

**Minutes**  
**EAGLES NEST TOWNSHIP**  
**Board of Supervisors Meeting**  
**August 20, 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 Kurt Soderberg, Sup David Chiabotti, Clerk Keely Drange, and Treasurer Mary Beth Monte were in attendance.

Unless otherwise noted, motions carried unanimously.

**Agenda**

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Harrington to approve the agenda for August 20, 2025. Motion carried.

Move Egress Dock before Turner Ryan Parkland.

**Minutes**

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Harrington to approve the Minutes for the July 16, 2025 BOS Meeting. Motion carried.

**Communications**

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

**Citizens' concerns**

Mary Beth Monte let the board know that there will be a gate installed by the residents on Sunshine Lane. The gate won't be locked for the time being but may be locked in the spring. They have been approved as CO-OP and the County has approves them for the gate.

**Reports**

Clerk

Nothing at this time.

Treasurer

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Harrington to approve the payroll and claims. Motion carried.

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

Payroll Check numbers 12004-12020; 12022-12024; 12028 \$5,488.03

Claim numbers from last month from automatic withdrawal that cleared in July are 5166-5168 and check Numbers 12025-12027. Claim Numbers for August 5158-5171 and check numbers 12029-12030; 12032-12033; 12035-12036 for a total of \$5,481.93.

\$10,969.96 payroll and claims.

**Building and Grounds**

Signs were put up in the parking lot that say no overnight parking and cameras in use.

Sup Chiabotti replaced the lock set on the fire hall door.

Sup Chiabotti got two quotes for sealcoating the town hall parking lot from Starkman Asphalt and Commercial Repair out of Grand Rapids. Both quotes were over \$8,000. The last sealcoating was done fall of 2019.

Sup Chiabotti moved, seconded by Sup Soderberg to approve up to \$8400 for seal coating to be done the week after Labor Day. Motion carried.

Fire: See report.

#### Roads:

The roads were graded a few weeks ago after the heavy rain. There are additional issues on Swanson Shores and more work needs to be done this fall.

The road shoulders may need to be fixed to bring material back to the road surface or gravel added to bring the crown back up.

St. Louis County sent notice of opportunities to buy road material after a crushing contract. However, the gravel source is far away and it may be more cost effective to purchase material from a closer location.

#### Land, Website and Broadband

There is no report from Treehouse Broadband at this time and possibly no report for some time.

Eagles Nest Lake One has seen more residents sign up for Treehouse Broadband.

#### Emergency Preparedness and Water

There is a process to legally break the beaver dam at the East Two River. There is a marker so the water level can be monitored and if the level is above the marker, residents may seek permission to break the dam to lower the water level.

Currently the beaver dam is not keeping the water level high.

Sup Harrington accompanied the DNR on a Lake Two fish net survey. Lake Three survey has been done. Walleye stocking will take place this fall on Lake Two.

The Conservation Officer has looked into the illegal brush drop on Sunshine Lane. It has been recommended that if the brush dumping continues, the DNR can put up a camera. Sup Harrington has asked that the pile be picked up during brush pick up.

#### Outreach and Networking

Sup Monahan-Junek and Sup Harrington will attend the MAT district 10 meeting on August 28 to understand more about MAT and to discuss township priorities.

Sup Monahan-Junek has been meeting and working through the legal process with the Consultant and is drafting a report. Sup Monahan-Junek will report when the final recommendation is ready.

#### **Old Business**

##### Park Land Egress dock

Sup Soderberg and Frank Sherman talked to Chief Kruger and he provided his thoughts on the egress dock. He recommended that Docks on Wheels put it in and take it out the dock and that improvements be made on the Park Land for the egress dock. He did not feel that the dock was something that the fire department should manage.

Sup Soderberg gave a brief history of Park Land recommendations and decisions made since he has been part of the discussions.

Sup Soderberg will be resigning and will no longer be handling the Park Land discussion.

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Harrington to recommend Sup Harrington's option to cancel the dock until the Board reached consensus on what to do with the Park Land egress dock. Motion carried.

Sup Soderberg will follow up to ensure the dock has been canceled.

#### Turner Ryan Parkland

Sup Soderberg has notified Ben Thomas, St. Louis County Assessor, and no taxes will be assessed to the township on the Park Land.

Sup Soderberg recommends that the depression would be filled for a future need on that spot and a pathway built.

There has been no further communication from the Turner Ryan estate. Bob Ruppe, Attorney, said that the only way to enforce further rehab and clean-up work on the Turner-Ryan estate would be to establish a nuisance ordinance. However, the nuisance ordinance needs to be enforced across the board and it may be overwhelming to implement.

Sup Soderberg's recommendation is that no further action is taken at this time.

#### MN Department of Revenue name

The Township's name was corrected with the MN Department of Revenue after many hours from Sup Monahan-Junek calling multiple people.

#### Emergency Operations Plan

Michael Ostlund gave a brief summary of the development of the EOP and the two changes he has made since the last meeting - accepting donations on behalf of the Board and a change to Sup Harrington's phone number.

Sup Monahan-Junek has a few questions and feedback on the EOP and will follow up with Micheal Ostlund before next meeting. Sup Monahan-Junek asks who would fill the positions that are outlined in the EOP. Micheal Ostlund says that the positions will be filled by those available in the emergency and the incident. If they can't be filled internally, then they will be filled externally.

#### **New Business**

##### Sup Spending amount

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Harrington to approve an individual Sup to spend up to \$2,000 and the Chair up to \$5,000 for emergency purposes. Motion carried.

Items to be purchased need to be put on the agenda and approved by the Board that are not an emergency purchase.

Clerk Drange will put this decision on file under policies.

#### Supervisor Concerns

Monahan-Junek is concerned that trail users are in the traffic lane in the parking lot and are not moving out of the way when people drive into the lot.

There is an issue with bike traffic not being seen on the Birch Street and Bear Head State Park Road.

Mesabi Trailhead information shows that we allow overnight parking. Sup Monahan-Junek will reach out to the Mesabi Trail Authority to see that intersection is signed and address other issues.

Jason Meier has replaced Julie Marinucci at St. Louis County and is responsible for the ATV permit on the cutover between Bear Head State Park Road and the Trygg Road. The Township would like Jason to have a discussion with the Township regarding the cutover before they approve the permit renewal.

Sup Soderberg will be resigning at the end of the month.

Adjournment

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Harrington by to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.  
The meeting adjourned at 6:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Keely Drange, Clerk