

**MINUTES**  
**EAGLES NEST TOWNSHIP**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**  
**January 18, 2022**

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

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

Unless otherwise stated, all motions carried unanimously.

**Agenda, Minutes and Communications List Approval**

Sup Schatz moved, seconded by Sup Sherman to approve the agenda, as amended, (Moved ATV update after citizens' concerns) for the January 18, 2022 Meeting. Motion carried.

Sup Floyd moved, seconded by Sup Chiabotti to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2021 BOS meeting. Motion carried.

Communications List: Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Schatz to approve the Communications List. Motion carried.

**Citizens' Concerns:**

Valerie Myntti- Spoke on civility and neighborliness within our township.

Sup Floyd presented a check from Toni Floyd for the purchase of road ambassador safety vests for ENCEP. Sup Floyd moved, seconded by Sup Soderberg to accept the donation of \$500 for the purchase of safety vests for road ambassadors. Motion carried

**ATV update:** Ron Potter shared a map with different proposed routes for the ATV Trail. The Trail comes out to Bear Head State Park Road in two locations. The ATV trail meets the Park Road where the county land touches across from Walsh Road and the second location would need to cross private property and then cross Bear Head State Park Road just north of Sunshine Lane. Ron stated that the trail association has not had contact with the private land owner yet about crossing their property.

Ron has gotten approval from the St. Louis County Land Department on the routes as designated on the map. Ron wanted to get that approval before he brought this route forward to the board.

If the alignment is approved, in the spring wetland delineation will begin. Ron stated that this trail alignment will not be in place for the upcoming season. Sup Floyd suggests the board not to make a decision right now. Sup Floyd prefers the northern route shown on the map over the other connection to Bear Head (across from Walsh Road). It was requested of Ron to contact the private land owner to determine if the northern route is possible.

The permanent bridge over Beaver River is being worked on this winter. Board-walk sections are currently being hauled in. The bridge is set to be completed in February.

**Reorganization:**

Sup Soderberg moved and Sup Sherman seconded to elect Richard Floyd as the Board Chair. Sup Floyd abstains. Motion carried.

Sup Sherman moved and Sup Chiabotti seconded to elect Kurt Soderberg to be the Vice Board Chair. Sup Soderberg abstains. Motion carried.

Sup Floyd moved, Sup Soderberg seconded to keep duties the same as last year with some changes requested from Sup Soderberg.

**Discussion-**

Sup Soderberg proposes that someone take over the water portion of the land water and website. Sup Floyd proposes to add water to either emergency preparedness or fire duties, as roads and buildings and grounds are time consuming duties.

Sup Sherman accepts water duties to be added to emergency preparedness. Sup Soderberg will add broadband to his duties.

Supervisor	Primary Responsibility	Secondary Responsibility
Sherman	Emergency Preparedness and Water	Buildings and Grounds
Chiabotti	Building and Grounds	Fire
Schatz	Fire	Emergency Preparedness and Water
Floyd	Roads	Lands, Broadband, and Website
Soderberg	Lands, Broadband, and Website	Roads

Chief McCray suggested having a planning commission for a 5-year or 10-year township plan.

Sup Floyd suggested that someone take a look at the 5 or 10-year plan that was established a few years ago and decide what needs to be changed, updated or further discussed.

Sup Soderberg moved, Sup Floyd seconded approval of duties as reorganized. Motion carried.

Sup Soderberg moved and Sup Floyd seconded to approve dates for the 2022 schedule of meetings as written. Motion carried

Sup Floyd moved, seconded by Sup Schatz to approve the General Resolution 01-22-01. Motion carried.

Sup Floyd moved, seconded by Sup Soderberg to approve the Official Depositories 01-22-02 as corrected. Motion carried.

Corrections made: Line 6 added the of signers of the *safe deposit box* Clerk, Treasurer and Chair.

Line 1 (section 2) added *savings account*.

In Line d an "r" was added to treasurer

In Line d the language should be the same as c and e. Added "*issuance of another certificate of deposit in the name of the Township, deposited into Eagles Nest checking or savings account or a combination thereof*".

Sup Floyd Moved, seconded by Sup Chiabotti to approve the Salary Resolution 01-22-03 as amended. Motion carried.

Changes made to salary resolution.

Hourly wages raised from \$16 to \$18.

Salaried positions raised 10% and rounded to the nearest dollar.

The hourly wage for the custodian and/or grounds keeper will be set after negotiation.

Number 18 (evacuation secretary) was removed as it was already covered by number 12.

Sup Soderberg moved, Sup Schatz seconded to approve the Resolution Accepting Donations 01-22-04 as amended.

Changed "noted terms **or** conditions" and "THEREFORE, BE IT **RESOLVED**" resolved was misspelled. Motion carried.

## **Reports**

**Clerk:** Nothing at this time.

Sup Floyd mentioned that we should send a response to Julie Suihkonen for the Joint Powers Recreation Board.

Clerk Drange will send an email to her about seeking representation for the board but in the mean-time we will pay our past and present dues.

**Treasurers Report:**

A monthly report was made by Treasurer Mary Beth Monte who presented and explained the following:

Deposits of \$103,772.78 for the month of December

Claims and payroll were reviewed.

Claims of \$24,785.36 with claim numbers of 4351-4373 and check numbers 10412-10429; 10431-10435 (Voided Check 10430)

Payroll of \$3,752.96 and check numbers of 10399-10411

Mileage for 2022. Will be \$0.585 per mile.

Sup Soderberg moved to approved the payroll and claims and Sup Chiabotti seconded. Motion Carried.

On Jeff Schulze check the note should say "snow plow removal" rather than "Spruce Street construction". Check note will be changed before sending out.

Sup Floyd moved, Sup Chiabotti seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Fire: Fire report available on file.

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Schatz to approve opening accounts at Blomberg's and Clark's gas station for fire truck fuel. Motion carried.

This is because these stations are 24 hours and the fire trucks need to be filled prior to returning to the hall.

**Building and Grounds;**

Clerk Keely Drange has stated that she would be interested in being the grounds keeper during the summer months. Sup Floyd moved, seconded by Sup Sherman to hire Keely Drange at \$40 per hour as the grounds keeper. Motion Carried.

Sup Sherman said he has spoken with another individual who may be interested in becoming the building custodian. This person was trying to contact Sup Sherman during the meeting so he needs to hear if this individual will accept the position. Sup Sherman had told this person that we would be offering \$60 an hour as a salaried position as opposed to a contractor. Sup Sherman will report next time whether or not this person will accept the position.

The outside door near the office will need to be replaced eventually.

**Roads:**

Jeff Schulze will push snow off soon to widen roads. Sup Floyd will talk to Jeff Schulze about pushing off more snow in the parking lot to open up the edges and to lower the bank near the road so it is easier to see from the left (south) side of the hall driveway.

**Land, water and website:**

If anyone noticed broken links or incorrect information on the new website to let Sup Soderberg know. Sup Soderberg mentioned that the link to St. Louis County is broken.

Carolyn has put together a phone (portrait) version of the website. It is essentially a different website.

Sup Soderberg will have Carolyn add a note saying minutes must be approved at the next board meeting and will be posted after approval.

Nothing for Lands at this time.

**Emergency Preparedness:**

Nothing at this time.

**Old Business:**

Heat in the building- Sup Chiabotti able to program time from his phone. Sup Chiabotti will program the heat to be

automatically raised before scheduled meetings and be lowered after.

Video Conferencing for supervisors is acceptable as long as voting is done by roll call, post the public location and allow the meeting to be remotely monitored by the public.

If we allow discussion at the hall (in person commenting) then we must allow it online. However, the board does not have to allow discussion at all.

The Board Chair can declare a public health emergency and some of the rules for video meetings are relaxed.

When broadcasting meetings (without a supervisor absence) zoom link can be posted on website and Facebook page for the public to access. The Clerk does not need to post on bulletin board five days ahead of time. Public would be tuning in to watch only.

Sup Floyd moved and Sup Chiabotti seconded to start publicly broadcasting meetings starting in March. Zoom Link for public broadcast of meetings will be provided on website and Facebook page. If a supervisor is calling in, then public location of Supervisor will be posted on bulletin board at hall 5 days ahead of meeting with zoom information. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

Isaac Olson, with Tree House Broadband, will come to the February Board meeting with a prepared presentation for the board. Sup Soderberg moved, Sup Sherman seconded to table this topic until next meeting. Motion carried.

Frontier Services has not replied to Sup Soderberg's emails regarding any plans for broadband that they might have

**Supervisor Concerns:**

The Board of Audit meeting will take place at next month's board meeting.

**Adjournment:**

Sup Floyd moved, seconded by Sup Chiabotti to adjourn. Motion carried.  
The meeting adjourned at 8:07PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Keely Drange, Clerk**