Minutes
EAGLES NEST TOWNSHIP
Board of Supervisors Meeting
May 20, 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 Jackie Monahan-Junek, Sup Carlson, Sup Brian Harrington, Clerk Keely Drange, and Treasurer Mary Beth Monte were in attendance.

Unless otherwise noted, motions carried unanimously.

Agenda

Sup Carlson moved, seconded by Sup Harrington to approve the agenda with additions and adjustments for the May 20, 2026 Board of Supervisors meeting. Motion carried.

Addition Approving training hours for deputy clerk.

Moving fire report up further on the agenda.

Minutes

Sup Harrington moved, seconded by Sup Monahan-Junek to approve the April 15, 2026 Board of Supervisors minutes and the May 5, 2026 Board of Supervisors special meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Communications

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

Citizens' concerns

Donna Carlson had questions about the cost and intentions for the accepted and not yet accepted Parkland. The Board expressed that they are still weighing options for the Parkland and no final decision has been made. See included document provided by Donna Carlson with her questions and concerns on the Park Land.

Lori McIntyre asks where the reissuance by St, Louis County of the ATV permit for the cross over from Bear Head State Park Road to Trygg Road is at. The Board has found that this permit is not in compliance with the township Ordinance 05-26-02. The township will work through the issues with location and timing issues regarding this permit reissuance.

Reports

Fire Report

Chief Krueger asked the board to formally accept fire and EMS coverage of the northern part of the Mud Creek Road which is in an unorganized township. This area is currently under Greenwood Townships protection, but it is currently faster for Eagles Nest Fire and EMS (ENFD) to cover this area because it is closer to Eagles Nest than Greenwood. ENFD is currently covering calls to this area through mutual aid. By formally accepting this coverage area, ENFD will be able to receive more funding for the fire department from St. Louis County. Chief Kruger stated that Greenwood is currently receiving $15,000 for this area and has asked if Eagles Nest Township will take over the coverage area as they are not able to fulfill their obligations to this coverage area. Chief Kruger will ask the

County to raise this funding amount to $18,000. Sup Monahan-Junek would like to see the agreement before agreeing to take on this coverage area. Chief Kruger said the point of contact for the agreement is Phil Chapman with St. Louis County.

Sup Harrington will follow up with St. Louis County to review this agreement and discuss the possible transfer with Greenwood.

Supervisor Harrington moved, seconded by Sup Chiabotti to express the township's interest to pursue the transfer agreement to formally accept the northern portion of Mud Creek Road fire and EMS coverage area by June 1st. Motion carried.

See fire report for additional fire business.

Clerk
Clerk Drange informed the board that she will appoint Joseph Junek to the position of Deputy Clerk.

Clerk Drange informed the board the Gwen Potter has resigned from the position of Deputy Clerk/Treasurer. Clerk Drange explained it would be in the best interest of the township for the board to start looking for a deputy treasurer as this is a very complex position and they will need to spend at least a few months being trained in.

Clerk Drange corrected an error from an email she previously sent out that Skip Carlson is actually Supervisor A instead of Supervisor D.

The positions that will be on the ballot in the upcoming election in November are Supervisor A, Supervisor D, Supervisor E and Treasurer. There are no special elections and all positions will be elected for the full four-year term.

The filing period for these positions will be July 14, 2026 through July 28, 2026 at 5 p.m. Clerk Drange will be in the office on July 28, 2026 from 3 to 5 p.m. to accept affidavits of candidacy or by appointment outside of these hours.

Clerk Drange has attended a shortened online election training from St. Louis County Election Officials for townships that are mail in ballot voting.

Treasurer
Payroll Check numbers 12335-12345 in the amount of $3,134.16.

Claim Numbers 5321-5337 and check numbers 12346-12347 (claims from last month that cleared after the meeting) 12348-12360 for a total of $8,000.62.

The total for payroll and claims is $11,134.78.

Treasurer Monte explained that Joseph Junek, deputy clerk, will need to be added as a signatory to the township account at Frandsen Bank. The board agreed to add Jospeh to the account as a signer.

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

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

Building and Grounds
The township still has not found a cleaner for the hall. If we hire a contractor they will need 1.5 million liability insurance. Not many small businesses have that type of insurance and could be hard to find someone to clean.

Sup Carlson wonders if there would be issues with OSHA if we don't have a dedicated cleaner. Sup Carlson will look into OSHA rules and regulations regarding this matter and general OSHA laws for the town hall.

Keys for file cabinets will be made and labeled. The township will get a key locker to organize all the spare keys.

Roads:
Jeff Schulze has graded roads but was delayed due to weather.

Aaron Nickolson sent a quote of equipment and prices to Sup Carlson. Sup Carlson does not think we need to change contractors at this time.

Dust abatement hasn't been scheduled yet and the supervisors have not seen any information on this year's application.

Land:
Park Land will be a topic on the next month's agenda. Sup Harrington sees no compelling reason for the township to have dedicated Park Land. The township may want to keep current park land for emergency egress dock. Sup Harrington thinks the township may be able to "give back" some Park Land as he does not see who it would benefit. The supervisors will look into if it even possible to give back the land.

Mesabi Trail Rail Authority posted on their trail map that our township has no overnight parking and potable water is available. Sarah Chicetto, with the trail authority, says there are now signs on the trail that tells walkers to stay to the right and no passing on the bridge. Sup Monahan-Junek would like the rail authority to provide designated bike trial parking signs and signs to warn drivers about the limited visibility in the parking lot. The Rail Authority currently does not have money to move trail info kiosk but will look into it moving it further back in the future. Sup Chiabotti suggests moving the kiosk to the lower lot to keep the bike trail parking down there.

Website and Broadband:
Nothing at this time.

Emergency Preparedness
A meeting with Jessica Oldenburg will be scheduled for a later date to discuss Firewise priorities.

Water
Nothing at this time. Sup Harrington recommends to take water off as an agenda item as there isn't much to report on.

Outreach and Networking
Sup Monahan-Junek explains that the special meeting notification group will continue to receive notices of special meetings unless the board decides to have an end date for the notifications and then the township must inform those people that their request has expired.

Finance
Nothing at this time.

Old Business

No old business at this time.

New Business

Option B Language for appointing clerk and treasurer.
Sup Monahan-Junek moved, seconded by Sup Harrington to submit to St. Louis County for option B providing for the appointment of the clerk and treasurer by the town board, be adopted for the government of the town, to appear on the ballot. Motion carried.

The township will send out information regarding option B to registered voters within the township. Clerk Drange will work with Sup Monahan-Junek on what information to be sent out and to the county.

MATIT insurance deductibles
Lisa Utley, from MATIT insurance, explained to Sup Monahan-Junek that as the deductible gets higher there will be incremental savings on the liability policy. Sup Monahan-Junek asks sups to review the liability coverage policy and discuss if changes need to be made.

Approval of Training Hours for Deputy Clerk
Sup Harrington moved, seconded by Sup Chiabotti to approve 10-15 hours per month of training for the Deputy Clerk Jospeh Junek, to be paid at the current township rate of $22 per hour and with the start date of June 1st. Motion carried.

Supervisor concerns
Sup Chiabotti asks if we should switch the time or day of the BOS meetings so that Ted Krueger can attend. The board will review the time and day of the meeting at the new year.

The board will discuss the hall rental policy at next month's meeting.

Adjournment
Sup Carlson moved, seconded by Sup Harrington to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.
The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Keely Drange, Clerk