Minutes
EAGLES NEST TOWNSHIP
Board of Supervisors Meeting
March 18, 2026

Call to Order

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

Sup Chiabotti, Sup Monahan-Junek, Sup Carlson, Clerk Keely Drange, and Treasurer Mary Beth Monte were in attendance. Sup Harrington was joining via Zoom due to being out of town.

Unless otherwise noted roll call and motions carried unanimously.

Agenda

Sup Carlson moved, seconded by Sup Chiabotti to approve the agenda for the March 18, 2026 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Minutes

Sup Monahan-Junek moved, seconded by Sup Chiabotti to approve the minutes for the February 18, 2026 Board of Supervisors Workshop and the March 6, 2026 Budget Workshop. All minutes approved in one motion. Motion carried.

Communications

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

Citizens' concerns

None at this time

Reports

Clerk
Nothing at this time.

Treasurer
Payroll Check numbers 12264-12281. $3,701.22.

Claim Numbers for December 5282-5297 and check numbers 12262 (claims from last month that cleared after the meeting) 12283-12290; 12292 for a total of $5,571.30.

The total for payroll and claims is $9,272.52.

Sup Carlson moved, seconded by Sup Chiabotti to approve the payroll and claims. Harrington abstains. Motion carried.

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

Building and Grounds
A motion light has been installed on the east side of the hall.

Sup Carlson explained that the hall is considered a commercial building and that it falls under OSHA

regulations. If the township is to hire an employee to clean, they must be properly trained to ensure they are following all OSHA regulations.

Fire:
See report.

Ice rescue equipment quote will be on next month's agenda.

Roads:
When the roads thaw out the grader will then be able to grade the roads to fix the potholes.

Land:
The township received a public notice email regarding a variance for 1539 Bear Head State Park Road on April 9th. The variance applicants are asking to convert their cabin into a full-time home.

On April 16th there will be a public hearing on Ordinance 62.

Nothing to report on Park Land at this time.

St. Louis County has questions on the Township's OHV ordinance. Sup Monahan-Junek recommends the township meet with Bob Streetar and the attorney if needed to draft a response to the County.

Website and Broadband:
Sup Harrington's comments regarding Frontier's customer service were detailed in the Timberjay. A Frontier rep responded to Sup Harrington and seemed displeased his comments. Sup Harrington responded to the rep and explained his negative experience with Frontier's customer service. Sup Harrington has not heard back from Frontier.

Emergency Preparedness
Nothing at this time

Water
Nothing at this time.

Outreach and Networking
Sup Harrington and Sup Monahan-Junek attended the MAT legislative day. They visited with Senator Hauschild, Representative Skraba, and our local District 12 Director Kevin Comnick. They also had a chance to network with other townships.

There are upcoming training courses from Couri and Ruppe and the MAT Spring Courses.

Finance
Nothing at this time

Old Business

Letter of Support for Hwy 169/1/77 Improvements
Sup Monahan-Junek received an email response from Vic Lund answering her questions on the Hwy 169/1/77 traffic circle. Mr. Lund explained that St. Louis County had received many letters of support for the project from surrounding communities. The deadline to send letters of support has now passed.

New Business

Townhall Rental for Political Groups
There is no need to fill out application for groups or community events. The current rental policy needs to be updated to reflect changes for community events and groups. Political groups will not be addressed separately but will be included in community events and groups and will need to fill out an application but will not need to pay a rental fee.

Sup Harrington moved, seconded by Sup Monahan-Junek to allow Bill Stocker to use the hall for an event from 4-6 pm on April 6th, provided they clean up after themselves and fill out the current rental application for no charge. Motion carried.

Sup Monahan-Junek believes the township should allow small gambling events at the town hall such as bingo if they secure the appropriate state gambling permits.

New Radios for ENCEP
Micheal Ostlund asked for new radios for ENCEP. Sup Harrington would like to wait and get more information on other radio options.

Discuss Options for Clerk and Treasurer
The township is considering changing the clerk and treasurer from elected to appointed positions.

Sup Monahan-Junek reviewed the statute language and would like to reach out to the County Clerk to obtain the proper language that should appear on the ballot. Sup Monahan-Junek would like to find out of only Option B. Or if both option D and option B should appear on the ballot.

Option B reads; “Shall option B, providing for the appointment of the clerk and treasurer by the town board, be adopted for the government of the town?"

Option D reads; "Shall option D, providing for combining the offices of clerk and treasurer, be adopted for the government of the town?"

Sup Monahan-Junek will confirm if approval of Option B is contingent on the simultaneous approval of Option D if both questions are on the ballot in one question.

The township needs to alert the County Clerk at minimum of 84 days before the next election if this question(s) is to appear on the ballot.

The township is primarily considering option B to appoint both the positions of clerk and treasurer rather than combining these positions due to the high cost of a required third-party audit.

Clerk Drange will work with Sup Monahan-Junek to draft a letter to the St. Louis County Clerk asking what the proper language should appear on the ballot.

Treatment of Abstention votes/Quorum
Sup Chiabotti contacted Steve Fenske at MAT and it is of his legal opinion on whether an abstention can be considered a no vote. It was Steve Fenske’s legal opinion that an abstention is not no vote, but rather that the abstention vote is not considered at all. The February minutes on the letter of support for the traffic circle (roundabout) on Hwy 169/1/77 should be revised to state a vote of two ayes, one nay, one abstention. Motioned carried

Sup Chiabotti moved, seconded by Sup Carlson to revise the February minutes to show the motion passed with the following votes: two ayes, one nay, one abstention. regarding the letter of support for Hwy 169/1/77 improvements. Motion carried.

Crisis Response Grant Agency Support Letter
Sup Chiabotti moved, Seconded by Sup Monahan-Junek to send a letter of support as proposed, for the Crisis Response Agency Grant. Motion carried.

OHV Response to St. Louis County
Sup Monahan-Junek moved, Seconded by Sup Harrington to work with Bob Streeter and the attorney from Kennedy and Graven, if needed, to draft appropriate response to St. Louis County in regard to their questions on the township’s OHV Ordinance.

Supervisor concerns
None at this time.

Adjournment

Sup Carlson moved, seconded by Sup Monahan-Junek to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Keely Drange, Clerk