



Township of Eagles Nest

Annual Town Meeting

**Tuesday, March 9th, 2021 Recessed
Until
Tuesday, August 31, 2021**

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- Meeting was held virtually due to the ongoing COVID19 pandemic.
 - **Call to Order by Clerk Keely Drange - Pledge of Allegiance – 7:00PM**
 - **Moderator Nominations and Election:** Michael Musich nominated Kurt Soderberg, seconded by Rich Floyd nomination carried Kurt Soderberg moderated the meeting.
 - Kurt Soderberg read a statement asking the meeting be recessed at a later date due to the ongoing COVID19 pandemic and because holding a virtual annual meeting was not practical. The meeting would be recessed until summer when the meeting could either be held outside or at time when the pandemic had subsided.
 - Michael Musich and Rich Floyd seconded a motion to recess the meeting until Tuesday August 31, 2021 at 7pm at the Eagles Nest Town Hall. Motion carried.
 - August 31st 2021-The meeting in the Eagles Nest Town Hall was called to order by Clerk Drange. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Kurt Soderberg who was elected as moderator during the first part of the annual meeting that was recessed began the meeting.
 - **Agenda:** Motion made by Joe Owens a second by Larry McCray to approve the agenda for the recessed Annual meeting of March 8, 2021, Motion carried.
 - **Approve 2020 Minutes:** Motion by Richard Floyd seconded by Cyndi Johnson to approve the Annual Meeting minutes of March 10, 2020. Motion carried.
 - A motion was made by Caroline Owens seconded by Mary Beth Monte to allow the Board of Supervisors to spend up to \$200.00 per year in recognition of special occasions.
 - **Annual Financial Report** (reading by clerk may be waived) Treasurer Mary Beth Monte gave a report of the 2021 budget (copies available). Dick Flesvig moved and Mark Kawell seconded to approve the 2021 financial report.
 - **Reports:**
Supervisor Richard Floyd gave a Roads Report. Routine Road maintenance such as grading, road stabilization and plowing has been regularly taking place.

New road updates: Spruce Street was accepted and will be built. ATV use on the roads is an issue that will be discussed at a later time. Supervisor Floyd explained the Roads budget.

Supervisor Kurt Soderberg gave a report on Lands, Water and Website. Supervisor Soderberg is researching internet options within the township. Options for better internet could involve the township setting up their own broadband internet system This is a costly option. Supervisor Soderberg has reached out to Frontier Internet to see what can be done to improve internet within the township. Frontier has said they may expand their fiber optic service to the premises. Other companies have not expressed interest in coming to the township.

Parkland committee had met on several occasion. The Park Land Committee has recommended to the board that they accept the Park Land as Park Land for the township. A public process regarding the Park Land will begin soon. The Committee has not been able contact the Turner-Ryan estate. The Turner-Ryan estate has a cabin which is on one parcel of Park Land. St. Louis county has said that something needs to take place with that cabin to avoid the Township being responsible for the taxes on the cabin.

Last fall there was discussion regarding the Voyagers retreat. The township and DNR provided direction to the Voyagers Retreat and the issues have been addressed.

The land under the lower hall was not owned by Eagles Nest Township but by Breitung Township. The land under the lower hall was transferred from Breitung Township to Eagles Nest Township.

Inspection was done on a parcel of Sunshine Lane that may have been gifted by St. Louis County for township use. It was decided that the land was not appropriate for a water withdrawal site and the township passed on the parcel.

The Township has a noxious weed inspector who will provide a report at a later date on the townships noxious weeds.

Chief Larry McCray gave a report on the Fire Department. Report on file.

Supervisor Frank Sherman gave a report on Buildings & Grounds in the absence of an additional supervisor position. There are a number of structural issues with the lower hall and it will need a new roof. The board will need to make a decision on how much it will want spend on repairs to the lower hall. The upper hall is doing well. The township lost its maintenance person, Doug Siverhus. The township is looking for a reliable maintenance person.

Supervisor Frank Sherman did not have much to report on Emergency Preparedness as most of that topic was covered by the Fire Chief in his report. Supervisor Frank Sherman did report that on the recommendation of the Fire Chief the board did create the position of Director of Emergency Management and selected Mike Ostlund for that position. Brush dropoff will take place at the gravel pit across from Trygg Road in September.

*Supervisor DeAnn Schatz was absent and there was a vacant supervisor position.

- **Approval of Proposed 2022 Levy** - Motion by Caroline Owens seconded by Larry McCray to set levy at \$222,509.00. Motion carried.
- **Citizens' Concerns;** Jeff Jauss has a concern that the special meetings are not being posted correctly. Supervisor Floyd stated the Minnesota Association of Townships said the special meeting must be posted for three full days. They recommend that special meetings be posted five days ahead of a special meeting because the day it is posted and the day of the meeting do not count towards the required three full days. Publishing is not required for a special board meeting. The date a special meeting is will be added to the posting.
- **Set Date & Time for 2022 Annual Meeting** – Discussion was had to switch the annual meeting to 5 pm instead of 7 pm. Citizens felt 5pm was too early for those who worked. Motion was made by Mary Beth Monte seconded by Joe Owens. Motion to set the next Annual Town Meeting on March 8, 2022 at 7:00 PM at Eagles Nest Town Hall. Alternate inclement weather date is set for March 15th, 2022 7:00 PM Motion carried.

Motion was made by Richard Floyd and seconded by Mary Beth Monte to adjourn, motion carried, meeting adjourned at 7:46PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Keely Drange
Clerk