

**Minutes**  
**EAGLES NEST TOWNSHIP**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**  
**October 18, 2023**

Chair Floyd called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Sup Richard Floyd, Sup Kurt Soderberg, Sup Frank Sherman Sup David Chiabotti, Sup Jackie Monahan-Junek, Clerk Keely Drange, Treasurer Mary Beth Monte and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Gwen Potter were in attendance.

Unless otherwise stated, all motions carried unanimously.

**Agenda**

Add minutes from special meeting on October 17, 2023 to the agenda.

Sup Floyd moved and seconded by Sup Soderberg to approve the agenda for the October 18, 2023, meeting as amended. Motion carried.

**Minutes**

Sup Chiabotti moved and seconded by Sup Soderberg to approve the minutes from the September 13, 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting. Motion carried.  
Added Nay to roads vote on September 13, 2023 BOS minutes.

Sup Soderberg moved and seconded by Sup Monahan-Junek to approve the minutes from the Special Board of Supervisors Meeting October 17, 2023. Motion carried.

**Communications List Approval**

Sup Soderberg moved and seconded by Sup Chiabotti to approve the communications list. Motion carried.

**Citizens' concerns**

Co-op Point Road sign is faded.

**Reports**

**Clerk:**

You will be notified to set up a two-part authentication for your email.

I have created a Public Distribution List (PDL) to notify citizens that reached out to me of special meetings.

**Treasurers Report:**

Treasurer Monte reported claims in the amount of \$46,252.62 claim numbers 4714-4731; 4732; 4733-4737 and check numbers 11131-11150, 11152.

Payroll in the amount of \$5,167.37 and check numbers 11108-11129.

The total amount for payroll and claims is \$51,419.99.

EFT: 11107; 11130, 11151. SEP/WHDG \$1,668.45.

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Chiabotti to approve payroll and claims. Motion carried.

Sup Floyd moved, seconded by Sup Chiabotti to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

### **Building and Grounds:**

Sup Chiabotti repaired the downspout damaged from plowing.

### **Fire:**

Report on file.

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Floyd to approve the purchase of five new SCBA tanks for the fire department. Motion carried.

Soderberg moved seconded Sherman to contact the Mesabi Bike Trail group and have a representative visit us at a future meeting to discuss the challenges of the emergency response on the bike trail. Motion carried.

The Eagles Nest Auxiliary will be donating \$10,000 to the fire department.

The Tower ambulance Commission had its quarterly meeting in October. Those participating in the commission all agree that there needs to be a regional solution but not all can agree on what that solution needs to be. The contract for 2024 is not ready yet and may not be ready until January.

### **Roads:**

Class five aggregate was placed on township roads. There was sod that was pulled up into the road during grading. Sup Floyd will discuss fixing this sod issue with Schulze excavating.

FEMA Reimbursement has been made to the township for the washout on Dorem Drive. The balance that was taken out of buildings and grounds to cover Dorem Drive may need to be reimbursed back from roads for future building improvements.

### **Land, website and broadband:**

An email was sent to the Turner-Ryan family for reply on property maintenance, clean up and rental fees for cabin on the parkland properties. There are Kromer items on T-turn around. Sup Soderberg will have a conversation with the Kromers about removing those items.

Sup Soderberg has sent two emails to St. Louis County regarding the work that the Short-Term Rental committee did and they have not responded. The short-term rental moratorium expires today.

Sup Monahan-Junek and Sup Soderberg will be meeting with Isaac Olson from Tree House next week regarding broadband. The township should meet with the CTC about broadband infrastructure for the township.

### **Emergency Preparedness/water:**

The township will move forward with larger signs for the entry points of the township.

Signs will continue to say "Burning ban in effect".

### **Outreach and Networking:**

Senator Hauschild has a program called "Northland Strong" and he will host round table discussions on various topics. The Rural Ambulance Service roundtable will take place tomorrow (October 14, 2023). There will be 3 additional roundtables this year.

Sup Monahan-Junek will reach out to MAT to get more information on their legislative process and then draft a letter to MAT to communicate EMS Services.

### **Old Business:**

#### Trygg and Mud Creek Road, tire issues:

Sup Floyd sent a letter regarding the tire issues on the road but hasn't heard back from Commissioner McDonald. Sup Floyd will reach out to Commissioner McDonald to get a response regarding the Trygg Road.

### **New Business:**

#### Northern ATV Route:

Sup Soderberg moved, Seconded by Sup Floyd that the Eagles Nest Board notify St. Louis County that we are willing to consider a northern ATV route through our township using the Bear Run but only if that route can replace the current Trail 4 and preclude any other ATV corridor routes within our Township. Motion carried.

Sup Monahan-Junek would like the wording changed to OHV instead of ATV as it includes a larger category of off highway vehicles.

Sup Monahan-Junek asks what will we do with the motion once the board has voted? Sup Soderberg suggests we send a letter to our commissioner to let him know our stance on the Bear Run. Then we may notify the Ely Echo and The Timberjay of the Township's decision and the letter that was sent to Commissioner McDonald.

#### 2024/2025- Website Contract:

Sup Soderberg suggests looking around for other quotes from other web hosts. The contract with Carolyn may be negotiable and we may try negotiating the terms.

Sup Monahan-Junek mentioned that it is standard that government organizations do not pay up front for services.

Sup Soderberg will reach out to Carolyn and address some of the concerns and possible modifications to the upcoming website contract.

#### After Hours Contact:

The St. Louis County Sheriff would like the township to have an afterhours contact for emergency purposes. Sup Floyd has volunteered to be the after hours contact to the sheriff.

### **Supervisor Concerns:**

Sup Soderberg is unsure of his status for the next meeting. Sup Chiabotti will be zooming in for the next

meeting.

Sup Monahan-Junek would like to see that law enforcement enforce ATV laws when there are reported violations.

Sup Monahan-Junek brought up a few housekeeping items. She suggested that we have more than one person who can set up zoom calls. She also suggested a second key for the town bulletin board be kept at the hall so others can post items on the board.

There can be an additional zoom administrator for the township but it will cost more money. There was a suggestion to look into a township cell phone instead of a Frontier land line. A township cell phone may save the township money on the monthly phone bill.

**Adjournment:**

Sup moved Floyd, seconded by Sup Chiabotti to adjourn. Motion carried.  
The meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Keely Drange, Clerk**