

Minutes
EAGLES NEST TOWNSHIP
Board of Supervisors Meeting
October 15, 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 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 Harrington moved, seconded by Sup Chiabotti to approve the agenda for October 15, 2025. Motion carried.

Include the addition of Resignation letters for the positions of Clerk and Firewise coordinator to new business.

Minutes

Sup Harrington moved, seconded by Sup Monahan-Junek to approve the Minutes for the August 20, 2025 BOS Meeting. Motion carried.

Communications

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

Citizens' concerns

None at this time

Reports

Clerk

The Clerk will update supervisor responsibilities matrix and update them on the minutes and agenda.

Treasurer

Sup Harrington explained that it may be possible for automatic money transfers to and from the township's money market into the township checking account when the checking account amount gets below a certain threshold. Treasurer Monte will look into how to do this and report on it next month.

Payroll Check numbers 12080-12096, 12115-12116. \$3,797.01

Claim numbers from last month from automatic withdrawal that cleared in September is 5203, 5205; 12112. Check Numbers 12097-12101, 12103, 12105-12107, 12109-12110. Claim Numbers for October 5157, 5190-5202, 5204, 5206 and check numbers 12061-12072; 12074 for a total of \$41,547.79.

The total for payroll and claims is \$45,344.80.

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

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

Building and Grounds

Nothing to report at this time

Fire

See report. Change Tower Ambulance Commission can be changed to Sup Monahan-Junek

Roads

Jeff Schulze will grade the township roads soon.

Tom Erchul with St. Louis County gave Sup Chiabotti a list of issues that need to be fixed before plowing. He has passed these issues on to Jeff Schulze to be fixed.

Land

Nothing to report at this time.

Website and Broadband

Nothing to report at this time.

Emergency Preparedness

There is interest for the Firewise coordinator from someone outside the township. That person will submit a resume and a letter of interest for the position.

Water

Nothing to report at this time.

Outreach and Networking

On September 29 Sup Monahan-Junek, along with Ren Graham, attended the Arrowhead Coalition of Trails meeting sponsored by the Iron Range Tourism Bureau out of Eveleth. Attending this meeting provided a chance to network, be a voice for the township and to stay involved in trail discussions. There is an upcoming training session in Cotton. Sup Monahan-Junek may attend the training in Cotton.

Old Business

Update from Park Land Committee

Kurt Soderberg presented a summary of recommendations consistent with Park Land committee. See attached summary of recommendations report for more detail.

Park Land Committee recommendations are as follows:

The two remaining unaccepted parcels should be accepted by the township. This includes Outlot 2 separating two of Eleanor Fuller's parcels, and Lot 1 block 1. The western portion of Cedar Street by the lake could be accepted and potentially turned into a trail.

The McCubbins, Eleanor Fuller, and the Kromer's should be allowed a dock for personal use with an annual usage fee and placed so as not to preclude a public dock or other development on Outlot 5. Due to diluted ownership of the Turner/Ryan estate they would not be allowed a personal dock.

Negotiate with the Delich family and Eleanor Fuller to fully vacate remaining portions of Michigan Avenue and Birch Street, contingent upon the permanent easement on high ground for an eight-foot-wide hiking trail to connect Outlot 2 and 5.

Park Land Committee will be an agenda item for next month.

Tower Ambulance Commission

Sup Monahan-Junek let Tower know that she will be the township's new contact for the Tower Ambulance Commission. Sup Monahan-Junek was informed that the Commission may be meeting soon. Sup Monahan-Junek will be tuning into to who will fill the role of Tower's new City Clerk/Treasurer and discuss thoughts on the commission when that person is in that role.

Tower Joint Powers Recreation Board Resolution

Sup Harrington sent out a copy of the Tower Joint Powers Recreation Board agreement for review. He is not making a recommendation at this time until the board takes on a bigger role in trails.

There will be another meeting in December that Ren Graham will attend to see if there is anything of interest to the township. Sup Monahan-Junek may attend the next meeting as well. Sup Monahan-Junek feels the current agreement is not sufficient and changes would need to be made to meet her expectations of joint power agreements.

New Business

Resignation letter from Keely Drange for the positions of Firewise Coordinator and Clerk

Keely Drange provided letters of resignation for Firewise Coordinator as of December 31, 2025 and for Clerk as of December 31, 2026.

Sup Monahan-Junek moved, seconded by Sup Harrington to accept Keely Drange's letter of resignation for the Firewise Coordinator position as of December 31, 2025. Motion carried.

Sup Monahan-Junek moved, seconded by Sup Chiabotti to acknowledge the letter of resignation letter from Clerk Drange as of December 31, 2026. Motion carried.

Sup Monahan-Junek will look into choices of filling the position of Clerk and Treasurer.

Supervisor concerns

Sup Harrington is investigating switching the township to the required .gov domain name.

Sup Chiabotti would like all sups to sign each of the timecards individually. Sup Monahan-Junek questions if that is required. All Supervisors concurred to sign each of the timesheets.

Adjournment

Sup Harrington moved, seconded by Sup Monahan-Junek to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:34PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Keely Drange, Clerk