

MINUTES
EAGLES NEST TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
May 17, 2022

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

Sup Kurt Soderberg, Sup DeAnn Schatz, Sup Frank Sherman, Sup David Chiabotti, Clerk Keely Drange, Treasurer Mary Beth Monte and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Gwen Potter were in attendance. Sup Rich Floyd was absent.

Unless otherwise stated, all motions carried unanimously.

Agenda, Minutes and Communications List Approval

Sup Schatz moved, seconded by Sup Chiabotti to approve the agenda, as amended for the May 17, 2022 Meeting. Agenda amended to include a new business agenda item, by Sup Sherman, Notice of Preservation Township Interests in Lands Dedicated to the Public by the 1928 Rearrangement Eagles Nest Plat. Motion carried.

Sup Sherman moved, seconded by Sup Chiabotti to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2022 BOS meeting. Motion carried.

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

Citizens' Concerns:

Charles Renner had a concern about the Dorem Drive washout and wanted to find out more information on what will be happening with it.

Sup Soderberg explained that the township is working with Schulze excavating to stabilize the road area.

He explained that it will be a costly fix and the township is looking into insurance coverage with our insurance provider.

Sup Soderberg explained that trapping the beavers would need to be done with a private contractor and the Township is looking into its options.

Reports

Clerk:

The filing period for the Township will be in August of 2022. Clerk Drange is still waiting on exact dates from Johnathon Blevins.

Treasurers Report:

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

Payroll check numbers 10515-10526 in the amount of \$3820.23.

Claims numbers 4415-4430 and check numbers of 10527-10542 in the amount \$5,979.58.

Total amount for payroll and claims is 9,799.81.

Sup Schatz moved and seconded by Sup Chiabotti to approve the payroll and claims. Motion carried.
Sup Chiabotti moved and seconded by Sup Sherman to approve the Treasurer's report.

Treasurer Monte said the township is now registered with SAM.gov. The township has gone through the

three steps for reporting on the American Rescue plan.

Building and Grounds:

The township sign has been moved back to a better location from where Low Impact had originally placed it.

The trail group will place topsoil and plant grass seed in the area between the bike trail and the driveway.

A plumber will need to be hired to install a new toilet in the lower hall, fix the urinal in the fire bathroom and to change the water filter.

A request was made for the Township to replace the backboard and net on the basketball court. Sup Chiabotti will purchase and install.

The little library still needs to be mounted on to the lower hall.

Fire:

Fire Report on file.

The Chief received a check in his inbox this evening for \$200 to the fire department in memorial of Don and Rita Myntti from Andy Urban.

ENCEP has a number of activities this summer. ENCEP will be represented at the Lakes Association picnic, there will be training to train Firewise inspectors and CERT training for road ambassadors.

The fire department would like to purchase 25 first aid kits to hand out to road ambassadors once they have been trained in first aid.

Sup Schatz moved and seconded by Sup to spend up to \$700 to purchase first aid kits. Motion carried.

There will be an evacuation drill that will take place on August 13 between Walsh Road and Bear Head Lake State Park.

Roads:

Sup Soderberg gave the roads report on behalf of Sup Floyd.

Gravel township roads were graded except for Dorem, Emery, Victoria and part of Migisi.

Jeff Schulze and Tom Erchull with St. Louis County have done a great job responding to the washout on Dorem Drive.

Dorem Drive is down to a one lane road and may not open back up to two lanes for a while.

Sup Soderberg will do a drive around with Jeff Schulze to look for locations that needs class 5 gravel.

Thank you to Barb Levie, Mark Kawell, Tucker and Cyndi Moore for taking care of a downed tree.

David Adams wanted to offer his help to locate some beaver trappers to trap the Beavers from the Dorem Drive area. Mr. Adams also expressed interest in selling the township class five gravel that he has on his property for roads.

Land, website and broadband:

Treehouse broadband has not responded to Sup Soderberg. They may not have enough people to expand to Eagles Nest Township. More to come in the future.

No Park Land Committee report this meeting. Next report may be in June.

Please continue report any website issues that are found to Sup Soderberg.

Sup Soderberg is working on getting resolutions uploaded to the website.

Emergency Preparedness and water:

Sup Sherman explained that the Fireflies organization is looking for new members to join. The first meeting for the year is at 6pm on Thursday, May 19th.

Sup Sherman has had township lake reports added on the "useful links" link on the website from the MN DNR.

Old Business:

Joint Powers Ambulance Board:

Chief McCray has delayed having someone come and speak to the board about the benefits of a joint powers ambulance board because Tower is putting together an informational meeting on the subject. Supervisors will receive an invite from Tower for the meeting. A member of the board will go to the meeting to represent the township.

ATV Signage Committee report:

Bud Van Deusen summarized the report as one representative of the ATV signage Committee. (full report on file)

The report will be submitted to St. Louis County, MN DNR and the ATV club, the township will seek feedback from them and further action could be taken based on the feedback.

Klondike Road and Swanson Shores could be added to the list of roads that would have dead end signage.

Sup Soderberg moved and seconded by Sherman to approve the report from the ATV Signage Committee to pass on to the MN DNR, St. Louis County and the Prospectors ATV club. Motion carries.

New Business:

Notice of Preservation of Township's Interests in Lands Dedicated to the Public by the 1928 Rearrangement Eagles Nest Plat: (full notice on file)

This notice does not mean the township is accepting the Park Land or right of ways but preserves the township's rights under the Minnesota Marketable Title Act.

Sup Sherman moved and Seconded by Sup Soderberg to amend the notice to include Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin Avenues in paragraph four of the notice. Motion carried.

Sup Sherman moved and seconded by Sup Soderberg to approve the Notice of Preservation of Township's Interests in Lands Dedicated to the Public by the 1928 Rearrangement Eagles Nest Plat for filing by the clerk with the St. Louis County recorder's office, as amended. Motion carried.

Supervisor Concerns:

Sup Sherman asked about the solicitation from Tower Historical Society for a solicitation of \$1,000 and whether or not the township has ever donated to the Tower Historical Society before or if the township would like to donate now.

Clerk Drange will add an item on next month's agenda regarding donation requests from the township.

Clerk Drange mentioned she hasn't been able to get ahold of Custom Theatres to get a quote for services to set up zoom broadcasting equipment.

Sup Soderberg has heard from Morse Township, which was able to get a quote from Custom Theatres, that it would be a very costly option to go through them. They are considering other providers such as Voltz.

Sup Soderberg suggested contacting Voltz. Their prices seemed to be more within budget. It was also suggested that Wolfland Computers might be a possible Vendor.

Adjournment:

Sup Schatz moved, seconded by Sup Sherman to adjourn. Motion carried.
The meeting adjourned at 6:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Keely Drange, Clerk