

**Minutes**  
**EAGLES NEST TOWNSHIP**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**  
**June 21, 2022**

Chair Floyd called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Sup Richard Floyd, Sup DeAnn Schatz, Sup Kurt Soderberg, Sup Frank Sherman, Sup David Chiabotti, Chief Larry McCray, Clerk Keely Drange, and Treasurer Mary Beth Monte were in attendance.

Unless otherwise stated, all motions carried unanimously.

Sup Chiabotti moved and seconded by Sup Soderberg to approve the agenda for the June 12, 2022 Board of Supervisors meeting. Motion carries.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

ATV Corridor-

Sup Floyd gave a history of the ATV trail corridor and gave the pros and cons of each trail route. Pros and Cons list for trail options and no route option on are file.

Sup Floyd gave each person 2 minutes to speak.

Each speaker stated their name, where they live in the township and their thoughts on the ATV corridor through the township.

Sup Floyd moved and seconded by Sup Soderberg to hold a Special Meeting on Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 5pm for ATV corridor discussions. Motion Carried.

Sup Soderberg gave a brief report on the ATV signage. The DNR is open to having a sign where the ATV trail comes off of the railroad grade and on to the Trygg Road. St. Louis County has said they may allow signs to be put signs up but has not committed.

Dorem Drive-

Culvert Failure on Dorem Drive will be a large expense to the township.

Culverts need to be replaced. Recommendation to replace two lower 25" culverts with a large 48" and 100ft long HDPE culvert. Estimate to replace culverts and repair road was for \$72,000.

Sup Floyd Moved and seconded by Sup Soderberg to spend up to \$80,000 on repairs to Dorem Drive. Transfer \$72,500 from buildings and grounds fund to the road budget. Motion carries.

The Township is hopeful to get a reimbursement from emergency road repair funding from FEMA.

Sup Floyd moved and seconded by Sup Soderberg to authorize Supervisor Floyd to prepare a request for quotes for the repair of the Dorem Dr. washout, and send the request to Low Impact Excavators, to Warren Johnson Excavating, and to E-Z Excavating; and further, to authorize Supervisors Floyd and Sherman to prepare and commit to a contract resulting from the quotes, such contract not exceeding \$80,000. Motion carries.

Mask Mandate- Make Provisions for restoring the Mask Mandate if the CDC rating for St. Louis County

becomes high.

Moved by Sup Floyd and Seconded by Sup Schatz that Eagles Nest Township base COVID-19 masking requirements on the risk level declared on the CDC County Check Tool as follows: High Risk: wear a mask indoors Medium or Low: mask not required but permitted. All supervisors opposed. Motion fails.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Reichensperger wedding reception hall rental-

Clerk Drange gave the following reason she is seeking the board's approval for the rental of the hall for the Reichensperger wedding reception.

They have requested tent up outside our hall in the parking lot. Could be more guests than the Fire Marshall occupancy rating that will be inside and outside. Alcohol will be served. Do we need to require a licensed police officer? This event will be a multi-day. It was discussed that a multi-day event will be approved on a case-by-case basis. What is the cost for table and chair rental from the lower hall?

Sup Soderberg moved and seconded by Sup Chiabotti to approve the Reichensperger rental, provided they meet the terms of the rental agreement, they are allowed use of the lower hall table and chairs at no cost and are required to provide alcohol liability on their homeowners insurance as provided in our policy - Soderberg/Chiabotti withdrew the motion

Sup Soderberg moved and Seconded by Sup Floyd to approve the Reichensperger hall rental consistent with the township hall rental policy, which includes the alcohol limitations and the use of a police officer, and that the hours be set on day one and day three from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and from 8 a.m. to 1a.m. on day two. Clerk is authorized to fill in any issues on the rental application so that it is consistent with the rental policy. Motion Carried.

Sup Chiabotti will revise the rental application for next month so that it is aligned with the rental policy.

Proliferation of unofficial signs within Eagles Nest Township

Bill Stocker stated that he believes that unofficial signs within the township contribute to visual pollution. He would like the township to adopt a policy or ordinance to minimize the use of unofficial signs within the township.

Sup Floyd stated that it would be hard to enforce this policy.

Soderberg stated the township is limited to enforcement on the township roads. We could not enforce it on the county or state roads. Working with the county would be difficult.

Signs may not be limited on private property.

The board asked Chief McCray to contact St. Louis County about the removal of unofficial signs on county roads.

### **MONTHLY BUSINESS:**

Sup Soderberg moved and seconded by Sup Chiabotti to accept the minutes from the May 17, 2022 Board of Supervisors meeting. Sup Soderberg, Schatz, Sherman and Chiabotti approves. Sup Floyd abstained due to his absence at the last meeting.

Sup Schatz moved and seconded by Sup Chiabotti to approve the Communications List for June, 21 2022. Motion carried

Request for a Supervisor to attend the Tower Ambulance Committee meeting. The goal would be to have the ambulance go from a business run by the City of Tower to become a business of the neighboring communities and to create a tax district to support that.

Dena Suihkonen spoke to the board regarding the Ambulance Community Commission. Report available on file.

When the committee knows there is enough participation there will be a meeting. Frank or DeAnn will attend the meeting to represent Eagles Nest Township.

Jeff Jauss: Fire hydrant between Eagles Nest Two and Three is not a viable fire Hydrant. Chief McCray is waiting for DNR permit before the hydrant can be fixed or repaired.

Eleanor Fuller: Birch tree that came down last night on Park Land but into her yard. Looking for a volunteer to cut up birch tree. Township does not have authority to regulate the Park Land.

Mark Kawell: Township should start to thinking about short term rentals (Airbnb, VRBO) and how they are controlled in the community. Short term rentals have the potential of reducing the quality of life in the township for residents.

Sup Soderberg will work with Mark Kawell and look more into this.

## **Reports**

### **Clerk:**

Will be attending the Clerk Election Training on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

Late filing period Township Supervisors and Treasurer positions are August 2<sup>nd</sup> through August 16<sup>th</sup>.

Clerk has not received word from County that the Automark maintenance is finished and the machine is ready to be picked up. Clerk will check at County Government Service Building to see where machine is at.

Lakes Association would like to print minutes and treasurer's report for the Annual Picnic using township printer. The township will charge the Lake's Association \$10 for printing documents.

Garden under Eagles Nest sign is covered in black plastic. Board suggested to cover dirt with more black plastic and crushed rock.

### **Treasurers Report:**

Payroll check numbers 10543-10555 in the amount of \$3,768.96.

Claim numbers 4432-4445 and check numbers of 10556-10569 in the amount of \$20,655.26.

Sup Floyd moved and seconded by Sup Soderberg to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Sup Schatz moved and seconded by Sup Soderberg to approve the payroll and claims. Motion carried.

### **Building and Grounds;**

Building was unlocked again. Make sure when you leave to make sure the door is locked and pushed shut.

Little Library has been hung up on the outside of the lower hall.

Basketball hoop is assembled and ready to be hung. Sup Chiabotti will work with the person who requested to have the hoop installed to get it hung up.

### **Fire:**

Report on file

Permission from the board for storage and usage of the kitchen and hall for Eagles Nest Fire and EMS Auxiliary meetings

Sup Floyd moved and Sup Soderberg Seconded to waive the rental fee and use the hall and kitchen for meetings. Motion Carried.

Spruce Street will be most likely be done by the end of the summer.

**Roads:**

Edwards oil will apply dust abatement within the next few weeks. Cost on the contract is 99.5 cents per gallon.

Half of Dorem Road may not be treated. Sup Floyd will see what the driver's comfort level is about crossing over the one lane.

Peninsula to Trygg landing is part of the county and surface stabilization has not been done. The township may need to take care of it or it will not get done.

300 Cubic Yards Class five placement on various locations on township roads.

**Land, website and broadband:**

Park Land report at July or August meeting

\$260,000 application into county and IRRB for Tree House Broadband to service 200 customers with the understanding that it would need to be approved by the board. Contribution from the township would be at the \$10,000 or greater level. Presentation from Tree House Broadband at the next meeting.

**Emergency Preparedness and water:**

ENCEP will have a table the at ENTLA picnic

**Supervisor Concerns:**

Sup Soderberg commended Sup Floyd for the tremendous amount of work he does for the township as the town chair.

Sherman asked where donation money received throughout the year goes. Treasurer Monte explained the money gets out into a donation account. She keeps track of the funds and they are approved at the end of the year.

**Adjournment:**

Sup Sherman moved, seconded by Sup Schatz to adjourn. Motion carried.  
The meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Keely Drange, Clerk**