

Minutes
EAGLES NEST TOWNSHIP
Board of Supervisors Meeting
June 18, 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 Chiabotti to approve the agenda for June 18, 2025 with additions. Motion carried.

Additions to the agenda:

Park Land egress dock added to new business.

Accepting donations process added to new business.

Minutes

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Harrington to approve the Minutes for the May 21, 2025 BOS Meeting. Motion carried.

Communications

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

Citizens' concerns

None at this time.

Reports

Clerk

The Clerk will be speaking at the ENTLA picnic. She will talk about the Constant Contact and about the Supervisor vacancy.

Treasurer

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.

Payroll Check numbers 11928-11948 \$4,458.80

Claim numbers 5119-5122; 5123- 5137; 5139, Check Numbers 11951-11957; 11959-11963; 11966 for a total of \$69,680.48. for a total of \$74,139.28 for payroll and claims.

Building and Grounds

The LP Tank was changed out for a larger one and there was no cost for the tank upgrade.

The hot water heater will need a new ignitor.

There was a bike event yesterday and they parked in a no parking spot.

The parking lot may need to be resealed. It was suggested to go with Starkman Asphalt and Paving as they do a quality job.

Fire

See report. Fire/EMS call sheet included.

Roads

Dust abatement has been applied on the roads.

Sup Chiabotti talked with MAT about who's responsibility it is to clear trees. The MAT lawyer said it was the landowner's responsibility to take care of a tree that has fallen in a road from their private property within the road right of way.

There was no major damage to roads after the large rain event on Monday.

Land, Website and Broadband

Sup Soderberg talked with Isaac Olson from Treehouse Broadband and the BEAC criteria and process have changed so he needs to wait until he sees the changes before, he puts out a proposal.

Emergency Preparedness and Water

All the new radios have been received. Firewise Coordinator will work with Michael Ostlund to close out the radio grant.

August 9th event will not be an evacuation but a public education event.

The Firewise Coordinator will speak at the ENTALA Picnic and will talk about the ENCEP program, the success from last year's Firewise events and about the upcoming brush drop and August 9th event.

Outreach and Networking

The Minnesota State legislative session has been completed there has not been cuts to town aid.

There has been 16 million appropriated dollars for rural EMS services.

Sup Monahan-Junek has provided alternate evacuation locations for the Emergency Operations Plan.

Old Business

Discussion of adoption by township of Trygg Road

Current township maintenance rates are \$7,500 per mile. By adding Trygg road it would add \$15,000 to the budget and two miles more to the approximate 8 miles of road the township already is in charge of. Trygg Road is larger and wider road than most township roads and may not be appropriate for the equipment of the contractors that currently maintain other township roads. The board has decided not to pursue the adoption of Trygg Road.

Turner/Ryan Park Land property

Sup Soderberg showed photos of the work that has been done at the Turner Ryan property. The cabin has been removed but not all of the work has been completed.

The dock has been removed but the walkway and railing remains.

A survey stake that the township paid to have installed is now missing after the cabin demolition.

There is still a low spot that needs to be filled in, litter and debris that needs to be cleaned up and a hand pump well that needs to be capped.

Sup Soderberg is unsure if this work will be completed by the July 1st deadline but he will keep the board updated and they can decide on further action they would like to take.

New Business

Park Land egress dock

Sup Soderberg, Fire Chief Krueger and Frank Sherman inspected the area where the Park Land egress dock could be installed and talked about egress dock options.

Chief Krueger suggested a large Docks on Wheels style dock 36 feet at a minimum to accommodate several boats at a time.

The recommendation from Sup Soderberg is for either a 6x40 or 8x40 roll in dock green treated pine decking and ramp. The quotes from Docks on Wheels that include delivery and set up are, a 6x40 is \$11,615 and an 8x40 is \$14,010. An 8 ft width may be more appropriate for those in wheelchairs.

Most appropriate funding source would be the general fund.

Sup Soderberg recommends to purchase an emergency egress dock and allow casual usage authorized with appropriate signage.

Sup Soderberg moves, seconded by Sup Chiabotti order a Docks on Wheels dock 8 x 40 feet and to spend up to \$16,000, to be placed at the end of the turn around on Spruce Street at the location determined by the Chief. Sup Harrington nay. Sup Soderberg, Sup Chiabotti and Sup Monahan-Junek aye. Motion Carried with amendment.

Sup Harrington would like to wait to make decision on the dock so the board can ask the Chief questions about the dock and about installing a dry hydrant versus using the lake to access water for the fire department.

Sup Soderberg moves, seconded by Sup Chiabotti to amend the ultimate length of the dock to be recommended by the fire chief and that the Spruce Street construction be reevaluated to meet the needs of the fire department. Sup Harrington nay. Sup Monahan-Junek, Sup Soderberg, and Sup Chiabotti aye. Motion carried.

Accepting donations process

Sup Monahan-Junek proposes that we accept each donation by resolution as they come in rather than waiting until the end of the year.

Sup Monahan-Junek moved, seconded by Sup Soderberg that all donations be listed on the agenda in the form of a resolution as they are received. Motion carried.

Sup Monahan-Junek, seconded by Sup Harrington to accept the \$100 gift certificate from Dominos as a thank you gift from Ely Bloomenson Hospital. Motion carried.

Sup Monahan-Junek asks that a thank you letter or email from the township be given to the hospital and signed by Sup Chiabotti.

Supervisor Concerns

Sup Soderberg submitted a claim to St. Louis County for \$38 on behalf of one of the residents on Trygg Road due to a flat tire from a sharp stone. St. Louis County sent out a claims examiner and the claim was denied. Sup Soderberg will appeal the denial.

A citizen requested a copy of the township bylaws. There are no township specific bylaws. Towns are governed by State Statutes. Townships are exempt from data practice requests, but our Township regularly provides data as requested.

Tim Rund thanked the Eagles Nest Fire Department and local residents for the fast response to the wildfire within the township.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Keely Drange, Clerk