

Minutes
EAGLES NEST TOWNSHIP
Board of Supervisors Meeting
March 19, 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 Clerk/Treasurer Gwen Potter were in attendance.

Unless otherwise noted, motions carried unanimously.

Agenda

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Harrington to approve the agenda for March 19, 2025. Motion carried.

Minutes

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Harrington to approve the Minutes for the February 19, 2025 BOS Meeting. Motion carried.

Communications

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

Sup Harrington will take of inventory capital equipment.

Citizens' concerns

Andy Urban asked about what has been put into action or decided on ATV trail that does not use Bear Head State Park Road. Sup Monahan-Junek is unaware of any alternative routes. Andy talked about his concern on the information he has been reading regarding the pressure to allow heavier and larger ATV on trails. Andy is also concerned about the ATVs riding on the bike trails and having an accident with a bicyclist.

Reports

Fire

See report on file.

Items for next month's agenda include skid unit for wildland truck and a side-by-side ATV for bike trail rescues.

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Harrington to support the addition of a side-by-side ATV between \$6000 and \$9000 from the MN DNR surplus list to the 2025 fire department budget. Motion carried.

Sup Monahan-Junek would like an equipment replacement plan developed by the Chief.

Clerk

Sup Harrington moved, seconded by Sup Soderberg to purchase two new laptops up to \$2,200 for

the clerk and treasurer. Motion carried.

Treasurer

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Chiabotti to approve the cash control statement from January. Motion Carried

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.

Payroll Check numbers 11809-11811; 11813-11828 \$5,762.27

Claim numbers 5064-5077, Check Numbers 11787-11798; 11800-11802; 11807 for a total of \$8,090.05. (5063 is Superior Fuel check from the previous month) for a total of \$13,852.32.

Agenda item for next month will be the discussion of financial reports.

Building and Grounds

Sup Chiabotti is working on getting cameras on the outside of the building

Sup Chiabotti would like to get an alarm if the electricity goes out or if the temperature goes below a certain temperature.

Roads:

There was only one plowing last month.

The Trygg Road sign is missing. Sup Chiabotti will send an email to the county and see if can be replaced.

Land, Website and Broadband

Sup Soderberg presented a Treehouse Broadband proposal from Isaac Olson. Isaac will be attending the April BOS meeting. A special workshop meeting will be called to work through details with Isaac Olson on broadband proposal.

Turner Ryan estate has an agreement to pay the 2025 taxes and that the cabin must be taken down by July 1, 2025. Sup Soderberg sent an email to Shawn Ryan about paying the taxes and what the plan is for taking the cabin down. He has not responded. Sup Soderberg will report back when he hears back from Mr. Ryan.

Parkland Committee will meet in April.

Sup Soderberg has sent out an email but has not heard anything back from St. Louis County regarding short term rentals.

In order to make the .gov change the township must have a sam.gov account. It will be a big deal to change over but not one that needs to be made immediately.

Emergency Preparedness and Water

The Community Firewise Grant for \$21,000 came through and has been signed.

Outreach and Networking

Senator Hauschild has a bill regarding reimbursement for ambulance billing and that affects the township due to us paying Tower for those billings. There are many bills coming out of Hauschild and Skraba's offices. Sup Monahan-Junek will be attending one of the MAT Spring Short courses. Sup

Harrington and Sup Monahan-Junek have met with Bob Streeter to hear information presented by attorney Troy Gilchrist. Sup Harrington and Monahan-Junek will have a follow up meeting with Bob Streeter and after that they may have a timeline to present the information to the board.

Sup Harrington attended the ATV Joint Powers Board meeting and he sent out an email to the board with link to the Northeast Region ATV draft master plan. This regional master plan is similar to the statewide masterplan with a focus on the needs of the 3 counties within the region. The plan is to have this draft finalized by the next ATV joint powers meeting on April 21.

Old Business

Supervisor compensation policy - Supervisors have reached out to other townships to see what their compensation and policies are and all townships are different. There are more questions on what work activities should be covered under this policy. Further discussion will take place regarding this policy under old business next month.

New Business

None at this time.

Supervisor Concerns

None at this time.

Adjournment

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Harrington by to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.
The meeting adjourned at 6:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Keely Drange, Clerk