

Eagles Mere Borough

AGENDA

December 5, 2022
Regular Monthly Meeting
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Borough Hall

William Feese, Louise Middleton, Dennis Craig, Tom Graff, Doug Smith, Jim Way, and Richard Liebert. Mayor John Brownback. Also present may be Secretary/Treasurer: Dave Carson, and Street Superintendent: Jeremy Moore.

(For those wishing to participate by phone, the Dial-in access number is 1 605 562 8400 and the Participant access code is 8026073#. Please let the Secretary know if you plan to dial in so the call can be set up.)
Per PA Statutes for Boroughs, a quorum consists of only those Council members in the room but Council members attending by Conference Phone may vote once a quorum is established.

In the Gallery: Expected: Insurance Agent Charlie Lockard

Call to Order-Regular Monthly Meeting: (President of Council presiding)

Pledge of Allegiance:

Motion to Revise the Published Agenda: (if needed)

Public Issues & Comments:

Minutes: Approve the draft of the November 7, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes. A copy of document is included with the Agenda.

Treasurer's Report:

- Interim reports sent with agendas. Reports are through November 30, 2022.

Open Records/Right to Know Officer:

- The Borough RTK Officer has responded to a RTK request from resident George Watson citing an allowed extension period. Mr. Watson is requesting Oath of Office forms and Statement of Financial Interest forms for selected Council Members and Secretary Carson for the last 5 years.

Zoning & Ordinance Officer report:

- A Zoning Application for an enlargement of a rear deck at 879 Laporte Ave has been received. The request complies with Zoning regulations and has been approved.
- EMHVI has submitted a feasibility request to install an electric vehicle charging station in the area of the Village Green parking lot. The Zoning Officer will provide them with the appropriate regulations to be considered.

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Street Superintendent Report:

Mayor's Report:

Emergency Management Coordinator's report:

Points of Interest and Information from the Secretary:

- There were no Real Estate transfers in October.
- PennDoT has notified the Borough that State Police fines in the amount of \$142.36 will be paid on December 1, 2022.
- The Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission has ruled "No Probable Cause" that Cheryl Shoemaker's allegations of discrimination related to the hiring of the Streets Assistant in 2020. Her claims were "unfounded" as there was insufficient evidence that the failure to hire her was based on gender.

Committees:

Finance-

- Interim financial reports through November 30, 2022, are attached to this Agenda.
- Our Auditors, Larson Kellert, have completed the on-site portion of the 2021 audit and are continuing work from their office.
- Insurance Agent Charlie Lockard will be present to review insurance coverages and premiums of 2023.

Infrastructure-

- Clay Ave Drainage Project: Work has begun on the Phase I portion of this project which is funded by a 2021 grant of \$42,498.50.
 - The application for funding of Phase II was submitted as requested by the SulCo Conservation district and as approved by Council in November. We have received a contract for a grant award of \$45,866.72. The funds have not been received yet.
 - Action to revise the original contract with M.R. Dirt to reflect the additional work is noted in the Continued Business section of this meeting.

Museum-

- The Museum is now open each Saturday and Sunday, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.
- The Museum intends to move three maturing CD's from their current bank to new accounts at PLGIT. The rates at PLGIT are significantly better than those offered by our local banks

Ordinance-

- No Activity

Personnel-

- No Activity

Website- Updates continue to be made by Kase Moore as needed.

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Continued Business:

- The contract between the Borough and M.R. Dirt, LLC for work on the Clay Ave Drainage Project needs to be amended to recognize the change in the per unit counts for commodity items and the change orders for several miscellaneous items. The original contract was for \$59,450.85, the change orders to the contract will be \$7,100.00, and the additional per unit costs is expected to be \$26,226.14 for a revised contract of \$92,776.99. A motion to approved this revised contract amount is needed.
- The Authority requests that Borough Council appoint Robert Gerber, a year-round resident of Unit 10 of the Crestmont Condos, as a member of the Authority Board for a term that expires December 31, 2025. Mr. Gerber has met with the existing Board and is anxious to participate.

New Business:

- Council is asked to approve the transfer of a 0.144-acre sliver of land along Mt. View Lane that is recorded as belonging to the Borough but is more appropriate as part of the Brogan Family Trust lands along the south side of Mt. View Lane. There were multiple real estate transactions in 2001 involving easement and rights of way along Mt. View Lane. The result of those transactions somehow resulted in the Brogan family paying taxes (less than \$3.00 per year for the Borough portion) but with the Borough recorded as the owner of this parcel. This appears to be an oversight by the County Recorder's Office. The adjoining 3.44 acre parcel is under contract but can not be sold until this issue is corrected. See the attached map. A motion to approve the transfer of this 0.144 acre parcel and the authority for President Feese to sign the deed is needed.

Payment of Bills- Approval to pay the bills (as reviewed) for the Borough and Museum (yellow paper) is requested.

Adjourn the meeting at _____ pm.