

**Minutes**  
**EAGLES NEST TOWNSHIP**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**  
**October 18, 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, Clerk Keely Drange, Treasurer Mary Beth Monte and Fire Chief Larry McCray were in attendance.

Unless otherwise stated, all motions carried unanimously.

**Agenda, Minutes and Communications List Approval**

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Schatz to approve the agenda, for the October 18, 2022 Meeting as amended. Motion carried. (Moved old business agenda item back to regular spot above old business continued).

Sup Schatz moved, seconded by Sup Chiabotti to approve the minutes of the September BOS meeting. Motion carried. As amended.

Sup Schatz moved, seconded by Sup Chiabotti to approve the Communications List. Motion carried. As amended.

**Citizens' Concerns:**

Eleanor Fuller states that Zealie's cutting in right of way is leaving a mess and has damaged a frontier internet box.

**Reports**

**Clerk:**

Voltz Appt on Tuesday, Oct 25<sup>th</sup> to hook printer up to new network and to evaluate a new Zoom set up.

**Treasurers Report:**

Payroll was in the amount of \$3,587.76 and check numbers 10657-10669.

Claims were in the amount of \$7,002.38 claim numbers of 4489-4500, EFT-4501 and check numbers of 10653-10656; 10670-10677.

Sup Soderberg moved and seconded by Sup Chiabotti to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

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

Sup Soderberg moved and seconded by Sup Schatz to approve a township debit card if not a credit card provided it is legal to do so. Motion carried.

**Building and Grounds;**

Lower hall roof has been repaired. Supplies donated by Vertex roofing. Sup Chiabotti will send a thank you to Vertex roofing and get the value of the supplies donated to account for the donation at the end of the year.

Sup Floyd moved and seconded by Sup Chiabotti to accept the supplies given to township by Vertex

roofing. Motion carried.

**Fire:**

Report on file.

Chief's recommendation would be to merge our township's fire department with Morse-Fall Lake Fire department.

Sup Floyd has concerns about who would have control over our township fire department. Chief McCray explained that the Joint Powers Board would control the Fire Department and the township would be represented on the Joint Powers Board.

Sup Sherman or Sup Schatz will meet with Morse-Fall Lake fire department about joining together.

Sup Sherman moved and seconded by Sup Floyd to ratify and have the chair sign the ambulance vehicle aid agreement between the City of Tower and entities served by the Tower Area ambulance service with corrections to the transposed numbers as stated by the chief. Motion carried.

**Roads:**

Fire department sign that had been knocked over by snowplow was put back up.

Dorem Culvert- Specifications are on hand and materials on site. A contractor has been selected- Low Impact. (other contractor quotes on file)

Sup Soderberg moved and seconded by Sup Chiabotti to approve the contract from Low Impact excavating at the quote stated in the amount of \$60,332 for installation of the culverts on Dorem Drive. Motion carries.

Trygg Road underground water storage tank and parts of Trygg Road is on private property. A Use and Maintenance 30-40ft easement is needed from Louise Trygg.

Sup Floyd moved and seconded by Sup Soderberg to spend up to \$2500 for a survey and a written easement for road and underground tank. Motion carries.

Jeff Schulze will be grading the roads sometime this week. Roads to be graded are Bobence, Moose Creek, Trygg and a few other roads.

Sand barrels by steep hills will be filled sometime soon by Clyde Peterson.

**Land, website and broadband:**

**Signage committee** purchased and installation of two ATV signs one on Trygg road and one on Purvis Road. Bud Van Deusen installed signs.

Tree house broadband application has been submitted and we should hear something back in November. Frontier may be providing push back in Morse township.

Internet installed in town hall and is working.

**Emergency Preparedness and water:**

There is a need for more road ambassadors in ENCEP.

There is a grant program for Aquatic Invasive Species in St. Louis County. Karen Graham has expressed

interest in grant writing.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Park Land:**

Sup Soderberg moved and seconded by Sup Sherman to adopt a resolution accepting certain park and recreational lands, out lots 5 & 7. Sup Floyd, Soderberg, Chiabotti, Sherman aye. Sup Schatz nay. Motion carried.

Next steps after resolution is passed is to complete negotiations for encroachment agreement with the Turner-Ryan estate when a proper heir is determined.

An encroachment agreement will also be negotiated with the Kromers.

The encroachment agreements would be used as templates for future negotiations if the township was to go further in the future.

Sup Sherman wrote to MATIT to make sure that liability and premiums should not go up with the acceptance of the Park Land. Sup Sherman is still waiting for a response from MATIT but is comfortable moving forward with the acceptance of this resolution.

Survey corners are in place except for one that is out of the ground. The township will wait to set boundaries of Park Land until after winter.

#### **Short term rentals:**

Letters were sent out to possible short term rentals property owners.

Sup Soderberg listed properties that are currently permitted or in the process of applying for St. Louis County short term rental property permits.

Sup Sherman moved Seconded by sup Soderberg to accept resolution adopting an interim ordinance enacting a moratorium on the establishment of any additional short-term vacation/private home rentals in Eagles Nest Township. Sup Floyd, Chiabotti, Sherman and Soderberg aye and Sup Schatz nay. Motion carries.

Email clerk if interested being on the committee for studying short term rentals and county ordinances.

#### **Celebration of Rob Mattson's service on the Fire Department.**

Sup Floyd moved and seconded by Sup Sherman to recess the meeting for 10 minutes. Motion carried. 6:50 pm.

Meeting resumed at 7:00 pm.

**ATV Corridor Route** Sup Floyd attended a meeting with County Commissioners in Ely. Bud Van Deusen represented individuals in the township with a presentation to the County Commissioners. Bud did a great job and Sup Floyd spoke for a short time as a citizen.

**Tower Ambulance Service Committee** Sup Sherman has been attending meetings. This committee is discussing the future of the tower ambulance service.

Greenwood is doing its own study for its own advanced life support ambulance service in Greenwood and has stopped attending this committee's meetings.

Consensus with all townships, except Greenwood, is to have a joint powers board to run ambulance service.

Sup Floyd recommends that the township to participate in a Joint Powers Board to manage the ambulance service.

Soderberg Suggests funding per parcel tax district rather than by just year-round residents as property owners benefit from the ambulance service as well.

**New Business:**

**Septic Variance** Sup Soderberg said that in 2021 property owners in this septic variance were told by the county that they must abandon their septic mound and convert to a holding tank. It is unknown if the property owners have done this. There is documentation that states that possible sewage leaks into the lake may be possible. If the county reaches out to Sup Soderberg, he will ask questions regarding the septic design. There was no further interest in the Board taking a position on the variance request.

**Supervisor Concerns:**

Sup Sherman would like the contact list updated on the MATIT contact list for our township.

Sup Schatz had citizens reported there has been garbage dumped off of Purvis Road. Purvis Road is not a township Road.

Sup Schatz Thanked Sup Floyd for all his hard work in getting repairs in order for Dorem Road.

Thanks to everyone who helped out with Rob Mattson's service recognition.

**Adjournment:**

Sup Floyd moved, seconded by Sup Soderberg to adjourn. Motion carried.  
The meeting adjourned at 7:17PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Keely Drange, Clerk**