

Minutes
EAGLES NEST TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
MAY 15, 2024

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

Sup Richard Floyd, Sup Kurt Soderberg, Sup Jackie Monahan-Junek, Clerk Keely Drange, Treasurer Mary Beth Monte and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Gwen Potter were in attendance. Sup Chiabotti and Sup Sherman attended unofficially via Zoom.

Unless otherwise noted, motions carried unanimously.

Agenda

Sup Soderberg moved and seconded by Sup Monahan-Junek to approve the agenda for the May 15, 2024 BOS Meeting as amended. Motion carried.

Additions to agenda included:
Encroachment agreement for Turner Ryan parcel new business
Motion to approve the LBAE minutes

Minutes

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Floyd to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2024 Board of Supervisors meeting. Motion carried.

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Floyd to approve the minutes from the LBAE meeting on May 11, 2024. Motion carried.

Communications List Approval

Sup Soderberg moved and seconded by Sup Monahan-Junek to approve the communications list. Motion carried.

Citizens' concerns

Judy Thon asked where the Trygg Road flat tire issue was at. The county will be fixing Trygg Road early this summer.

Tim Rund had questions on St. Louis County's property valuation system. The township will plan to talk with St. Louis County assessors to get more information on the process.

Reports

ENCEP/Emergency preparedness: Mike Ostlund gave the ENCEP Report. ENCEP Report on File.

Clerk:

The filing period for open positions will be July 30- August 13. There will be mandatory hours on August 13 and 15 for withdrawal of candidacy. The filing fee is \$2.

June meeting has been moved up a week due to Juneteenth and is now on June 12.

Matt Bordson reached out to see if the Tomassoni Bike ride can use the hall again on Friday, September 20. Supervisors agreed that the lower hall can be used for event. Potable water is available on spigot outside of upper hall.

ZPDI still has not credited us for the Frontier bill. Sup Soderberg will continue to look into this.

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer Monte reported claims in the amount of \$11,088.98 claim numbers 4875-4891 and check numbers 11434-11447.

Payroll in the amount of \$6,036.75 and check numbers 11412-11432.

The total amount for payroll and claims is \$17,125.73.

EFT: 11433, 11449

Voided Check # 11411 November Withholding: \$1,740.37

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

Sup Floyd moved, seconded by Sup Soderberg to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds:

Air conditioning is now operational.

Fire Report: On File.

Roads:

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Monahan-Junek for approval to spend \$22,331 for dust abatement treatment. Motion carried.

Grading took place the following Tuesday after last meeting. The township will grade again when conditions are appropriate to do so.

Sup Floyd listed the signs needed for Spruce Street are a dead-end sign, a no public landing sign, and two no parking signs, one on each side of the road. Sup Floyd will show county where the signs will go.

Land, website and broadband:

The board has questions on how St. Louis County establishes and defines neighborhoods for property assessments.

Sup Monahan-Junek will call the County Assessor and request a meeting with them and the board.

Emergency Preparedness/water:

Emergency Preparedness (ENCEP) report on file. No reports on water.

Ambulance commission meeting was postponed. Sup Sherman will report on meeting when it takes place.

Outreach and Networking:

Outreach topic is on the agenda under new business.

Old Business:

Burn ban signs:

Sup Monahan-Junek has asked who will put up the signs and how they will be posted. Sup Monahan-Junek will discuss with Mike Ostlund, if the ENCEP group would be able to figure out who and how the signs will get posted when necessary.

4M-Fund:

Sup Soderberg moved to pass a resolution be drawn up that is similar to the 4M resolution 05-23-05 updating any info including updated signers. Sup Soderberg withdrew his motion.

A new resolution will be drafted and 4-M applications will be filled out for approval at the next meeting.

ATV trail discussion:

The Larue Mine Road is private property and cannot be used as an ATV trail to access the ATV campground. The prescriptive easement states that the State of Minnesota can use it as a forest road and nothing else including an ATV trail.

Sup Soderberg is trying to get a meeting with Commissioner McDonald he hasn't heard back as of yet.

The board will be updated on discussion when Eagles Nest representatives are able to meet with Commissioner McDonald.

New Business:

Constant Contact expenditure:

Clerk Drange will send out a postcard to 570 property owners in the township to let them know about the new Constant Contact email updates.

Sup Monahan Junek moved, seconded by Sup Soderberg to enter into a contract with Constant Contact. Motion carried.

CTC Broadband Proposal:

Sup Soderberg explained a map, that he provided, showing a proposal from CTC broadband for high-speed fiber internet. The larger southern portion of the proposal would cost \$5,113, 120 and the northern portion of the proposal would cost an additional \$1,548,000 to serve the township.

Sup Monahan-Junek will meet with the IRRRB to see if there are any grant funded options to help support this project.

Turner-Ryan Encroachment:

Sup Soderberg has not heard back on the terms and what will be done by the June 1st deadline from the Kromers.

Township attorney, Bob Ruppe, has suggested that the board approve the terms of the encroachment agreement, Sup Soderberg will draft the agreement and then send it to our attorney.

The terms for the Turner-Ryan encroachment agreement are as follows:

Litter and other items on the Park Land will be removed by June 15, 2024.

The cabin on the Park Land will be removed and the land returned to a natural state as defined by the township will be done by July 15, 2025.

The removal of the dock will take place by July 15, 2024.

Payment of the property tax will be paid in full for each year for as long as there are property taxes due on the cabin.

The cabin will be posted as private property and the cabin will be properly secured so that no one can gain access.

Sup Soderberg will draft the encroachment agreement terms and send them to attorney Bob Ruppe to finalize the agreement.

The board will approve the formal agreement when it has been finalized by the attorney.

Supervisor Concerns:

None at this time.

Adjournment:

Sup Floyd moved, seconded by Sup Soderberg to adjourn. Motion carried.
The meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Keely Drange, Clerk