

MINUTES
EAGLES NEST TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
May 18, 2021

Meeting was held by teleconference
Chair Floyd called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Sup Richard Floyd, Sup DeAnn Schatz, Sup Kurt Soderberg, Sup Frank Sherman, Fire Chief Larry McCray, Clerk Keely Drange, Treasurer Mary Beth Monte and Deputy Treasurer/Clerk Gwen Potter were in attendance.

Roll call votes are taken and unless otherwise stated, all motions carried unanimously.

Agenda, Minutes, and Communications List Approval

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Floyd to approve the agenda, as amended for the May 18, 2021 Meeting. Motion carried.

Sup Floyd moved, seconded by Sup Soderberg to approve the minutes as corrected of the April 20, 2021 BOS meeting. Motion carried.

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

Citizens' Concerns: Ron Potter updates on ATV trail. Taconite trail will be open to ATV use from Ely to Purvis Rd. Contract runs to the end of June and trail will be open for use in mid-July. Eagles Nest residents may see an increase in ATV traffic until construction of ATV bridge is complete over the Beaver River.

Reports

Clerk: Voting Machine will be picked up from Virginia Auditors office on Wednesday the 19th. Read article on the American Rescue Plan in the Township insider for more information on funding that may be available to the township. Deb Siverhus has resigned as Deputy Clerk. Gwen Potter has accepted the position for Deputy Clerk in addition to being Deputy Treasurer.

Treasurer's Report:

The cash control statement did not match the bank statement due to two outstanding checks carrying over from the previous year (totaling \$122.50). Checks were voided and reissued to clear up the outstanding checks. By doing this it caused this year's beginning balance needing to be adjusted. Approval from the board to adjust beginning balance to add money back into the balance. Sup Soderberg moved and seconded by Sup Schatz to adjust beginning year balance. Motion Carried.
Claim 4236 was skipped last month and was added to claims this month.

Title for new fire truck has been received and filed in the safety deposit box.

A monthly report was made by Treasurer Mary Beth Monte who presented and explained the following:
Payroll and Claims List for Approval.

Claims and payroll:

Claims and payroll were reviewed.

Claims of \$11,561.38 Claim # 4236,4239-4250 Checks #'s 10184-10196 (claims 4237 & 4238)

Payroll of \$3,279.04 Checks #: 10173-10183

Sup Sherman moved to approved the payroll and claims and Sup Schatz seconded. Motion Carried.

Building and Grounds;

Sup Sherman toured the Buildings and grounds with Larry Anderson.

Roger Nyquist may or may not be interested in the maintenance person position. Sup Sherman will contact Roger to see if he is interested.

Sup Sherman refilled salt container in the water purification system in the hall.

Lower hall roof needs repairs but will need to wait for a maintenance person's further analysis.

There is money that is possibly available in the American Rescue Act for infrastructure and may help fund Townhall fixes and the new road. Township will explore how to access the funding.

Women's bathroom faucet is leaking.

Fire: Fire report available on file.

Sup Soderberg moved and Sup Schatz seconded the motion to approve approximately \$3400 to purchase turn out gear for Austin VanScoy. Motion Carried.

Sup Floyd moved and Sup Sherman seconded the approval to spend up to \$1600 to repair dry hydrant on Lake Three. Motion Carried.

Roads: Some township roads were graded on April 24th. There was a new operator and they did a good job.

We are waiting for the St. Louis county contract for dust abatement. Eagles Nest "piggy backs" on county contract to keep the costs down.

Sup Floyd moved and Sup Schatz seconded approval to spend \$16,500 for surface stabilization. Motion Carried.

Spruce Street, when constructed, will run from the center of the entrance (which currently exists) from Bear Head State Park Road down to the center of the right-of-way of Spruce Street at the lake end of it. Sup Floyd stated that county permits are not needed as previously noted. A county entrance permit is not needed as there is currently an entrance in the Spruce Street location and a land alteration permit is not needed because the land is in the road right-of-way.

Sup Floyd contacted the township attorney and the attorney drafted a petition that requires the signature of 8 landowners who live within 3 miles of the Parkland to begin the eminent domain process for reallocating a portion of parkland to road right-of-way.

A land description was completed by Bear Island Surveying Company, for the two parcels of Parkland that would contain the right-of-way for the turnaround at the end of Spruce Street. The township attorney is using that land description to write the petition.

Sup Floyd observed a dumpster that was located only 3 feet off of Bradach Road. Sup Floyd spoke with the landowner who then moved the dumpster 6 feet off of the road.

Land, water and website:

Report available.

Sup Sherman commented that there may be some funds available with the American Rescue act that could be used towards broad-band internet infrastructure.

Emergency Preparedness:

The evacuation drill for ENCEP will take place on August 14th 2021. ENCEP is looking for a road ambassador for the Walsh Road/Minnesota Ave area to temporarily take Kathy and Barney Anderson's place. Sup Sherman will try and contact someone in this area.

Old Business:

None at this time.

New Business:

Sup Soderberg Moved and Sup Schatz seconded to open up the hall to community groups and for township business. The township asks people to be vaccinated. If not vaccinated we ask them wear masks. There will continue to be a sign-up sheet for contact tracing purposes should it be necessary. Motion carried.

Sup Floyd moved and seconded by Sup Schatz to accept the Superior Fuel Contract price of 1.349 dollars per gallon for fuel.

Frank Sherman nominates Kurt Soderberg for Vice Chairman Sup Schatz seconded nomination. Motioned carried.

There have been no letters of interest for the Vice Carlson supervisor position. Sup Schatz may have someone who would be interested and she will contact this person. Sup Floyd will request that WELY make a public service announcement asking for interested people to apply.

Sup Soderberg and other bank signers will need to sign/resign the bank card. Treasurer Monte will collect information from Sup Soderberg for the bank.

Supervisor Concerns:

Sup Schatz asks if Dr. James Montana may borrow tables and chairs from the lower hall for his daughter's graduation. It was explained that in the past, members of the fire department were allowed to borrow tables and chairs. Approval was granted from the board for Dr. Montana to borrow the tables and chairs at the lower hall.

Adjournment:

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Schatz to adjourn. Motion carried.
The meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Keely Drange, Clerk