Quorum was present based on Council Members in the room.

Public Issues and Comments: Charlie Lockard from Lockard insurance discussed the 2024 insurance premiums for the Borough, the Museum, and the Fire Company.

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the November 2023 regular meeting was made by Dennis and seconded by Kathy. All in favor, the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report –Reports through November 31, 2023, as presented. Dennis stated the regular bank saving accounts are getting no interest and suggests reinvesting the money to a PLGIT account. Dennis also went over the proposed 2024 budget. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report made by Dennis, seconded by Rick. All in favor. The motion was approved.

Zoning & Ordinance Officer report: There were no permits for the month of November. Malory attended court on 11/14 for the Detwiler vs. Roy case. It has been court ordered that any projects/construction done on either property should be approved and remediated through Malory. She will work with both parties to resolve issues.

Street Superintendent Report:

All phases of the Clay Avenue project are now complete and approved by the Conservation District.

Mayor's Report: The Christmas tree lights were lit on time. It was a very nice event attended by many this year.

Points of Interest and Information: The board approved Bob Spahr to the Authority board beginning Dec. 5, 2023.

New Business:

Old Business: More discussion on changing language in the accessory building ordinance. Liz Johnson suggests a public hearing for the residents to comment on the ordinance. Council will take her suggestion under review.

Committees:

Finance:

- The preliminary 2024 budget passed with a motion from Dennis, seconded by Rick. All approved, the motion passed.
- The 2024 budget is posted in the Sullivan Review and on the Borough website.
- Dennis made the motion to approve the new Tax Ordinance No. 2024-3 for fixing Real Estate Tax for year 2024. Rick seconded the motion. All approved. The motion carried.

Museum: The museum will be open through the weekends until Dec. 17th

Infrastructure:

- Motion of purchasing 8 new speed limit, road signs. Motion made by Jim and seconded by Rick. All approve. Motion carried.

Ordinance:

- The council still working on the proposed amendment of the living space language in ordinance # 113.
- Bill Feese, Chair of Ordinance Committee moved to authorize the president of borough council and chair of ordinance committee to review the ordinance and for the solicitor to amend and advertise and publish the revised ordinance to approve at January 2024 meeting and Rick seconded. 1 apposed. Motion carried.

Emergency Management Committee:

- Doug and Julie attended the Sullivan County Hazard Mitigation Plan meeting on Nov. 21st. The Mitigation plan is lengthy and has lots of questions. The paperwork needs completed by Dec. 31st.
- The next committee meeting is Dec. 12th, 5:00 pm. Doug urges cooperation and attendance to work on the mitigation plan at the meeting.

Personnel: No report

Website:

- Updates continue to be made as needed.

Payment of Bills: Approval of the reviewed outstanding vendor bills for the Borough moved by Dennis and seconded by Tom Graff. All in favor, the motion passed.

Lee Middleton respectively thanked Bill Feese for his leadership, guidance, continued support, and tireless efforts for the Eagles Mere community over more than four decades with a citation. The letter will be included in the minutes and is attached to the minutes.

Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned by President, Lee Middleton. Jim Way made the motion to close the Council meeting. The motion seconded by Dennis Craig. All in favor, motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Norton
Secretary/Treasurer