

Eagles Mere Borough

Minutes

**June 7, 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, Dennis Craig, John Huhn, Cole Lee, and Rick Liebert. Mayor Richard Lobach was not able to be present. Street Superintendent Jeremy Moore and Secretary/Treasurer Dave Carson were also in attendance.

In the Gallery: Resident Bob Zelton

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 May 3, 2021 was made by Lee Middleton and seconded by Cole Lee. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report – A motion to approve the interim financial report through May 31, 2021, as distributed with the minutes, was made by Lee Middleton and seconded by Cole Lee. The motion was approved.

Open Records Officer:

- A routine request for tax payment information for April has been received and response sent.

Zoning & Ordinance Officer report:

- The sidewalk along Maria Casey's Laporte Ave boundary is under contract to be replaced and is scheduled for late July by the contractor.
- The zoning officer met with representatives of the EMA to review sidewalk problems near the Athletic Field. Repairs to remove broken sections of unnecessary sidewalk and to correct a hazardous drop off and drainage problem by the nearby main sidewalk will be made. The EMA is in agreement with this request.
- Discussion has continued over the location of swings to be re-installed by the EMA at the Beach. The abutting property owner's representative wants final agreement on the location of the property line and of the set-back needed for swings and adjoining safety area.

Street Superintendent Report:

- Improvements around the Eagles Mere Inn, funded by the property owner and Borough, have been completed and the invoice received. A letter will be sent to the property owner.
- Reviews of the Jones Ave project have been underway with H&K Group, the winning bidder on this project. Work is scheduled to start in the week of June 14th.

Points of Interest and Information from the Secretary:

- The Borough has received Realty Transfer taxes for April in the amount of \$5279.75 (Switzer > Johns, Zeisloft > Barton).
- The grant application for the Clay Ave. drainage improvements has not been awarded due to lack of funds. The participating organizations have been informed of this status. A search for alternate solutions continues. All have agreed that no work will be started during the summer season.
- A Peddling permit has been issued to Monte the Meat Man who has paid the fee and provided the required Certificate of Insurance.
- The Borough has received \$119.34 as the municipality's share of State Police fines.

Mayor's Report: None

Emergency Coordinator's Report: None

Committees:

Finance: Interim financial reports for the Borough through May 31, 2021 were attached. The Borough continues to operate on a firm basis. Trash bills bill and spring tax revenue are arriving.

Personnel: No report.

Museum: The Museum is now open daily 2021 season. Shopkeeper/docents have been hired. Several special programs have been planned which recognize the electrification of Eagles Mere, the special experience of the Laurel Path, and recollections of the Forrest Inn Hotel.

Infrastructure: -

The Committee has reviewed a summary of the maintenance needs and the identity of current provider of that service for the Field of Dreams/Beach parking area, street parking near Gypsy's Landing, Edgemere parking area, and the Outlet Pond parking area. This is the first step to an agreement for on-going maintenance of these areas. The acceptance of responsibility by the EMA has not been officially received.

Ordinance: No report

Website: Updates continue to be made as needed.

Continuing Business-

New Business-

- Council must appoint a new member to replace Matt Andrews who has moved outside the borough limits and can no longer serve on Council. Several names were discussed as possibilities. Appointee must be of the same party as the resignee, which is Republican. Appointees must also have been an official Borough resident for at least one year. The Secretary was asked to make announcements that the Council is seeking individuals interested in the position. Council members will meet with interested candidates to ascertain future actions.
- The EMAA has submitted their annual request for a Parade Permit for July 4th. After discussion of alternative starting times, they have decided to continue with the traditional 12:00 noon step off. They seek Borough approval and issuance of a permit

so that notification can be sent to PennDoT (state roads will be closed and a detour established) and to the State Police. At this point, it is their intention to have the traditional parade, including bikes and walkers and dogs, from the Dewire Center to the Village Green and then to continue around the lake with the cars, trucks, and fire equipment. It was moved by Dennis Craig and seconded by Rick Liebert to approve the issuance of a parade permit per the EMAA's request. The motion passed.

- The Borough will receive \$5,913.81 from the American Rescue Plan Act, Local Fiscal Recovery Plan funds. A second payment of the same amount will be received in 2022. This amount is calculated based on population figures. Council will ultimately need to decide how this money will be distributed.

The guidelines are noted as:

- *Recipients may use these funds to support public health expenditures, funding for COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses behavior healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff expenses*
- *Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency, including economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector*
- *Replace lost public sector revenue, using this funding to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic*
- *Provide premium pay (retroactive or future) for essential workers, offering additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors*
- *Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet*

Within these overall categories, recipients have broad flexibility to decide how best to use this funding to meet the needs of their communities.

There was discussion about possible uses of the funds which included, among other things, the Clay Ave. project. A decision will be made when the funds are in hand.

- John Huhn addressed the Council to note that he is moving out of the Borough at the end of June and that this would be his last meeting as a Council member. He noted he has been on Council for 12 years and that it was a positive and a learning experience. Council was unanimous in thanking John for his service and in wishing him well in his new home.

Workshops/Conferences-

- There are no events or programs on the schedule. The annual PSAB Conference in Hershey has been cancelled for 2021. There will be a no-charge virtual Conference with on-line programs on June 7 and 8, 2021.

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 Cole Lee. The motion passed.

Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned by the President at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

David R. Carson
Secretary/Treasurer