

# **Eagles Mere Borough**

## **Minutes**

**September 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, Cole Lee, Doug Smith, Jim Way 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:** Residents George Watson, Bruce and Barbara Powers, Renee and Bob Witt, Liz Johnson, and Kathy Martin.

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

**Motion to Revise the Published Agenda-** A motion to revise the published and posted Agenda to include a moment of silence in remembrance of Betty Hayes and to discuss Wingert Lane (or Avenue) under New Business was made by Lee Middleton and seconded by Dennis Craig. The motion Carried.

**Moment of Silence –** President Feese called for a moment of silence to remember Betty Hayes who was Mayor of Eagles Mere from January, 2006 through December, 2013.

### **Public Issues and Comments –**

**Minutes-** A motion to approve the minutes of the previous Regular Meeting of August 2, 2021 was made by Dennis Craig and seconded by Rick Liebert. The motion was approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – A motion to approve the interim financial report through August 31, 2021, as distributed with the minutes, was made by Dennis Craig and seconded by Rick Liebert. The motion was approved.

### **Open Records Officer:**

- No requests received

### **Zoning & Ordinance Officer report:**

- The Zoning Officer has provided informal information about the building rules for a lot on Allegheny Woods Ave.
- The owner of a building on the corner of Fern and Allegheny Ave has been notified that the building is deemed to be a Public Nuisance and must be repaired or torn down in the next 60 days.

### **Street Superintendent Report:**

- Street clean-up has been a major issue following the many rain and wind events in the recent month.

- The Superintendent has prepared his budget requests and recommendations for the Infrastructure Committee.
- Twelve traffic cones used to prevent parking along portions of Pennsylvania Ave disappeared following the Craft Fair. (Value about \$15.00 each.)

**Mayor's Report:**

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

- The Borough has received Realty Transfer taxes for July in the amount of \$4753.00 (Andrews > Braccia and Huhn > Jansson).
- A revised grant application for the Clay Ave. drainage improvements has been submitted to the Sullivan County Conservation District and we have received verbal approval of an award of \$42,498.50. The Conservancy, originally a party to this collaborative project, has indicated their intent to withdraw since they are not interested in the project because their interest is only in the Green and the parking lot which are not part of the initial phase.
- The Eagles Mere Borough Authority anticipates closing on its purchase of a parcel of land adjoining the Outlet Waste Water Treatment Plant in the next 30 days.
- The Borough has received its allocation of \$5,913.81 of federal money from the American Rescue Plan of 2021. An identical distribution will be made at this time in 2022. Council needs to determine how they wish these funds to be used. This money was not budgeted. The amount is based on 2010 census of the Borough population.

**Committees:**

**Finance:** Interim financial reports for the Borough through September 30, 2021 were attached. The Borough continues to operate on a firm basis with adequate cash flow. The budget amount in some categories have been revised to include revisions needed based on the adjusted tax rate.

It was noted that Rick Lowe, CPA has indicated he will not be able to audit the Borough in 2022 as he is reducing his work load.

**Museum:** The Museum is now operating on weekends only.

**Infrastructure:** - No report

**Ordinance:** The Borough may need to enact ordinances to assure our streets can be repaired, if needed, following traffic of heavy trucks with the planned timbering to be done beginning in October.

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

**Continuing or New Business-**

- At the request of the Sewer Authority, Council is asked to appoint Matt Andrews to fill the seat vacated by John Huhn. Matt has expressed interest and as a resident of Shrewsbury Twp., is eligible to serve. A motion to appoint Matt Andrews to the Authority Board was made by Dennis Craig and seconded by Jim Way. The motion carried.

- The Secretary reported that a letter has been received from Counsel representing Dilks Lake Holdings, LLC contesting the Borough's recent action relative to Wingert Lane. Mr. Dilks believes this is not an open and active Borough street. After discussion, it was clear that Council believes this is and has been an open street and should stay a Borough street. In a motion made by Lee Middleton and seconded by Dennis Craig, the Secretary was authorized to meet with the Solicitor and prepare an appropriate response to Mr. Dilks and to take action to continue Wingert Lane as a Borough street. The motion carried unanimously.

**Workshops/Conferences-**

- No programs are on the schedule.

**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 Rick Liebert. The motion passed.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

David R. Carson  
Secretary/Treasurer