

**Minutes**  
**EAGLES NEST TOWNSHIP**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**  
**March 15, 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 and Sup David Chiabotti, Sup Jackie Monahan-Junek, Clerk Keely Drange and Treasurer Mary Beth Monte were in attendance.

Unless otherwise stated, all motions carried unanimously.

**Agenda**

Sup moved Soderberg and seconded by Sup Chiabotti to approve the agenda for March 15, 2023. Motion carried.

**Minutes**

Sup Soderberg moved and seconded by Sup Floyd to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting. Motion carried.

**Communications List Approval**

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

On the communications list the communication from February 27, 2023 from Krista Schmitz is actually from Robert Wagstrom (Email was sent by Krista Schmitz, St. Louis County).

**Citizens' concerns**

Gloria Gervais is resigning from the Joint Powers Recreation Board as the Eagles Nest Township Representative and would like the board to find new representation. Sup Soderberg will get the vacancy for the Eagles Nest representation on the Joint Powers Recreation Board posted on our township's website. Sup Monahan-Junek will do some research and will follow up with Aaron Kania regarding his request for the Joint Powers Recreation Board to expand their duties to include trail projects in the area.

Michael Musich would like to thank the township, on behalf of Dick Flesvig, for the donation to Northwoods Partners.

**Reports**

**Clerk:**

Sup Floyd moved, seconded by Sup Soderberg, the board to authorize Clerk Drange to pay the property tax payment due for the Turner-Ryan cabin on township trust land if we are advised to do so based on our attorney. Motion carried.

**Treasurers Report:**

Treasurer Monte reported claims in the amount of \$23,376.48 claim numbers 4593- 4616 and check numbers 10847-10870.

Payroll in the amount of \$ 3,606.78 and check numbers 10835-10846.

Voided Checks 10851 and 10868 due to EFT.

Sup Soderberg moved and seconded by Sup Chiabotti to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Sup Monahan-Junek and seconded by Sup Sherman to approve the claims and payroll in the amount of \$26,983.26. Motion carried.

**Building and Grounds:**

Copy of water testing was done by the state and the results were good. Water softener discharge needs to be an inch and half gap from the drain. Sup Chiabotti will fix the discharge hose. Toilet in lower hall installed.

**Fire:**

Report on file.

**Roads:**

Dorem Road will have to be looked at after the snow is gone and some repair/follow up work may need to be done due to possible road material settling.

Sup Floyd is having a hard time finding class five surface aggregate.

Gravel roads in the township are soft.

**Land, website and broadband:**

Tomorrow (March 16<sup>th</sup>) Frontier internet will be shut off.

Treehouse Broad band may have a proposal for use of the North East service co-op fiber to start a new project.

Changes need to be made on the website with Seniors, Romeos and Juliets, etc.

Sup Soderberg will reach out to Carolyn Quick to get the 2022 minutes up on the website.

**Emergency Preparedness/water:**

Water MN Department of Health grants for non-community transient public water system. Qualified land owners must service an average of 25 people or more for at least 60 days or more a year and are restaurants, resorts, campgrounds, or religious institutions.

Wilderness Wind on Armstrong is compliant with MN Department of Health and is the only property in the township that would qualify for these grants.

**Legislative Liaison:**

Sup Monahan-Junek reports that her draft of duties for legislative liaison will be reviewed with Sup Soderberg (backup) and reviewed at the next meeting.

**Old Business:**

**Short term rental update:**

Matt Johnson has brought Eagles Nest short term rental concerns and possible Eagles Nest specific regulations to Commissioner McDonald. Mr. Johnson is also willing to join a short term rental committee meeting on March 28<sup>th</sup>. St. Louis County is sending out final notices to properties that Lisa Kappenman has identified, to inform them that they need to be permitted before the county takes action against them

for noncompliance.

**New Business:**

Mike Ostlund gave a presentation on the NFPA Firewise Community Recognition Application for Eagles Nest Township. Supplemental information and the application are included.

Sup Sherman moved, seconded by Sup Soderberg to approve the NFPA Firewise Community Recognition Application for Eagles Nest Township. Motion Carried.

Clerk Drange presented a request from the Mesabi Bike Trail group to use the hall for a bike trail event on August 5<sup>th</sup>. The request is to use the hall for shelter in the case of inclement weather, refill water coolers and possibly use power for musicians stationed at the hall. Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Floyd to allow usage of the hall to the extent the township is capable for the Mesabi Great River Energy Bike Trail Tour on August 5<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

**Supervisor Concerns:**

Sup Monahan-Junek suggests that all the supervisor duty descriptions and responsibilities be updated and reviewed.

Sup Sherman requests that information sent by our Attorney Scott Witty be sent to him as soon as it is available.

Sup Soderberg would like to see what the township can do to get more attendance the Annual Meeting.

**Adjournment:**

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Chiabotti to adjourn. Motion carried.  
The meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Keely Drange, Clerk**