

**Minutes**  
**EAGLES NEST TOWNSHIP**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**  
**October 16, 2024**

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

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

Unless otherwise noted, motions carried unanimously. All votes done by roll call due to zoom attendance.

**Agenda**

Sup Soderberg moved and seconded by Sup Sherman to approve the agenda for the October 16, 2024 BOS Meeting as amended. Motion carried.

**Additions:**

During the citizens' concerns the Auxiliary will have a check presentation  
Resolution for ARMER radio Grant under new business  
Truck Purchase for Fire Department under new business

**Minutes**

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Sherman to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2024 Board of Supervisors meeting. Motion carried.

**Communications List Approval**

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

**Citizens' concerns**

The Eagles Nest Fire department/EMS Auxiliary presented a \$25,000 check to Eagles Nest Township for the Fire Department.

Elenor Fuller is concerned about a tree that is on Park Land that may fall on to her property. Sup Chiabotti says that they will take a look at the tree. It was also explained to her that the Township would not be able to remove the tree because that plot of Park Land is not owned by the Township.

**Reports**

**Clerk:**

Constant Contact cards were mailed out on October 11<sup>th</sup>. There have been signups for Constant Contact already starting.

The last election notice was posted in the paper for three weekends.

Clerk Drange explained that the board should explore the Tourism and Culture IRRRB grants. She feels there may be an opportunity that the township could take advantage of with all the recreational activities that take place within the township, especially with the Mesabi Bike Trail that runs on the property.

**Treasurers Report:**

Payroll Check numbers 11607, 11609-11627 in the amount of \$4,141.36  
Claim numbers 4968-4985 and check numbers 11628-11639, 11641-11643 in the amount of \$32,130.47  
For a total of \$36,271.83.

Sup Floyd moved, seconded by Sup Monahan-Junek to approve the payroll and claims. Sup Floyd, Monahan-Junek, Sup Sherman and Sup Chiabotti aye. Sup Soderberg Abstained. Motion carried.

Treasurer Monte will try and move the billing dates for CTC and Wex due dates to better align with monthly BOS meetings. WEX is coming out of checking account.

Individual funds in are running negative (roads) due to low balances. Treasurer Monte will allow individual funds to go negative until the overall total goes low before transferring funds from the money market account to the checking account.

Sup Soderberg moves, seconded by Sup Sherman to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

### **Building and Grounds:**

Nothing at this time.

### **Fire Report:**

Report on file.

### **Roads:**

Roads were recently graded.

Clyde Peterson did tree trimming alongside the roads.

Tom Erchul with the county needs work to be done in some areas on our roads in order to accommodate large county plows. Trees that need to be removed, areas needing to be graded, and width of the road may be the issues. Sup Floyd will follow up with Tom Erchul to see what needs to be done.

The cul-de-sac at the end of Norway road has been completed. Not much larger but may be able to turn fire truck around.

### **Land, website and broadband:**

Sup Soderberg met with Steve Delich regarding his property to better understand the situation. Sup Soderberg notified those on the Park Land notification list that there would be no report this month.

John Kappenman and Sup Monahan-Junek met with Isaac Olson at Tree House Broadband. Sup Monahan-Junek has reached out to Todd Kruse to see where Frontier might be going now that it has been bought by Verizon. Sup Monahan-Junek wants to make sure that Frontier will continue to serve all residents including those who would not be served by Tree House Broadband. Sup Monahan-Junek will continue to follow up with Frontier to find out more.

### **Emergency Preparedness/water:**

Emergency Preparedness report on file

### **Outreach and Networking:**

Sup Monahan-Junek and Sup Chiabotti attended the legal seminar in Cotton on October 12. The seminar was a chance to meet the folks from Couri and Ruppe and network with folks from other townships.

Sup Monahan-Junek will work with Clerk Drange to do the write ups for the Constant Contact emails.

**Old Business:**

**Tower Ambulance Commission:**

Sup Sherman attended the Tower Ambulance Commission meeting on October 7<sup>th</sup>. The new Tower ambulance is in service. The oldest ambulance is 11 years old and being offered to any township that is interested in purchasing it for free or it will be sold on a Minnesota surplus sales website. The ambulance operating fund is doing better now than it has all year. Greenwood backpay issues were supposed to be taken care of at their commission meeting but did not take place due to some walk outs. There may not be any progress on Greenwood ambulance issues until March when their elections take place.

There is an ambulance consolidation meeting on Friday October 18, 2 p.m. at the GEL. Sup Sherman is able to attend that meeting. However, the next ambulance commission meeting is on January 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Sup Sherman will no longer be on the board or even in the country and will not be able to attend that meeting. Finding a temporary or permanent replacement for our Ambulance Commission representative will be on next month's agenda.

**New Business:**

**Truck Purchase:**

The Fire Department has a chance to purchase a used truck from the DNR for wildland firefighting. This will help the fire department access areas that the current fleet would not be able to help manage wildfires.

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Sherman to approve the expenditure of \$12,800 to purchase the 2014 GMC Duramax truck with the funds donate from the auxiliary. Motion carried.

**ARMER Radio Grant Resolution:**

A resolution was drafted for the approval of matching funds from the township in the amount of \$2,105.26 for the ARMER radio grant.

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Monahan-Junek for the approval of Resolution #10-24-07 authorizing Eagles Nest Township to provide funds for Armer Radio Grant. Motion Carried.

**Supervisor Concerns:**

None at this time.

**Adjournment:**

Sup Floyd moved, seconded Soderberg by to adjourn. Motion carried.  
The meeting adjourned at 6:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Keely Drange, Clerk**