

**Minutes**  
**EAGLES NEST TOWNSHIP**  
**Board of Supervisors Meeting**  
**July 16, 2025**

**Call to Order**

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

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

Unless otherwise noted, motions carried unanimously.

**Agenda**

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Harrington to approve the agenda for July 16, 2025. Motion carried.

Emergency Operation Plan will be added to new business.

**Minutes**

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Chiabotti to approve the Minutes for the June 18, 2025 BOS Meeting. Motion carried.

**Communications**

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Harrington to approve the communications list. Motion carried.

Sup Harrington will alert the DNR about the dumping of brush on Sunshine Lane.

**Citizens' concerns**

None at this time.

**Reports**

**Clerk**

Nothing at this time.

**Treasurer**

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

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

Payroll Check numbers 11970-11990 \$4,677.22

Claim numbers 5140; 5151-5152 From last month from automatic withdrawal that cleared in June; 5141-5150; 5153-5154 Check Numbers 11967; 11968-11969; 11991-11997; 11999-12000; 12002 for a total of \$12,223.15. for a total of \$29,123.52 for payroll and claims.

**Building and Grounds**

The water heater had a new ignitor installed.

Basketball hoop has been repaired.

Dave Starkman has measured the parking lot and will provide a quote for seal coating. Seal coat will take place after Labor Day when traffic is reduced.

No overnight parking signs need to be installed.

Fire: See report.

Sup Harrington moved, seconded by Sup Soderberg to spend up to up to \$500 to purchase an battery powered chainsaw for the fire truck. Motion carried.

There is a question about the funding amount a supervisor can approve without board approval. Clerk Drange will search for a resolution or a mention of the agreed upon amount. Topic will be put on the agenda for next month.

#### Roads:

Sup Chiabotti will have the erosion issue at the turnaround at the end of Norway Road repaired.

Sup Chiabotti rode with Clyde Peterson to identify areas to be brushed.

Sunshine Road is being repaired by the citizens who live on the road. It is not a township road it is a forestry road owned by the DNR.

#### Land, Website and Broadband

DEED issued an updated address list and the BEAD has updated the reapplication. Isaac will reach out if anything has changed for Eagles Nest Township. Sup Soderberg will also reach out to Todd Cruse with Frontier to see if anything has changed in their application.

#### Emergency Preparedness and Water

Lake level on Eagles Nest Lake One and Two has been high due to a beaver dam on East Two River. Someone has broken the dam down and the water level is starting to come down. Harrington will talk with DNR about getting a Clemson leveler to manage future beaver action.

The Annual Emergency Preparedness Event will be held Saturday August 9<sup>th</sup>.

Sunshine Lane has been added to the brush pick up route.

#### Outreach and Networking

There is a MAT district meeting on August 28 at Grand Lake Township.

St. Louis County is looking for a community development block grant writer for our area. Applications are due Friday if someone is interested.

#### **Old Business**

##### Turner/Ryan Park Land property

Shawn Turner sent an email in response to Sup Soderberg's email disagreeing that more actions need to be completed. Sup Soderberg spoke with Bob Ruppe who has detailed a strategy to charge assessments to the Turner-Ryan property to fix the issues that have not been resolved. Bob Ruppe suggested that Sup Soderberg may be able negotiate with the Turner-Ryan estate on what needs to get done and what the Township can work with them on.

Sup Soderberg has sent a follow up email to Shawn Turner will bring back any response and suggested actions next month.

#### Park Land Egress dock

The dock was ordered for \$14,010 and is an 8x40 dock as requested by the chief. Sup Harrington has questions on how the dock may be put in and taken out on a yearly basis. Sup Soderberg had suggested that the fire department may be able to remove and install the dock.

Sup Soderberg will contact Docks on Wheels to ask about the removal/installation service. It may be possible for the new fire pick up to remove and install the dock.

Sup Harrington discussed with the Chief about drafting water from the Spruce Road, lake spot and he said that it is not efficient to install a hydrant or to draw from the lake.

Sup Soderberg will contact docks on wheels and put a hold on building the dock so the board can work with the fire department on how the dock will be taken installed and removed each year.

Sup Harrington and Sup Monahan-Junek will discuss the logistics of dock removal and installation and report back next month.

#### New Business

##### Minnesota Department of Revenue incorrect name on the account

The name on the Eagles Nest Township's account with the Minnesota Department of Revenue was changed to Eagles Nest Lakes Association Inc. with the new system update. When Treasurer Monte went to correct this error there was no way to correct it according to the Minnesota Department of Revenue because there was no proof of the Eagles Nest Township account name. In order to change the name, we need proof of a filing number with the Secretary of State filing number. Due to the township being a government entity the township does not have a Secretary of State filing number

Sup Harrington moved, seconded by Sup Chiabotti to have Sup Monahan- Junek follow up on the issue of the Minnesota Department of Revenue incorrect account name for the township. Motion carried.

##### Emergency Operations Plan

Micheal Ostlund presented the EOP to the board. The Emergency Operations Plan details who does what and who is responsible in the event of an emergency. The board are the elected officials and the board is responsible for the base plan.

The annexes within the EOP gives the emergency manager direction on where to evacuate to and what to do in an emergency.

Micheal Ostlund asked the board to review and approve the EOP when they feel it is ready.

The Emergency Operations Plan will be a topic added to the agenda for next month.

##### Supervisor Concerns

Sup Harrington had noted the online comments that were missed at the last meeting. He would like to have someone monitoring the chat during the meeting. Gwen will monitor the chats as they appear on the TV.

##### Adjournment

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Harrington by to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Keely Drange, Clerk