

Minutes
EAGLES NEST TOWNSHIP
Board of Supervisors Meeting
May 21, 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, Treasurer Mary Beth Monte and Deputy Treasurer-Clerk Gwen Potter were in attendance.

Unless otherwise noted, motions carried unanimously.

Agenda

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Harrington to approve the agenda for May 21, 2025 with additions. Motion carried.

Additions to agenda include flat tires on Trygg Road to new business and Border Lakes Surveying proposal under the Parkland Recommendations.

Minutes

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

Sup Harrington moved, seconded by Sup Soderberg to approve the Minutes for the April 9, 2025 BOS Special Meeting. Motion carried.

Sup Harrington moved, seconded by Sup Soderberg to approve the Minutes for the May 9th LBAE Meeting. Sup Chiabotti, Sup Soderberg and Sup Harrington vote aye. Sup Monahan-Junek abstains as she was not at the LBAE meeting. Motion carried.

Communications

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

Citizens' concerns

None at this time.

Reports

Clerk

Nothing at this time.

Treasurer

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

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

Payroll Check numbers 11885-11887; 1889-11904 \$4,795.38

Claim numbers 5100-5121, Check Numbers 11906-11907; 11909; 11916; 11918-11919; 11921-11923 for a total of \$38,184.19. for a total of \$42,979.57 for payroll and claims.

Building and Grounds

There was a leak was found in the waterline between the well and the garage and it was repaired.

Cameras were installed on front corner of the hall. They face down the hill and in the upper lot.

The Tomassoni bike ride will take place in September and will set up a tent in the lower lot. Sup Chiabotti communicated that the group may use the lower hall in the case of inclement weather.

A waste bin has been installed for the bike trail from the Mesabi Rail Authority.

Fire:

See report. Fire/EMS call sheet included.

Roads:

The spring road grading was completed.

The dust abatement will be applied to the roads soon.

Land, Website and Broadband

No report from Isaac Olson at this time. Sup Soderberg will reach out to see if Isaac Olson will have a proposal for the next meeting.

There us a St. Louis County planning and zoning June 17th public hearing. Sup Soderberg will see who is available from the Short Term Rental committee to attend the public hearing and see if they will include any of the recommendations from the township for the short term rental county ordinance.

Emergency Preparedness and Water

The ENCEP group had a meeting on May 15. Micheal Ostlund gave a brief overview of preplanning that had taken place in response to the fires near Brimson.

Sup Harrington noted that the Bear Run ATV Trail was a few weeks away from being done. The ATV that runs down Bear Head State Park Road and Trygg Road is open again.

Outreach and Networking

Sup Monahan-Junek and the ATV sub-committee have been meeting with Bob Streetar and Troy Gilchrist. Sup Monahan-Junek will let the board know when they are ready to report out.

The legislature may be cutting township aid and other funding may be reduced and impact the township.

Old Business

Sup Harrington moved, Seconded by Sup Soderberg to approve the Lake Country Power, CTC, Superior Fuel, MN Telecommunications, AT&T Cellular Paging accounts to be paid with EFT automatic payments. Motion Carried.

New Business

Parkland Recommendations

See recommendation report included.

Sup Soderberg was unable to locate the property corners to ensure the cabin was moved off of Parkland.

Sup Soderberg would like the township to enter into an agreement with Border Lakes Surveying to find three corners to ensure the Turner-Ryan cabin is fully off of Parkland, and two more near the other parcels to help in making decisions on the remainder of the Park Land.

Sup Soderberg recommends that the township set a time limit that the dumpster can be present and, in a location, agreed upon by the Chief.

The Park Land Committee will talk to the Fire Chief about an emergency egress dock specifications and an appropriate location.

The Park Land Committee and the Township will proceed with recommendations 1 & 3, to remove the Turner-Ryan cabin and move forward with planning an emergency egress dock.

There will be a pause on the private dock conversation until the emergency egress dock location has been finalized.

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Chiabotti the authorization to enter into an agreement with Border Lakes Surveying, not to exceed \$1500 for a survey to locate Park Land corners. Motion carried.

Sup Soderberg recommends to the board that the township move forward with accepting all of the parkland and all the platted streets.

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Monahan-Junek to not allow private docks on the accepted public land.

Sup Soderberg asked to withdraw his motion, and Sup Monahan-Junek agreed, and the motion was withdrawn.

Flat Tires on the Trygg Road

Sup Harrington feels that asking St. Louis County to take ownership of all of Trygg Road will help to fix some of the maintenance issues on the road. Sup Soderberg said that Rich Floyd had informally asked the county to take over the road and they declined.

Sup Harrington moved, Seconded by Sup Chiabotti for the township to ask St. Louis County to take over all of Trygg Road.

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Harrington to table this motion until a later date. Motion carried.

Taking over Trygg Road will be added to next month's agenda for discussion.

It would be a substantial increase in road maintenance costs. Sup Monahan-Junek would like to know what that extra cost would be.

Supervisor Concerns

Sup Monahan-Junek asks who responsibility it is to remove trees in the right of way and when it falls over the township road or if it is on private property is it the neighborhood's responsibility.

Sup Chiabotti will get MAT's take on right of way and private property tree removal.

Adjournment

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Harrington by to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Keely Drange, Clerk