

Minutes
EAGLES NEST TOWNSHIP
Board of Supervisors Meeting
January 15, 2025

Call to Order

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

Sup David Chiabotti, Sup Brian Harrington, Sup Kurt Soderberg, Sup Jackie Monahan-Junek, Clerk Keely Drange, and Treasurer Mary Beth Monte were in attendance.

Unless otherwise noted, motions carried unanimously.

Agenda

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Chiabotti to approve the agenda for January 15, 2024. Motion carried.

Additions and corrections include:

Remove the Treehouse Broadband Discussion

Budget meeting time change (discussed during calendar adoption)

Draft DNR ATV Master Plan

Local input bill regarding ATV trails

Move organizational meeting up before reports

Minutes

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Chiabotti to approve the minutes from the December 18, 2024 Board of Supervisors meeting. Sup Chiabotti, Sup Monahan-Junek, Sup Soderberg aye. Sup Harrington abstains. Motion carried.

Communications

Sup Monahan-Junek moved, seconded by Sup Soderberg to approve the communications list. Motion carried.

Citizens' concerns

None at this time.

Chairman Election

Sup Soderberg nominates Sup Chiabotti as Chairman, seconded by Sup Monahan-Junek. Sup Soderberg, Sup Monahan-Junek, and Sup Harrington aye. Sup Chiabotti abstained. Motion carried.

Sup Chiabotti nominates Sup Soderberg as Vice Chair, seconded by Sup Monahan-Junek. Motion carried.

2025 Supervisor Responsibilities

<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>Primary Responsibility</u>	<u>Secondary Responsibility</u>
Harrington	<i>Fire/Emergency Preparedness/Water</i>	<i>Website/Broadband</i>
Chiabotti	<i>Building and Grounds</i>	<i>Roads</i>
Monahan-Junek	Outreach and Networking	<i>Website/broad band/Fire/ENCEP/Lands/ (Buildings and grounds as needed)</i>
Vacant		
Soderberg	<i>Lands, Broadband and Website</i>	<i>Outreach and Networking</i>

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Harrington to approve the supervisor responsibilities for 2025. Motion carried.

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Monahan-Junek to approve the 2025 Meeting Calendar with a change to the budget meeting time and date. Motion carried.

Sup Monahan-Junek moved, seconded by Sup Soderberg to remove "in Certificate of Deposit" in front of FDIC in number 3 with regards to reserve funds in the general resolution.

Supervisor Monahan-Junek moved, seconded by Sup Soderberg to adopt General Resolution 01-25-01. Motion carried.

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Chiabotti to adopt Official Depositories resolution 01-25-02. Motion carried.

Sup Harrington moved, seconded by Sup Soderberg to adopt Salary Resolution 01-25-03 with a 2.5% increase to wages for all positions. Motion carried.

Reports

Clerk

Clerk Drange Confirmed with St. Louis County Ely Assessor's Office that Friday May 9, 2025, 10 AM will work for the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting (LBAE).

Treasurer

Anna Kruger, Firefighter/EMS Trainer, joined the meeting via Zoom and explained the benefits for the township firefighters to be enrolled in an online firefighting training program. This program would cost \$1,800 for the Fire Department to enroll.

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Monahan-Junek to approve up to \$1,800 to enroll in online firefighting training program.

Payroll check number 11725-11742 in the amount of \$3,136.83.

Claim numbers 5032-5041 and check numbers 11744-11745, 11747-11758, 11560-11762, 11765 in the amount of \$33,815.38.

Payroll and claims total amount is \$36,952.21.

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Monahan-Junek to approve the payroll and claims. Motion carried.

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

Building and Grounds

Sup Chiabotti has installed the parcel delivery box on the outside of the hall.

The board discussed installing cameras on the outside of the hall. Sup Chiabotti will get a quote from H&S to install an outside outlet for cameras. Sup Monahan-Junek will reach out to a security camera company to get more information on camera installation.

Fire

Report on file.

Roads:

Roads were plowed from recent snow. Sand has been applied to some township roads as needed.

Land, Website and Broadband

No report at this time.

Emergency Preparedness and Water

Eagles Nest Township received a \$21,000 Community Wildfire Defense grant for Emergency Preparedness.

We will be submitting 4th quarter 2024 report for DNR grant this will include a request for reimbursement on brush pick up.

Outreach and Networking

Sup Monahan-Junek and Sup Harrington will attend the MAT Legislative meeting on January 27, 2025 in St Paul. Sup Monahan-Junek is working on getting appointments with our Representative and Senator.

Old Business

None at this time.

New Business

DNR ATV Master Plan

Comments on the ATV Master Plan need to be submitted by February 21st. Sup Monahan-Junek asked how the Township respond to the plan. Sup Monahan-Junek will send out the link to the Master Plan. Comments on Master Plan from the Supervisors will be ready for discussion at the regular Board of Supervisors on February 19, 2025.

ATV Bill

Sup Harrington presented the draft bill language. The Township supports lines 3.24 through 3.32 of the proposed bill. It stated, when planning a new trail, a township will need to be notified and be included in the process. Currently, townships can only provide feedback in the public comment period. This section highlights how the Township will be notified prior to the EAW process and during the process.

Sup Harrington moved, seconded by Sup Soderberg to support lines 3.24 through 3.32 of the draft bill language as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer Monte noted that now that Sup Floyd is no longer on the board, he will need to be replaced

as backup check signer. This is needed due to Sup Chiabotti and Sup Soderberg both being gone on vacation at the same time.

Everyone will need to sign the new Frandsen Bank authorized signer forms.

Sup Monahan-Junek moved, seconded by Sup Chiabotti for Sup Monahan-Junek to allow access to safe deposit box and as a signatory at Frandsen Bank and Trust. Motion carried.

Clerk Drange explained that we need a quorum present for the audit. Since there will not be an in-person quorum at the February meeting the date of the Board of Audit meeting will need to be moved.

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Chiabotti to revise the 2025 meeting calendar to move the Board of Audit Meeting to March 19. Motion carried.

Supervisor Concerns

Due to both Chair and Vice Chair being online for the next meeting Sup Monahan-Junek will chair the next meeting.

Adjournment

Sup Harrington moved, seconded by Sup Monahan-Junek by to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Keely Drange, Clerk