

MINUTES
EAGLES NEST TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
March 15, 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, and Treasurer Mary Beth Monte were in attendance.

Audience at town hall and on Zoom call.

Unless otherwise stated, all motions carried unanimously.

Agenda, Minutes, and Communications List Approval

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Schatz to approve the agenda, as amended (Variance for property on Walsh Road was added to agenda. Mask mandate was moved after communications) for the March 15, 2022, Meeting. Motion carried

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Sherman to approve the minutes, as corrected, for the February 15, 2022, BOS/BOA meeting (clarification that only supervisors can have an item on the agenda. Others should contact a supervisor to have items added to the agenda or concerns can be brought up during citizens concerns. Items can also be added by supervisors the night of the meeting.). Motion carried. Dave Chiabotti stated his abstention as he was not at the February meeting.

Communications List: Sup Schatz moved, seconded by Sup Chiabotti to approve the Communications List. Communications that come in after the communications list is drafted will be added to next month's communication list. Sup Sherman noted that a communication suggested that the township adopt an ethics policy that prevents supervisors and officers from accepting personal gifts from vendors and contractors. Sup Sherman will research that and bring more information at a future meeting.

Mask Mandate- Motion made by Sup Floyd to suspend mask mandate at 12:01 am March 16th. No second made. Motion fails

Sup Soderberg made a motion to drop mask mandate immediately unless someone in the audience came to the meeting expecting the mask mandate would remain in place.

Several audience members stated that came to the meeting expecting the mask mandate to be in place.

Sup Soderberg withdrew his motion.

Motion made by Sup Floyd seconded by Sup Soderberg to suspend mask mandate at 12:01 am March 16th. Sups Floyd, Soderberg, Chiabotti and Sherman in favor. Sup Schatz opposed. Motion carried.

Citizens' Concerns:

none

Reports

Clerk: Nothing at this time

Treasurers Report, Payroll and Claims:

Payroll of \$3,893.95 with check numbers 10464-10475.

Claims of \$4,885.47 claim numbers of 4389-4398 and check numbers of 10476-10485

Total payroll and claims of \$8779.42

A new check to Rob Mattson will be issued and prorated as he resigned at the February meeting and did not work the full month of February.

Sup Soderberg moved Seconded by Sup Floyd to approve the payroll and claims, as modified, by Treasurer Mary Beth Monte. Motion carried.

Sup Floyd moved and seconded by Sup Soderberg to accept the monthly report made by Treasurer Mary Beth Monte. Motion carried.

Treasurer Mary Beth Monte stated that mandated reporting for the American Rescue Plan need to be done by April 30th. If there are any projects that are to be planned using American Rescue Plan funds they need to be reported by April 30th.

Building and Grounds.

Township is still looking for a building maintenance person.

Roof on lower hall will need to be fixed or replaced.

Fire: Report available on file.

Proposed date for brush pick-up September 19th.

This year's evacuation drill will take place on Eagles Nest Lake 4 East and West.

Request for hazardous fuels reduction by the State and County should come from the board.

Sup Schatz and Sup Sherman will work with Chief McCray on talking to the state and county to reduce hazardous fuels on their lands.

Sup Sherman proposed to pay the full amount to Rob Mattson. Sup Floyd said it is not legal to pay employees a bonus.

Sup Sherman moved to pay full month amount on the assumption that it is legal and look into it. Motion Withdrawn.

Sup Sherman moved seconded by Sup Soderberg to purchase a plaque for township employees, including the fire department, to recognize length of service of at least 25 years and include Rob Mattson's name. Motion passes.

Roads:

Sup Floyd recently asked Jeff Schulze if plowing around chevron signposts would make it harder to plow. Mr. Schulze stated it would be harder to plow, especially on Minnesota Boulevard.

Floyd asked for feedback from supervisors, especially those that live on Minnesota Boulevard if they feel guard rails, or chevrons are necessary. Sup Chiabotti does not think it is necessary. Sup Sherman feels

the reflectors that have been recently put up serve the purpose as a warning.

Class five will be applied to some roads this summer as there is a supply in the gravel pit on Hwy 169 across from Trygg Road.

Sup Floyd stated the "No ATVs" sign on Migisi Road was most likely knocked down by the plow.

Land, website and broadband:

Isaac Olson from Treehouse Broadband will come to another meeting and give a presentation on Treehouse Broadband for Eagles Nest.

Website is being worked on to accommodate bear team information and other information. Website is undergoing changes. Sup Soderberg encouraged people to review the website. Website is formatted for phones and tablets as well computers.

Emergency Preparedness and water:

Nothing at this time beyond what the Chief has spoke on.

Old Business:

ATV update:

Soderberg gave a synopsis of the history of the ATV trail development to where the township is now.

Joseph Junek spoke on his and others positions regarding the proposed ATV trail route before the board at this time presented two alternative routes for consideration.

Other residents (virtually and present) spoke on their positions to different trail routes or any ATV trail running through the township.

The supervisors discussed different options to trail routes and addressed citizens' comments, concerns and feedback.

Motion: Sup Floyd moved and seconded by Sup Schatz to appoint person from the township from the advocacy group to work with a person from the ATV community to come up with a route that impacts the least number of residents. Representatives would be Mr. Junek and (presumably) Ron Potter. Sup Floyd, Sherman Schatz and Chiabotti in favor and Sup Soderberg opposed. Motion, as amended, carried.

Amendment: Sup Floyd moved and Sup Sherman seconded to add an amendment to the original motion to have supervisor Floyd, attend the meetings between the advocacy group and ATV group to help facilitate and carry back the message.

On the amended motion: Sup Floyd, Sherman, Schatz and Chiabotti in favor of amendment. Sup Soderberg opposed. Motion carried.

Sup Sherman moved and seconded by Sup Soderberg to expect a report from these meetings to be made no later than the May meeting. Withdrawn by Sup Sherman and Sup Soderberg.

Since Ron Potter is on vacation a suggestion was made to move report to the June meeting to give this group more time to walk potential routes and discuss options.

Motion made by Sup Sherman and Seconded by Sup Soderberg to expect a report from these meetings made no later than the June meeting. Motion Carried.

Request to table 5–10-year plan. Topic will be tabled until a later date.

Bear and Deer Documents:

Citizens stated their opinions of the bear and deer documents.

Sup Sherman moved and seconded by Sup Schatz to post both bear and deer document on the bulletin board, website and Facebook. Sup Sherman will work with bear team to make small changes to wording in the bear document and will decide what to do with the pictures on the deer document. Sup Floyd, Sherman, Soderberg and Schatz in favor. Sup Chiabotti opposed. Motion carries.

New Business:

Sup Floyd moved and seconded by Sup Chiabotti to change standard meeting time from 5pm to 6pm. Sup Sherman, Floyd and Soderberg opposed. Sup Chiabotti and Schatz in favor. Motion fails.

Sup Soderberg moved and Seconded by Sup Floyd to adopt Resolution #03-22-06 Reestablishing Precincts and Polling Places. Motion carries.

Variance Request for 1396 Walsh Road. New variance requests are complicated and hard to understand. Sup Floyd explained that he believes this variance request is about building a structure closer the property line closer than allowed by zoning.

Sup Chiabotti stated there was another variance requesting to build closer than 100 feet to the lake. Lot is only 100 feet deep.

No board members wished to comment negatively on this variance request so the board will let this pass to the county.

Supervisor Concerns:

none

Adjournment:

Sup Schatz moved, seconded by Sup Chiabotti to adjourn. Motion carried.
The meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Keely Drange, Clerk