

Minutes
EAGLES NEST TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
April 19, 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, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Gwen Potter and Chief Larry McCray were in attendance.

Unless otherwise stated, all motions carried unanimously.

Agenda, Minutes and Communications List Approval

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Schatz to approve the agenda, as amended for the April 19, 2022 Meeting. Motion carried (Covid sign in added to agenda)

Sup Schatz moved, seconded by Sup Chiabotti to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2022 BOS meeting. Motion carried.

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

Citizens' Concerns:

None at this time

Reports

Clerk: Automark voting machine needs to be brought in for updates. Machine will not work if not updated.

Treasurers Report:

Deposits Payroll and claims were explained by Treasurer Mary Beth Monte.

Monthly deposits were made for a total of \$8,637.43

Payroll of \$ 3,558.74 with check numbers 10487-10498

Claims of \$13,557.00 and claim numbers 4399-4414 and check numbers of 10499-10514

Clerk Drange gave a note of recognition for the Treasurer Mary Beth Monte and suggested she was paid at an hourly wage for a few hours for all the extra work she put into the American Rescue Plan for the township. Her work was above and beyond her normal Treasurer duties.

Sup Floyd agreed and suggested that Mary Beth write down some hours on her next timecard.

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

Building and Grounds;

Upgrade audio and visual equipment with American Rescue Plan money.

No maintenance person, still looking. Dave has talked with a few people in the township but no confirmed interest as of yet.

Fire: Fire report available on file.

Roads:

St. Louis County usually does not plow gravel roads in the springtime unless necessary. It is very difficult to plow without removing the surface of the road.

Sup Soderberg moved and seconded by Sup Chiabotti to spend up to \$10,000 on class five gravel from pit across from the Trygg Road to resurface township roads, where it is needed, this summer. Motion carried.

“Welcome to Eagles Nest Township” sign was removed during the Hwy 169 reroute. It is up to the state to put it back up.

Land, website and broadband:

Park land committee met on 8th April to give a preliminary recommendation to landowners who live in the area. A full report on the progress will be presented at the May 17th meeting if the committee can come to a consensus.

In the process of making changes to the website. Tax assessment process and information is on the website. Bear team information will be on the website in the next few days.

Nothing new on broadband at this time.

Our township attorney is talking with Turner-Ryan attorney. The people that the parkland Committee have been corresponding with are not yet the rightful heirs to the property. When they become the rightful heirs, they will be the first people the board will need to deal with on their encroachment on Park Land.

Emergency Preparedness and water:

Mike Ostlund has sent out a call for emergency medical responder training for road ambassadors. Training is not limited to road ambassadors anyone in the township who is interested in the training can reach out to the Chief or Michael Ostlund for more info. The township will pay for training.

The township received a letter from Sam Martin, a hydrologist from the DNR regarding the need for a lake gauge reader for Eagles Nest Lake One. Sherman contacted Mr. Martin and he was reminded that Gloria Gervais has been the lake gauge reader. Sam will contact Gloria to see if she will continue in that role.

Lake 1

Period of record: 08/02/1983 to 06/09/2021

of readings: 448

Highest recorded: 1494.15 ft (05/25/1997)

Lowest recorded: 1490.69 ft (09/29/2012)

Recorded range: 3.46 ft

Last reading: 1491.78 ft (06/09/2021)

Lake 2

Period of record: 05/19/1993 to 05/16/2001

of readings: 142

Highest recorded: 1494.15 ft (05/25/1997)

Lowest recorded: 1491.05 ft (09/10/1994)

Recorded range: 3.1 ft

Last reading: 1491.66 ft (05/16/2001)

Ordinary High Water Level (OHW) elevation: 1492.3 ft

Lake 3

Period of record: 08/28/1984 to 11/12/2021
of readings: 728
Highest recorded: 1494.99 ft (10/20/2007)
Lowest recorded: 1492.89 ft (10/10/2004)
Recorded range: 2.1 ft
Last reading: 1493.2 ft (11/12/2021)
Ordinary High Water Level (OHW) elevation: 1494.7 ft

Lake 4

Period of record: 10/14/1985 to 11/21/2021
of readings: 720
Highest recorded: 1498.34 ft (04/22/2021)
Highest known) 1498.4 ft
Lowest recorded: 1496.8 ft (09/04/2021)
Recorded range: 1.54 ft
Last reading: 1497.32 ft (11/21/2021)
Ordinary High Water Level (OHW) elevation: 1498.2 ft

Old Business:

ATV Trail update: ATV trail committee consists of Rich Floyd, Greg Junek and Ron Potter. The purpose of the committee is to come up with a route that has less impact than the latest proposed route that runs north of Lake 4, crossed Bear Head State Park Road, over to Trygg Road and runs down Trygg Road a few hundred yards and back into the woods again.

ATV folks have an advantage and residents can come up with a route that everyone can live with. The Township, as a government organization, has little say over the ATV trail decisions on public lands. ATV group is well organized and there is a lot of push to get ATV trails designated in Northern Minnesota.

Sup Floyd is a facilitator and a liaison between group and board. Sup Floyd will help with whatever is needed for the two sides get their job done.

Residents asked questions regarding the trail. Some residents spoke in their opposition to the various ATV routes that have and are being proposed.

Sup Sherman addressed a letter sent by Barb Soderberg that asked why there wasn't more representation from more residents around the township beyond those on Lake Four.

Mr. Junek explained that group has been getting input from residents from other areas beyond Lake Four such as residents from Lake 3 and the Swanson Shores area.

When the group of 3 (Junek, Floyd and Potter) comes up with a recommendation it will be a board decision to adjust or follow through with the recommendation.

Covid sign in: There was no objection from the board for removing the COVID sign in sheet.

New Business:

Repeal of resolution #09-21-14 Ban of OHV vehicles on Migisi Road:

Sup Soderberg moved and Seconded by Sup Chiabotti to repeal resolution # 09-21-14 banning OHV use on Migisi Road.

Sup Soderberg gave a brief history on the Ban of OHV on Migisi Road resolution# 09-21-14.

Original motion withdrawn by Sup Soderberg and Sup Chiabotti.

Sup Soderberg moved and seconded by Sup Chiabotti to suspend the OHV Ban on Migisi road, resolution #09-21-14, and monitor ATV traffic until the 2022 September Board of Supervisors meeting. Sup Soderberg, Chiabotti and Schatz aye and Sup Floyd & Sherman nay. Motion passes.

Modify Resolution 07-21-13 Resolution on ATV Routing:

Sup Soderberg made a motion to modify Resolution 07-21-13 Resolution on ATV Routing through Eagles Nest Township - by deleting "And be it further resolved: that the Eagles Nest Township Board of Supervisors opposes the use of the Taconite Trail through Bear Head Lake State Park as an ATV trail;" All of the remainder of the Resolution to remain in effect.

Sup Soderberg moved and there was no second. Motion fails.

Establish a work group to recommend additional safety and advisory signage for the current ATV route on County roads in Eagles Nest Township.

Jackie Monahan Junek, Ann O'Hara Frykman, Bud Van Deusen, and Sup Soderberg will make up work group to make recommendations on ATV signage and will accept other volunteers/

Sup Soderberg and seconded by Sup Floyd to form a citizen committee with one board member (Sup Soderberg) to make recommendations on possible ATV signage to the board, the ATV club and the County. Motion passes.

Ethics Policy

Sup Sherman moved and seconded by Sup Soderberg to adopt a policy on accepting gifts from outside sources resolution # 04-22-07. Motion Passes.

Joint Powers Control Over Ambulance Service:

There are problems with area ambulance service company.

Joint Powers Board would oversee the ambulance service. It may be possible to create tax district within the communities with that service area to provide funding for ambulance service.

Chief McCray stated that a member of the board should represent the township on the joint powers board.

Chief McCray has volunteered to find a resource to come and talk about similar examples.

McCray will talk to Virginia Fire Chief and see if he will come to the June meeting to talk about his experience.

Continued Practice of Video Conferencing:

Clerk Drange gave an explanation of things that could be done to make video streaming meetings run more smoothly.

Clerk Drange will look into upgrades for video conferencing equipment.

Sup Floyd Moved and Sup Soderberg seconded that it be the policy of the Town Board to allow verbal public input on agenda items limited to 1 time per person per agenda item and lasting no more than 3 minutes. This would apply to those physically present and those virtually present via video-conferencing

means. Rebuttals will be limited to 1 per person per agenda item lasting no more than 2 minutes. Individuals who wish to speak longer must request before the meeting to be placed on the agenda. Motion carried.

Supervisor Concerns:

Sup Schatz commented that Gloria Gervais will volunteer to represent Eagles Nest Township on the Joint Powers Rec Board.

Sup Schatz and Chief McCray will work together on joint Powers board Ambulance.

Adjournment:

Sup Floyd moved, seconded by Sup Chiabotti to adjourn. Motion carried.
The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Keely Drange, Clerk

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