

Minutes
EAGLES NEST TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
April 19, 2023

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

Sup Richard Floyd, and Sup David Chiabotti, Sup Jackie Monahan-Junek, Clerk Keely Drange and Treasurer Mary Beth Monte were in attendance. Sup Kurt Soderberg attended via Zoom.

All votes were taken by roll call due to supervisors attending via Zoom. Unless otherwise stated, all motions carried unanimously.

Agenda

Sup Chiabotti moved and seconded by Sup Soderberg to approve the agenda for April 19, 2023 as amended. Motion carried.

Correction to agenda item, it should read Special Meeting of April 12, 2023 instead of Board of Supervisors meeting.

Additions:

Prospector EAW response and comments

Variance Request for 1268 Walsh Road Burandt Property

Minutes

Sup Soderberg moved and seconded by Sup Floyd to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting. Motion carried.

Sup Floyd moved and seconded by Sup Chiabotti to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2023 Board of Supervisors special meeting. Motion carried.

Communications List Approval

Sup Floyd moved and seconded by Sup Chiabotti to approve the communications list. Motion carried.

Citizens' concerns

Reports

Clerk:

Clerk Drange will be Zooming in to the May BOS meeting.

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer Monte reported claims in the amount of \$ 13,093.52 claim numbers 4617- 4636 and check numbers 10897-10899, 10901-10915 &10920.

Payroll in the amount of \$6318.17 and check numbers 10871-10890, 10892-10895, 10917-10918.

The total amount for payroll and claims is \$19,411.69

Voided Checks 10891, 10896, 10900, 10916 &10919.

Fire Department members need to be paid monthly not annually.

Sup Floyd moved and seconded by Sup Chiabotti to approve the payroll and claims. Soderberg abstain. Motion carried.

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

Building and Grounds:

Leaky faucet in women's bathroom water shut off and will be replaced.

Fire:

Report on file.

Sup Floyd moved and seconded by Sup Chiabotti to spend up to \$5000 out of the township's account towards matching fire grant. Motion carried.

Roads:

Roads will not be in good shape for a while this spring because they are soft and wet.

Sup Floyd will ask Dale Johnson of St. Louis County if he will run surface stabilization to the end of their section of Trygg road and turn around at the boat landing.

Land, website and broadband:

Joint Recreation Board township representation vacancy was posted on the website.

There are a lot of inaccuracies on the website from township organizations. Sup Soderberg will work to clean up the language on the former activities.

Sup Soderberg and Sup Monahan-Junek met with Allison Ellis and Todd Kruse of Frontier regarding possible future projects in the area. The Frontier representatives are willing to work with the township if the board agrees to sign the non-disclosure agreement.

Turner-Ryan cabin on Park Land tax was paid.

Park Land committee will get together sometime again to discuss where to move forward from here.

Emergency Preparedness/water:

No report/covered in fire report.

Legislative Liaison:

There are bills pending to increase local government aid and the local town aid fund.

Old Business:

Short term rental update:

The Short Rental Committee met with Director of St. Louis County planning and development, Matt Johnson. Mr. Johnson doesn't believe that the township moratorium holds any weight. He discussed having an overlay district that would apply to all townships in the county that are looking to add additional restrictions on short term rentals.

New Business:

Supervisor Duties: Sup Monahan-Junek drafted the legislative liaison duties and reviewed them with Sup Soderberg. The board will review and vote on legislative liaison duties at next meeting. Other supervisor duties will be drafted and reviewed at next meeting.

Joint Powers Recreation Board: Sup Monahan-Junek reviewed the executive summary of the Joint Powers Recreation Board, spoke with Julie Suihkonen, Aaron Kania and the Tower Clerk, Michael Shultz the Tower Cler, Sup Monahan-Junek feels that the proposed addition of duties to the Joint Powers Recreation Board are outside of the scope of the current Joint Powers Recreation Board agreement. Sup Monahan-Junek has suggested that the Joint Powers Agreement be refreshed and updated. Sup Monahan-Junek is willing to work with Tower and the other communities to update the Joint Powers Agreement.

Frontier Non-Disclosure: In order to work with Frontier on future project development the township must sign a non-disclosure agreement (NDA). Sup Soderberg spoke with the township attorney and he feels that there is no reason to not sign the NDA in order to work with Frontier. The suggested changes to the NDA were to change the governing law from New York to Minnesota, St. Louis County and an additional edit (which was not found at the time of the meeting).

Motion by Sup Soderberg, second by Sup Monahan-Junek to approve non-disclosure agreement to change from New York to Minnesota, St. Louis County and an additional edit. Motion carried.

4-M fund: Will be discussed in old business for next meeting.

Prospector Loop EAW MN DNR: comments on the EAW are due close of business on May 6th. Lori McIntyre, Sup Monahan-Junek and Sup Soderberg to draft comments for the MN DNR to be reviewed by the board at a special meeting.

Sup Floyd moved, seconded by Sup Soderberg to hold a special meeting on Wednesday, May 3rd at 8am to discuss a response to the EAW on the Prospectors Bear Run Trail. Motion carried.

Burandt Variance: The residents want to add an enclosed stairwell to their home. A comment must come in the form of resolution from the board. The township has no objection considering it is a small addition with little impact to surrounding residents. The county rarely considers the townships comments on variance requests.

Supervisor Concerns:

Sup Chiabotti has a concern about being paid as a maintenance person and being in charge of buildings and grounds it is a conflict of interest. A conflict-of-interest resolution needs to be drafted that the board approves of that work. MAT provides a sample resolution. Resolution can be put into our township's format and approved at the next meeting.

Sup Chiabotti will look into switching the two TVs so the larger one can be seen by the board.

Adjournment:

Sup Floyd moved, seconded by Sup Soderberg to adjourn. Motion carried.
The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Keely Drange, Clerk