

Minutes
EAGLES NEST TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
July 17, 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, Clerk Keely Drange, and Treasurer Mary Beth Monte were in attendance. Sup Frank Sherman attended via zoom due to being away on vacation.

Unless otherwise noted, motions carried unanimously. Roll call votes were taken due to attendance via Zoom.

Agenda

Sup Soderberg moved and seconded by Sup Floyd to approve the agenda for the July 17, 2024 BOS Meeting as amended. Motion carried.

Additions to agenda included:

Add Tomassoni bike ride to new business.

Move Bank CD rates to old business with 4M Fund.

Remove nonpayment of Turner Ryan property taxes.

Minutes

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Floyd to approve the minutes from the June 12, 2024 Board of Supervisors meeting. Motion carried.

Communications List Approval

Sup Floyd moved, seconded by Sup Chiabotti to approve the communications list. Sup Floyd, Chiabotti, Monahan-Junek and Soderberg aye. Sup Sherman abstains. Motion carried.

Citizens' concerns

Lisa Kappenman asked if the ice cream social sign could be hung on the township sign. The board agreed that would be ok.

The Fire Ban sign frames have been completed by John Kappenman and will be stored in the lower hall.

Reports

Clerk:

Nothing to report at this time.

Treasurers Report:

Payroll with check numbers 11487-11504 in the amount of \$3,903.11. Claims with claim numbers of 4907-4915; 4917-4923, check numbers 11513; 11515-11518; 11520 in the amount of \$22,318.76 for a total of \$26,221.87.

Voided checks for EFT 11514 and 11519.

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

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Chiabotti to approve the Treasurer's report. Sup Sherman abstains. Sup Floyd, Monahan-Junek, Soderberg and Chiabotti aye Motion carried.

Building and Grounds:

Th carpet will be shampooed next Wednesday.

After an attempt to fix the roof in the lower hall it is still leaking. Sup Chiabotti will continue to locate the issue and fix it.

Fire Report: On file

Roads:

Dust abatement was recently completed. Jeff Schulze quickly completed road grading before dust abatement was placed.

An estimate of \$5000 for the widening of Norway Road for fire trucks to turn around more easily was provided by Robinson Lake Trucking. It would need to be surveyed first.

Sup Floyd will get a quote for the survey. Chief Kruger will look at the end of the road to see if the estimate is reasonable for the work. Sup Floyd will also check with Jeff Schulze for a quote.

Mowing and brushing of right of ways needs to be completed. Sup Floyd is waiting on a response from Clyde Peterson to see if he will do it again for the Township.

Land, website and broadband:

Park Land- Turner Ryan estate did pay property taxes and has complied with the property requests from the Township. The Kromer's feel the dock rental fee is too high and they still have the tire sand box in place. A new unknown dock has shown up on the Park Land. The Park Land Committee will meet again to discuss options going forward. They will discuss a "No Docks" sign.

ATV Trail- Sup Monahan-Junek and Sup Soderberg will meet with Commissioner McDonald and St. Louis County officials on August 30.

Emergency Preparedness/water:

ENCEP report on file. Mike Ostlund will be stepping down as Emergency Management Director at the end of August.

The Ambulance Commission will meet again on July 29 and may be more productive now that Greenwood Township will be participating.

Outreach and Networking:

September 13th MAT will hold a Legislative and Research Committee in St. Cloud for legislative Priorities.

Old Business:

Beaver Dam issues- Chuck Renner brought up issues with the beaver dam on Armstrong causing the lake level to be too high. If a road association wants to manage the beavers a list of licensed trappers has

been provided by the DNR. The DNR is aware of the beaver issue at the end of Lake Two and is monitoring lake levels. There was no support for trying to manage beaver dams at this time by the township.

4M Fund/Bank CD rates- Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Chiabotti to approve the resolution that authorizes the township to enter the 4M fund. The resolution provided will be put into township format. Motion carried.

Sup Monahan-Junek provided a breakdown of local bank's CD rates. The board agreed that it may be beneficial that money can be taken out at any time of the 4M fund.

The supervisors discussed entering the 4M fund now and deciding next month how much they would like to put into the 4M fund.

Sup Soderberg will discuss with Greg Buckley about getting a better rate at Frandsen Bank.

New Business:

Revised Safe and Sick Time Policy (ESST)- There were new changes to be made as of May 25th 2024 that Fire and EMS personnel will no longer accrue ESST. An addition to the terms of ESST is that time can be used to make arrangements or attend a funeral for the death of a family member.

Statement of accrued time can either be given to employee electronically or in writing.

Sup Monahan-Junek moved, seconded by Sup Soderberg to approve the updated Earned Safe and Sick Time policy effective as of May 25th 2024. Motion carried.

Superior Fuel Contract- The new contract with Superior Fuel has the same rates as the last contract. Sup Chiabotti has signed this contract for 2025. Sup Chiabotti had requested rates from other companies but hasn't received them yet.

Broadband- A new estimate to install fiber to the entire township is \$11 million. It may be possible to break up the project into areas, revisit working with Frontier to install or continue to work with Tree House Broadband. Frontier has no obligation to keep up DSL service within the township. Broadband funds from St. Louis County would need to be spent by the end of the year but it will not be enough to cover costs to install fiber to the entire township.

Tomassoni Bike Ride- Bike ride officials would like to rent the upper hall for their bike ride to use as an emergency shelter in the event of severe weather. They would only use the hall if needed. The township would need to staff the hall as those using it are not residents of the township. In our rental agreement we have rates for use by non-residents. There was discussion on charging them those rates. The board did not want to do this as it would be unknown who would be in and out of the hall. The township did not want to pay to staff the hall for non-resident events. May discuss the staffing of the hall for these type of non-resident events in the future. Sup Chiabotti will reach out to the bike ride officials to discuss options.

Supervisor Concerns:

None at this time.

Adjournment:

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Floyd to adjourn. Motion carried.
The meeting adjourned at 6:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Keely Drange, Clerk