Minutes
EAGLES NEST TOWNSHIP
Board of Supervisors Meeting
September 16, 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 Monahan-Junek moved, seconded by Sup Harrington to approve the agenda for the September 16, 2026 Board of Supervisors meeting with additions. Motion carried.

Move the Auxiliary donation up on the agenda.

Revised agenda item; Electronic Funds Transfer Policy Resolution to Resolution Appointing an Electronic Funds Administrator

Minutes

Sup Harrington moved, seconded by Sup Carlson to approve the August 19, 2026 Board of Supervisors minutes and the September 1, 2026 Board of Supervisor Special Meeting. Motion carried.

Communications

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

Citizens' concerns
Roger Skraba came and spoke to the residents of Eagles Nest regarding local issues.

Sup Harrington asks Roger Skraba about supporting a bill to fund equipment for rescue and medical calls on the ATV and Bike trails.

Roger says that the state should have some responsibility and he will work towards acquiring some funding for equipment.

Reports

Clerk
This will be the last meeting with Zoom. The October Board of Supervisor Meeting will be on Microsoft Teams.

Eagles Nest Township election information has been updated on the website.

Treasurer
Payroll Check numbers 12434-12453. $3,513.00.

Claim Numbers 5390-5407 and check numbers 12476, 12493-12500, 12506-12508 for a total of $30,570.65.

The total for payroll and claims is $34,083.65

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

Building and Grounds
There will be the Tomassini Bike ride on September 19.

Sup Chiabotti has scheduled an Energy Audit started for the township buildings.

Fire:
See report.

Sup Harrington moved, seconded by Sup Chiabotti up to $2700 in supplemental funding to pay the full purchase price for the side by side and additional equipment. Motion carried.

There is insurance on the side by side through MAT.

Sup Harrington moved, seconded by Chiabotti to approve $10,974.99 for new lockers and accessories to upgrade area to accommodate the new lockers. Motion carried.

Chief Krueger will donate a canoe for water rescue at a later date.

Sup Harrington moved, seconded by Sup Carlson $1845.99 for a single AED unit. Motion carried.

The fire department would like to purchase a LUCAS unit with 60 month pro care service and maintenance and will provide loaner while being serviced.

Sup Monahan-Junek moved, seconded by Sup Harrington to purchase LUCAS unit and ProCare if not in fire budget will come out of wildland fire money for a total of $19,335.87. Motion carried. Sup Harrington, Sup Chiabotti, Sup Monahan-Junek aye. Sup Carlson Nay. Motion carried.

Dr. Montana, did not recommend this equipment. Manual compression is preferred over LUCAS device. However, compressions are tiring and it may take ALS medical a long time to arrive. A LUCAS helps Eagles Nest EMS staff from tiring and not being able to continue compressions.

Sup Harrington looked into the reimbursement rate for firefighters on the wildland fire. According to Donna Edelman at DNR, the fire personnel reimbursement rate is $21.50 the rate on wildland fire which is less than Eagle Nest's current reimbursement rate.

Sup Harrington thanks all those that helped with the Brush Drop, especially John Kappenman. So far 511 yards of brush and 720 hours cutting and hauling brush.

$16,000 budgeted for operating supplies and we have only used $3000

Sup Monahan-Junek moved, seconded by Sup Harrington to approve up to $1000 for two jackets and lettering for firefighters. Motion carried.

The roadside pick-up starts on September 27.

Roads:
There a washout on Migisi Road and a depression on Walsh Road as it turns into Swanson Shores. The township will reach out to the St. Louis County to address the issues on the county portion of the road. County and Township roads will be graded before freeze up.

Land:
Dave Kromer said he would move his dock gangway from Park Land. Dave Kromer has information on how the Parkland issue could be resolved that he will share with the township.

There will be a St. Louis County Board meeting on October 6 where the expired permit for the cut over ATV trail could be renewed. This approval will go against the township's OHV Corridor Overlay District.

Website and Broadband:
Frontier will be dropping support for copper lines at the end of October. The best thing for people to do is call Frontier and talk to them on one on basis and see whatever options are available. The FCC requirements for Frontier to drop service is that a comparable service is available. Frontier said they will not drop copper if there is no comparable service at a comparable price. Individuals should call Frontier directly.

Sup Harrington has temporarily gained access to Constant Contact to investigate its capabilities and how it can be better utilized such as text message capabilities. Sup Harrington will look into how to merge other lists such as the road ambassador list and the Lake Association list.

Emergency Preparedness:
The township and fire chief are currently looking for an ENCEP coordinator. Sup Harrington will provide a job description at the next meeting.

Outreach and Networking:
Frontier is ending their copper based service for some people in the township. Some of Sup Monahan-Junek's neighbors will have their service discontinued. However, Sup Monahan-Junek has not received a letter stating her service will be discontinued.

Sup Monahan-Junek attended the MAT district meeting will be held at Grand Lake Township. Some of the subjects at the MAT Meeting were the upcoming events for the legislative meeting where the legislative agenda for the year is set, the MAT Annual conference, civility in township government and a legislative update was presented which was the same as in the township newsletter. There was also a discussion on contract law and the state statute regarding contracting.

There will be a December MAT Meeting that Sup Monahan-Junek will try to attend.

There will be a town law seminar in October held by our Township attorneys Couri and Ruppi.

There was a MAT training at the Grand Ely Lodge for Clerks and Treasurers. There is a Township Tuesday training for Clerks and Treasurers on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday put on by MAT.

At the MAT training, record retention and protection such as fire proof cabinets were talked about. The use of personal emails and texts is discouraged. When personal emails and texts are used, they become official township record and may be confiscated if used for township correspondence.

Minnesota Townships do not have to comply with data practices when information is requested by the public.

Finance:
Sup Monahan-Junek has requested some financial reports from Treasurer so that she can further analyze township accounting versus the city accounting she is used to.

Sup Monahan-Junek has requested a breakdown of expenses that were spent during the wildfires this summer versus what we were paid for our time on the fires.

Sup Monahan- Junek explained that our township insurance trust with MAT does not include volunteer coverage. Sup Monahan-Junek asked MAT if it was possible for them or to recommend someone who would write insurance policy to cover volunteers. Sup Monahan-Junek talked with an insurance broker that says we may be able to purchase workers comp and general liability insurance. Sup Monahan-Junek asks if the board is ok with the insurance broker looking further into insurance policies for volunteers. The board agreed and Sup Monahan-Junek will work with insurance broker to further investigate this matter

Old Business

Town Hall Rental Agreement:
This topic will be discussed at a later date.

New Business

Resolution 09-26-05 Accepting donation for UTV and LUCAS AED Device from EN Fire/EMS Auxiliary
The Board thanks the Eagles Nest Fire/EMS Auxiliary for their donation.

Sup Harrington moved, Seconded by Sup Monahan-Junek to accept the donation in the amount of $30,000 from the Eagles Nest Fire/EMS Auxiliary. Motion carried.

Policy Regarding Using the Town Hall for Emergency Purposes
Sup Harrington drafted a policy for the use of the hall during emergency events. This is to ensure that the timely use of the hall for emergencies is already approved and a special meeting does not need to be called as there is already a policy in place.

Sup Harrington moved, seconded by Sup Monahan-Junek Policy for townhall use for emergencies. Motion carried.

Resolution Appointing an Electronic Funds Administrator
Monahan-Junek moved, seconded by Sup Chiabotti to approve the Resolution Appointing an Electronic Funds Administrator. Motion carried.

Zoning administrator duties and compensation
Sup Monahan-Junek has been appointed as the zoning administrator and may be paid at different rates. The board feels that the compensation may need to be more than the current hourly rate for supervisors as enforcing or gathering information may involve a supervisor using their own equipment, such as using a personal ATV and incurring extra risk while operating.

Sup Harrington moved, Seconded by Sup Chiabotti Motion to set compensation at $60 for zoning administrator. Sup Monahan-Junek abstains. Sup Chiabotti, Sup Carlson and Sup Harrington aye. Motion carried.

November agenda will include open positions and pay.

Sup Concerns
The annual meeting in March may be recessed until a later date in the year because often things come up during the year that may need to be addressed by September 30, before the levy is due, in case the levy needs to be amended. There is also a provision in the law that there may be a way to change the levy after September 30.

Sup Harrington asks if there has been any interest in the Deputy Treasurer position. There is someone interested but only if option B passes as they live outside of the township.

Adjournment
Sup Carlson moved, seconded by Sup Harrington to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Keely Drange, Clerk