

Minutes
EAGLES NEST TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
July 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 Fire Chief Larry McCray were in attendance.

Unless otherwise stated, all motions carried unanimously.

Agenda Approval

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Schatz to approve the agenda, for the July 19, 2022 BOS Meeting. Motion carried

Special Presentation from Isaac Olson with Treehouse Broadband Internet:

Sup Soderberg gave a brief intro on improving the Township's access to better internet service.

Isaac Olson gave a brief presentation on a \$337,600 grant application to Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED), the IRRRB, with commitments from Treehouse Broadband and the Township.

Treehouse internet would be available from line-of-sight fixed wireless on Lakes One, Two and Three, Armstrong and Clear Lake (approximately 280 homes).

There will be a few homes (back bays and land locked) that would not be line of sight where Treehouse internet would not be available to.

The State of Minnesota will not provide supporting funding for the expansion of broadband internet unless a township shows they are financially committed.

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Schatz authorize Isaac Olson to proceed with an application to fund the project as described with a \$10,000 commitment from the township. Motion carried.

Minutes and Communications List Approval

Sup Chiabotti moved, seconded by Sup Soderberg to approve the minutes from the June 21, 2022 Board of Supervisor meeting. Motion carried.

Sup Floyd moved, seconded by Sup Schatz to approve the minutes from the June 23, 2022 Emergency meeting on Dorem Drive culvert failure, as amended. (Easements may be needed on both sides of the road on private property for an encroachment of the culvert) Motion carried.

Sup Schatz moved, seconded by Sup Chiabotti to approve the Minutes from the June 29, 2022 special meeting on an ATV Corridor. Motion carried.

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

Citizens' Concerns: None

Reports

Clerk:

The township will be accepting affidavits of candidacy at Eagles Nest Town Hall 1552 Bear Head State Park Road from August 2, 2022 to August 16, 2022. The Eagles Nest Town Hall will be open on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, Friday, August 12, 2022 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Appointments to file may also be made by contacting the Clerk at eaglesnestwp@citlink.net.

The following seats are open for candidacy this election:

Town Supervisor A- (4) four-year term Currently Sup Floyd

Town Supervisor D- (4) four-year term Currently Sup Soderberg

Town Supervisor E- (4) four-year term Currently Sup Schatz

Treasurer- (4) four-year term Currently Mary Beth Monte

Special Election Town Supervisor B- (2) two-year term Currently Sup Chiabotti

Filing fee is \$2.00.

Sup Schatz will reach out to Reichensperger family to see if they are still interested in renting the town hall.

Treasurers Report:

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Floyd to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Sup Floyd moved, seconded by Sup Schatz to approve payroll in the amount of \$4,235.92; Check numbers of 10570-10582 and claims in the amount of \$12,109.53; Claim numbers 4431, 4446-4457 and check numbers 10583-10595

Building and Grounds;

It was determined after evaluation, that no changes were needed on the town hall rental policy.

Replacements for broken pieces of lower hall roof are being made and will be repaired when replacement pieces are completed.

Fire:

Report on file

Sup Schatz will work on getting a plaque to honor Rob Mattson's years of service.

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Floyd to purchase two sets of turnout gear from the low responsible quote provided by Chief McCray. Motion carried.

Sup Sherman, seconded by Sup Schatz to purchase a chassis from the DNR worth \$25,000 or less and to approve the Chief to travel to Grand Rapids to complete the inspect and complete the negotiations.

Sup moved Floyd, Seconded by Sup Chiabotti to accept the air compressor valued at approximately \$8,000 from the city of Buffalo, Minnesota. Motion carried.

Sup Floyd will write a thank you letter to the Buffalo City council for the donation of an air compressor value at approximately \$8,000.

Roads:

Surface stabilization was done on July 18th.

Sup Floyd has sent out a request for quotes on construction management for the culvert replacement on Dorem Drive to three consulting firms, JPJ, SHE and to Matt Schmidt. JPJ was the only consultant that responded and came back with a quote of just under \$14,000 due to the complex nature of this culvert replacement.

A grant may reimburse the township for part of the culvert replacement at a later date.

Land, website and broadband:

Sup Soderberg will evaluate the short-term rental property issue by next month's meeting.

Emergency Preparedness and water:

ENCEP Evacuation will take place on August 13.

Tower Ambulance Commission forming with the hopes that there will a be a representative from each surrounding township. Sup Sherman will attend the first ambulance meeting.

Old Business:

ATV Resolution

Sup Sherman had a change in the second where as in the resolution, after "insists on a primary corridor trail" Sup Sherman suggested that "through Eagles Nest Township" should be added.

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Sup Floyd Moved, Seconded by Sup Sherman to accept the Resolution NO. 07-22-08 Resolution Opposing Establishment of an ATV Corridor through Eagles Nest Township, as corrected Sup Chiabotti, Sup Sherman and Sup Floyd yes. Sup Soderberg and Sup Schatz no. Motion carried.

New Business:

Parkland Committee recommendations; Recommendation summary on file.

Sup Soderberg gave a brief history of the Park Land and the past Park Land committee; he then explained the different actions that could be taken as detailed in the Park Land Committee Summary and Recommendations document.

Andy Urban and Mike Musich, who are part of the Park Land Committee, gave their comments on the Park Land recommendations.

The Park Land recommendations will be put on the website and the township will ask for public input.

Town hall internet access;

There is fiber to the town hall from North East Service Co-op (NESC) and we can get service at a lower price than Frontier.

Sup Soderberg recommends the township look at the 24 month plan through NESC.

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Floyd to authorize the clerk and treasurer to switch the township to a 24 month plan option at a 100mbps at \$72 per month if, and when, they are satisfied it can give us better service. Motion carried.

Supervisor Concerns:

Sup Schatz asked about the ATV petition that was signed. She wanted to know how folks signed the petition. It was explained that folks had to go online to sign and it was not physically signed.

Adjournment:

Sup Chiabotti moved, seconded by Sup Soderberg to adjourn. Motion carried.
The meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Keely Drange, Clerk