

MINUTES
EAGLES NEST TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
October 19, 2021

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, Fire Chief Larry McCray, Clerk Keely Drange, Treasurer Mary Beth Monte and Deputy Treasurer Gwen Potter were in attendance. Sup Frank Sherman and Sup David Chiabotti were absent.

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 19, 2021 Meeting. Motion carried.

Sup Schatz moved, seconded by Sup Soderberg to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2021 BOS meeting. Motion carried.

Sup Floyd moved, seconded by Sup Schatz to approve the minutes of the Special meeting for the variance request on October 11, 2021 BOS meeting. Motion carried.

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

Citizens' Concerns:

Several citizens spoke about their concern that the board did not give proper notice of Rep. Rob Ecklund's visit at the last board of supervisors meeting. Citizens felt that they did not have adequate warning of Rep. Ecklund's agenda and would have like to have been able to prepare a rebuttal to his proposed legislation of a bear feeding ban. These citizens also felt that the board should have some responsibility educating the public on living with bears.

Sup. Floyd explained that thought that Rep. Ecklund's visit would not be limited to feeding bears, but would also include other wild animals, particularly deer. Rep. Ecklund approached the township to schedule a visit and it was not the township that reached out to him. Sup. Floyd also explained that the township had previously initiated education for its citizens by forming a committee in 2007 to draft a document, which is available on its website, about living with bears.

Reports

Clerk:

Clerk Drange and the Supervisors did not put the hour of time down on their time cards for the September 3rd special meeting. Clerk Drange reminded the supervisors to put that meeting on their October time cards to get paid for this meeting if they were present.

Treasurers Report:

Claims, payroll and deposits were reviewed.

Sup Floyd moved and Sup Schatz seconded to move \$15,000 to road reserve, \$10,000 to building reserve and \$20,000 to truck reserve (to cover truck payment). Motion carried.

Claims numbers 4309-4324 and check numbers 10316-10331 in the amount of \$32,681.62 (first fire truck payment included).

Payroll check number 10304-10315 in the amount of \$3,679.93.

Payroll and claims total is \$36,361.55

Sup Soderberg moved and Sup Floyd seconded to approve the payroll and claims. Motion Carried.

Building and Grounds;

Sup Floyd spoke for buildings and grounds.

The township sign is currently at an angle that is unreadable to those driving on the park road until passing by. Sign will be moved to a better angle by crew working on the trail. Sign cannot be within 20 feet of a powerline which limits the sign's location. Sup Floyd has identified a location that is not ideal but better than its present location.

Jeff Schulze agreed to snowplow at the hall. He will first plow out fire hall, then do other township roads and then come back and do the townhall parking lot last.

Sup Floyd explained that there may be possible issues with water running off the trail onto the driveway. Bob Manzoline will come back with the engineers to look at the runoff issue again. They will make sure that the run off will go on the south side of the trail into the far side ditch.

Sup Floyd also mentioned concerns there will be rutting between the bike path and the driveway. He was assured that the rutting will be addressed for at least 25 years if it does occur.

There will also be trees planted to replace trees those that were cut down.

The Township does not currently have a buildings and grounds maintenance person. Two people have been identified, one in Ely and one in Babbitt. Since Sup Sherman will be absent this month Sup Floyd will look into these two individuals.

Fire: Fire report available on file.

At a fire department training it was discovered that the fire department's current multi-gas monitor was not working. Chief will be looking into having it repaired. However, if it cannot be repaired or is not worth repairing the Chief would like the approval to be able to spend up to \$2,000 to purchase a new unit.

Sup Soderberg moved and seconded by Sup Schatz up to \$2000 to purchase a new four-gas monitor if necessary. Motion carried.

Sup Soderberg moved and Sup Schatz seconded to authorize the chief to bring up the recommendation for double payment in 2023 to the Tower Ambulance Commission. Motioned Carried.

Roads:

Sup Floyd has been pushing the contractor to complete the entrance to Spruce Street before the bike path gets paved so that the entrance to Spruce Street can be paved as well. The contractor has grubbed out and laid some class five almost to where the T will be. Work is done for the time being as the contractor is trying to finish other jobs before the snow flies.

Sup Floyd talked to the homeowner on Victoria Street who said that her husband will move the brush pile that is in the cul-de-sac before winter.

Land, water and website: Report on file

Emergency Preparedness: No Report (Board member absent)

Old Business:

In comparison between the one-year and two-year contract, Carolyn Quick's two-year contract is a better value.

Sup Soderberg moved and Sup Floyd seconded to approve the two-year contract (2022 & 2023) with Carolyn Quick at the rates she has suggested in her contract (\$795 for web hosting, domain renewal \$215, website updates \$3100 and a \$40 an hour rate to add webpages). Motion Carried.

New Business:

The township is a member of the Joint Power Recreation Board but has not paid its dues for 2020 and 2021. The township no longer has a member on the board. The township will look for a volunteer to represent the township before the dues are paid. The township will put out a statement looking for interested candidates to volunteer.

Supervisor Concerns:

Supervisors must zoom from a public location (a location the public can participate if they wish). Logistically it is not ideal but workable if necessary.

Adjournment:

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Schatz to adjourn. Motion carried.
The meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Keely Drange, Clerk