

Egelston Township Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes
May, 19 2025 7:00 pm

1. Supervisor Faino called to order at 7 pm with all members present except for Clerk Joan Raap. Planning Commissioner Covell, and a host of firefighters and golden Eagles were in attendance. The pledge of allegiance was recited. In the absence of Clerk Raap Trustee Cooper motioned, seconded by Trustee Slade to appoint Trustee Spencer to take minutes. Trustee Foster: Yes, Trustee Rosema: Yes, Supervisor Faino: Yes, Trustee Cooper: Yes, Trustee Slade: Yes, Trustee Spencer: Yes.

2. Public comments were made 7:01 pm - 7:17 pm. Items: Stop work order dispute, Trustee residence, complaints to Building Dept. should be written instead of code enforcement via drive-by.

3. Motion by Trustee Foster to approve the agenda May 19, 2025, seconded by Treasurer Rosema. Passed 6-0.

4. Motion by Trustee Spenser, seconded by Treasurer Rosema, to approve the consent agenda with an edit by Clerk Raap, under May 5, 2025 meeting minutes, under section 6a, to say, "per the supervisor". Passed 6-0.

- a. Regular meeting minutes May 5, 2025
- b. Amended meeting minutes April 21, 2025.
- c. Senior millage committee minutes April 30, 2025.

5. Old Business:

a. Motion by Trustee Slade, seconded by Trustee Spencer to approve Caretaker Contract with and edit under Item 7 to add "within 30 days of occupancy" at Treasurer Rosema's request. Passed 6-0.

6. New Business

- a. Annual meeting date: Motion by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee Spencer to change our Annual Meeting date to, "one hour prior to the last regular meeting of the fiscal year." Passed 6-0
- b. Tom Livezy presented his request to increase the township's financial support for the Golden Eagles Senior Center from \$6,000 to \$6,168. Trustee Spencer motioned, seconded by Treasurer Rosema to approve the request, and that it be taken out of the proper funds. Passed via roll-call vote 5-1. Trustee Slade: No, Trustee Cooper: Yes, Supervisor Faino: Yes, Treasurer Rosema: Yes, Trustee Foster: Yes, Trustee Spencer: Yes.
- c. Budget Workshops: Consensus was made to hold two budget workshops: Monday, June 2, 2025, and Thursday, June 5, 2025. This would give time for additional meetings, if needed, before our Annual Meeting on Monday, June 16, 2025

d. Fire Chief Requests/Updates

- i. MABAS: Trustee Slade Motioned, seconded by Trustee Cooper to approve the MABAS agreement presented. Pass via roll-call vote 6-0. Trustee Foster: Yes, Trustee Spencer: Yes, Trustee Slade: Yes, Trustee Cooper: Yes, Supervisor Faino: Yes, Treasurer Rosema: Yes.
- ii. Uniform Request:
 - a. Motion by Trustee Spencer, seconded by Trustee Cooper to approve uniform purchase request of \$832.50. Passed 6-0 via roll-call vote. Treasurer Rosema: Yes, Trustee Foster: Yes, Trustee Spencer: Yes, Trustee Slade: Yes, Trustee Cooper: Yes, Supervisor Faino: Yes.
 - b. Motion by Trustee Spencer, seconded by Treasurer Rosema, to approve spending the remaining clothing budget as needed. Passed via roll-call vote 6-0. Trustee Foster: Yes, Treasurer Rosema: Yes, Supervisor Faino: Yes, Trustee Cooper: Yes, Trustee Slade: Yes, Trustee Spencer: Yes.
- iii. Argo Update: The Argo has arrived at the dealership, however accessories arrive in 4-5 weeks. No ETA on the argo tracks. There will be an additional cost to the tracks because of the tariffs, final cost is unknown. If we pay for the arrived items before the fiscal year, the County will reimburse us out of this year's budget, and then pay for the argo tracks once they arrive, and get reimbursed by the county then. Chief Maginity believes this will make the reimbursement process easier for the county. Consensus was made by the board to go ahead with this plan. Chief Maginity also noted that a purchase of an argo trailer has yet to be approved by the board and he will come back with quotes.
- iv. Storm Update: Our Fire Dept. Had a plan in place and they were ready to go. They set up a local dispatch to prevent overcrowding the Central Dispatch. Also, Consumers Energy mitigated the effects of the storm with preventative tree trimming efforts. The Fire Department received several calls during the recent storm: 2 electrical related fires, 7 downed wires, 2 trees in the roadway, and 1 medical emergency.

7. Motion to Pay the Bills by Treasurer Rosema, seconded by Trustee Foster. Passed via roll-call vote 6-0. Supervisor Faino: Yes, Trustee Cooper: Yes, Trustee Slade: Yes, Trustee Spencer: Yes, Trustee Foster: Yes, Treasurer Rosema: Yes.

8. Communications

- a. Story walk frame was damaged in the storm, which the township is responsible to repair. The Department of Public Works is already working on it.

- b. Clean-up days were very busy. Special thanks to our Department of Public Works for their attentiveness to the extra cleanup needed, to E&A Grocery for their location, and for Bulldog Dumpsters. Residents at the dumpster day requested longer/later hours for the Fall Clean-up, and additional days.

9. Motion to adjourn by Trustee Foster, seconded by Treasurer Rosema. Passed 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.