

NORTH EAST TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023
9:00 AM

Chairman Fredrick Shunk called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also in attendance were Supervisors August Neff and Russ LaFuria, Attorney Robert Jeffery, and Secretary Erica Carlstrom. Members of the public included Paul Crowe, Fritz Holzhausen, Jason Hack, Dan Adamus, Tim Guard, Jake Banta, and Peg Farrell.

Chairman Shunk asked for public comments or concerns, none were received. A motion from August Neff the second from Russ LaFuria approved the minutes of the September 5th, 2023 meeting as presented and passed by unanimous vote. Bills were presented for September 1st – September 17th, 2023 for approval and payment as follows:

General Fund Checks	#2659-2677	\$	45,287.35
General Fund Debits	Ach's	\$	527.37
Water Fund Checks	#2474-2487	\$	18,811.51
Sewer Fund Checks	#2424-2431	\$	10,970.27

Total approved by a motion from Russ LaFuria and the second from August Neff was \$75,596.50 and passed by unanimous vote.

Correspondence: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

The annual Non-Uniformed Pension Plan- Minimum Municipal Obligation letter was read stating that the 2024 MMO is \$22,700.00 with the annual contribution for each full-time employee of \$6,900.00 based on the current participation rate of 15 employees the total cost will be \$103,500.00, the MMO is based on the assumption that the Township will receive Municipal Pension System State Aid in the year 2024 similar to the amount received in 2023. A motion to acknowledge receipt of the letter was made by Russ LaFuria and the second from August Neff, all in favor.

Resolution #2023-029; Approving the Erie Area COG's 2022 audit. A motion approving the audit was received from Russ LaFuria and the second motion from August Neff. Passed by unanimous vote.

Supervisors reviewed the current agreement between North East Township and the North East Rec Commission. The agreement states the Township will contribute \$10,000.00 to the Commission for assistance with funding the Summer Rec program. With the program not happening since 2019 due to Covid the Supervisors decided they needed to look over the agreement to figure out if it would be necessary to continue budgeting the funds. Supervisor

August Neff stated he would like to table the discussion until the October 2nd meeting because the school would be having a meeting the following morning and he would like to find out what their intentions were for the continuation of the Summer Rec program. A motion from Fredrick Shunk to table the matter was received with a second motion from Russ LaFuria. All in favor.

State Representative Jake Banta asked to speak in regard to the North East Marina. Mr Banta discussed the concerns over its possible closing due to lack of funds to fix the necessary issues. He would like to come up with a plan to keep things operational by making the Marina self-sufficient. He is hopeful that boaters will know within the next couple months if there will be slips available for use. Jason Hack inquired about the current dredging that needs done who would be responsible for absorbing those costs. Jake stated he would like to see an Authority created with North East Township being a part of it. Banta stated he would like to start strategizing ways of creating revenue for the Marina to repair the electric at the slips and for the necessary dredging. He also mentioned that he would be willing to help find possible grants. Jake told the Supervisors that he would be in contact with them with any information that he receives and also to get the Authority established.

Supervisor August Neff mentioned Brickyard Road will be closed for about a week for repairs being made to the railroad tracks.

After announcements, a motion to adjourn was received from Russ LaFuria at 9:40 am. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Carlstrom, Secretary