

Eagles Mere Borough

Minutes

January 4, 2021
Regular Meeting

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 in the room: Lee Middleton, Matt Andrews, Dennis Craig, John Huhn, and Cole Lee and Rick Liebert. Secretary/Treasurer Dave Carson was also in attendance.

In the Gallery:

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Public Comments: None

Minutes- A motion to approve the minutes of the previous Regular Meeting of December 7, 2020 was made by John Huhn and seconded by Dennis Craig. The motion was approved. A motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of December 21, 2020 was made by Dennis Craig and seconded by Lee Middleton. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report – A motion to approve the interim financial report for the previous month, as distributed with the minutes, was made by Dennis Craig and seconded by John Huhn. The motion was approved.

Open Records Officer:

- No requests

Zoning & Ordinance Officer report:

- No requests

Street Superintendent Report:

- The Streets Helper was called in to assist with the recent heavy snow storm. He worked 17 hours over three days assisting with plowing and clean-up of excess snow.
- The order for a new Ford Super Duty F-550 diesel dump truck has been confirmed with up-fitting and delivery in the Spring.

Points of Interest and Information from the Secretary:

- The Borough has received Realty Transfer taxes for November in the amount of \$5,155.96. (Hutchinson>Cunningham, Milberger>Yenrab, LLC)
- Eagles Mere received \$115.79 from the Sullivan County Council of Governments as its portion of building permits and code inspections.
- The large Holmes tract was sold and settled on December 30, 2020.

Mayor's Report: None

Emergency Coordinator's Report: None

Committees:

Finance: Finances for the month and year appear in good order. The Borough is in overall good financial condition and has ended the year with a significant surplus which will aid in the expenses known to be coming in 2021. There are some shortfalls in property tax collection compared to budget (a budget issue, not a collection issue) but there are also some reduced expenses.

Personnel: No report.

Borough Branch: No report

Museum: No report

Infrastructure: - No report

Ordinance: The advertised review and action on proposed Ordinances will occur at the Continued Business portion of this meeting.

Website: Updates continue to be made as needed.

Shade Tree Commission: No activity

Continuing Business-

- Review and action on the proposed Ordinance 2021-01, as advertised, to revise The Eagles Mere Borough Code, Chapter 100 with the addition of Article VI – Recreational Vehicles. (proposed copy attached). Approval was moved by Lee Middleton and seconded by Dennis Craig. The motion passed unanimously.
- Review and action on the proposed Ordinance 2021-02, as advertised, to establish definitions of and operational rules for neighborhood electric vehicles and golf carts. (proposed copy attached) Approval was moved by Lee Middleton and seconded by Cole Lee. The motion passed unanimously.
- Re-appoint Andrew Paul Baran as Sewer Enforcement Officer for 2021. Approval was moved by Dennis Craig and seconded by John Huhn. The motion passed.

New Business-

- Consideration of the proposal of Stiffler McGraw to provide Engineering services for the possible Clay Ave project under a Dirt, Gravel, and Low Volume Road grant. A motion to approve the proposal, subject to further negotiation and revision as the scope of the project is finalized, was made by John Huhn and seconded by Dennis Craig. The motion passed.
- Appointment of Stiffler McGraw or Larson Group as Engineer of Record for the Borough. It was noted that there is no requirement to have an appointed Engineer of Record so no action was taken on this matter.
- Renew of Committee appointments for 2021. President Feese does not plan to make any changes to the rosters unless requested. A motion to renew committee appointments as expired in 2020 was made by Dennis Craig and seconded by Lee Middleton. The motion carried and appointments are considered renewed.
- Approval of the Borough employee and salary list for 2021(attached) was moved by Rick Liebert and seconded by John Huhn. The motion carried.

Workshops/Conferences-

- None scheduled due to the Coronavirus.

Payment of Bills- Approval to pay the bills, as reviewed by Dennis Craig, for the Borough and Museum was moved by Dennis Craig and seconded by John Huhn. The motion passed.

Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned by the President at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

David R. Carson
Secretary/Treasurer