Minutes
EAGLES NEST TOWNSHIP
Board of Supervisors Meeting
July 15, 2026

Call to Order

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

Sup David Chiabotti, Sup Jackie Monahan-Junek, Sup Carlson, Sup Brian Harrington, Clerk Keely Drange, Treasurer Mary Beth Monte and Deputy Clerk Joseph Junek were in attendance.

Unless otherwise noted, motions carried unanimously.

Agenda

Sup Harrington moved, seconded by Sup Carlson to approve the agenda for the July 15, 2026 Board of Supervisors meeting with additions. Motion carried.

Additions to July agenda:

Short Term Rentals to Old business

Communications Policy to new business

The approval of Special meeting minutes of July 2, 2026

Minutes

Sup Harrington moved, seconded by Sup Chiabotti to approve the June 17, 2026 Board of Supervisors minutes.

Sup Harrington moved, seconded by Sup Monahan-Junek to approve the July 2, 2026 Board of Supervisors Special Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Put a note on the website regarding the change of brush drop minutes.

Communications

Sup Harrington moved, seconded by Sup Monahan-Junek to approve the communications list. Motion carried.

Citizens' concerns

There have been campers on Sunshine Lane on public land for over a month. The law enforcement officer is trying to get them to move.

Reports

Clerk
The filing period for Town Supervisor and Treasurer candidates for the 2026 General Election is July 14, 2026 through July 28, 2026 at 5 pm. Clerk Drange will have in person mandatory office hours on July 28, 2026 from 3 to 5 pm at the hall. The candidate withdrawal period end on July 30, 2026. There will be a mandatory in person withdrawal hour from 4 to 5 pm on July 30 at the hall. Appointments can be made with the clerk outside of those times for both filing and withdrawal before each respective deadline. The filing fee is $2.00.

We received notice that our Zoom subscription will renew in September. Clerk Drange suggests canceling Zoom as we already have Microsoft Teams included in our Office Suite package. Clerk Drange will inform the public of the switch from Zoom to Teams before the switch is formally made.

Treasurer
Payroll Check numbers 12404-12422. $5,063.60.

Claim Numbers 5338-5355 and check numbers 12423-12425; 12427-12430; for a total of $12,685.66.

Check number 12403 was a claim that cleared last month.

The total for payroll and claims is $17,749.26

Sup Harrington moved, seconded by Sup Chiabotti to transfer $75,000 to the money market from the regular checking account.

Sup Carlson moved, seconded by Sup Harrington to approve the payroll and claims.

Sup Harrington moved, Seconded by Sup Chiabotti to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds
Nothing at this time.

Fire:
There was a Teams meeting training on the new firefighter BK radios.

John Kappenman and Todd Johnson are working on the Ely Wildfires.

Mike Ostlund and Lisa Hutchinson will be working on the wildfires this weekend.

Sup Monahan-Junek wants to make sure that with our fire personnel going to help with the fires, we have enough firefighters available to cover anything that happens within the Township. Fire Department Secretary Mary Beth Monte stated that she and one other firefighter will be in the township to respond to calls.

Roads:
Dust suppression was completed on Monday the 13th of July. Most roads are in good shape aside from a few places that may need to be spot graded.

Residents should reach out to Sup Carlson or the township if they find issues with the roads.

Roads have been brushed. There is a question on when the appropriate time to brush roads is. Sup Carlson will look into when the appropriate time period is.

Clyde Peterson will brush trees and limbs in road right-of-way's this fall. He must get landowner's permission to cut on private property. Sup Carlson will look into the rules on cutting on private property near rights-of-way.

Land:
Sup Monahan-Junek has billed the Turner Ryan estate for property taxes due.

Sup Monahan-Junek will take a closer look to determine if Dave Kromer is trespassing with his dock on Park Land.

Website and Broadband:
Nothing at this time

Emergency Preparedness:
Mike Ostlund is managing ENCEP again. Mike is getting new radios for ENCEP and will train road ambassadors on them at a later date.

Sup Monahan-Junek's opinion that it is the job of the Town Board to hire people for positions and not the fire chief. It should be the town board that approves who is appointed to the position as ENCEP coordinator.

Sup Harrington moved, seconded by Sup Chiabotti to accept Mike Ostlund to the position of ENCEP coordinator through the end of the year. Harrington is withdrawing the motion.

A special meeting with Mike Ostlund should be set to better understand the role of the ENCEP coordinator and his role as Eagles Nest Emergency Manager.

Outreach and Networking:
There is a MAT district meeting at the end of August that Sup Monahan-Junek may attend.

Sup Monahan-Junek will send the language for Option B to Clerk Drange to publish to Constant Contact.

Sup Monahan-Junek attended the Tower Trails group meeting. She did not feel there was anything new to report but just wanted to go to represent the township and gather information.

Sup Monahan-Junek is looking at new policy samples regarding the new Electronic Funds Transfer law. She will bring more info on this at a later date.

Sup Monahan-Junek corresponded with Kelly Johnson from St. Louis County regarding any new developments on the Trygg Road cutover ATV trail permit. St. Louis County will be meeting with Ron Potter this week.

Sup Monahan-Junek could not attend the Tower Ambulance Commission meeting. She will follow up with Bob Anderson in Tower for more information.

Sup Harrington will attend a few ENTLA meetings to bring more coordination between ENTLA and the township board.

Finance:
Sup Monahan-Junek would like the board to review the budget once more before next year's annual meeting.

Old Business

Town Hall Rental Agreement updates
The board feels there should be no rental fee for resident use of the hall.

A hall user who wishes to serve alcohol at a function must prevent their Homeowners policy which will cover accidents and injuries that may occur at the function.

Changes to the rental agreement will be updated and approved at the next meeting.

Short-Term Rental
Sup Harrington gave a brief review of the township's past actions on a short term rentals.

Sup Harrington explained that St. Louis County has not updated Ordinance 62 to include anything new on short-term rental policy.

The township may want to implement a zoning overlay district to manage short-term rental policy and locations within the township.

Sup Harrington asked if Bob Streetar, consultant, can draft a proposal on a short-term rental overlay district for Eagles Nest.

Sup Harrington moved, seconded by Sup Monahan-Junek to ask Bob Streetar to submit a proposal

regarding short-term rentals. Motion carried.

New Business

Resolution accepting donation of water rescue equipment from the Eagles Nest Fire/EMS Auxiliary
Sup Harrington moved, seconded by Sup Chiabotti to accept the water rescue equipment in the amount of $499.99 from the Eagles Nest Fire/EMS Auxiliary by resolution 07-26-04. Motion carried.

Communications Policy
Sup Monahan-Junek suggests that the communications policy should be to send all communications to all supervisors and not just individual supervisors.

Supervisor Concerns

Sup Monahan-Junek believes the township needs to work on a comprehensive list of roads in the township.

Adjournment

Sup Harrington moved, seconded by Sup Carlson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Keely Drange, Clerk