

NORTH EAST TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 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 Tim Wachter, and Secretary Erica Carlstrom. Members of the public included Paul Crowe, Fritz Holzhausen, Dave Herman, Rich & Jody Timer, Dan Adamus, Amy Burniston, Teresa Sculley, David Jelley, Aaron Jelley, Chris Skrekla, and Ruth Jensen.

Chairman Shunk asked for public comments or concerns, Fuller Hose member Dan Adamus wanted to address some of the concerns that were raised at the November 6th meeting regarding the North East Marina. He explained the reason for the creation of an Authority would be to finance and/or operate specific public works projects without tapping the general taxing powers of the municipality. He further explained there would be no risk or liability to the Township as the obligations of an authority are not obligations of the Commonwealth or its political subdivision. Establishing an authority would create an entity eligible to receive the transfer of the marina from the PA Fish and Boat Commission. Dan went on to address a question that was posed as to why Fuller Hose should be a part of the Authority. Fuller Hose is a highly respected and well qualified rescue company. They have achieved Pennsylvania Voluntary Rescue Service Recognition status. Dan stated that at the request of the United States Coast Guard and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Fuller Hose is now designated as the primary water rescue response unit for Lake Erie, from shoreline to international waters. He finished up stating the Authority must be created to take necessary next steps.

Harborcreek Supervisor Dean Pepicello spoke to the Supervisors about the current EMS confusion. He stated there are 2 types of EMS calls. The first being ALS which is a more critical ambulance call that would require a paramedic to accompany the patient to the hospital and the second being BLS which is a less severe ambulance call. Dean stated each municipality has the right to pick their ambulance service. He said Harborcreek, Lawrence Park, and Wesleyville have all chosen East County for their ALS calls. Dean is not asking North East to join in with them, but to take East County into consideration.

A motion from August Neff the second from Russ LaFuria approved the minutes of the November 6th, 2023 meeting as presented and passed by unanimous vote. Bills were presented for November 1st – November 19th, 2023 for approval and payment as follows:

General Fund Checks	#2784-2820	\$ 120,871.53
General Fund Debits	Ach's	\$ 394.40
Water Fund Checks	#2535-2545	\$ 24,476.14
Sewer Fund Checks	#2476-2485	\$ 11,656.50

Total approved by a motion from Fredrick Shunk and the second from Russ LaFuria was \$157,398.57 and passed by unanimous vote.

Correspondence: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

A motion was received from Supervisor Russ LaFuria to approve the advertising of the proposed 2024 Township budgets. A second motion approving the public advertising from August Neff. All in favor.

Resolution #2023-030; Approving the Erie Area Council of Governments (EACOG) 2024 budget. A motion to approve was received from August Neff and the second motion from Russ LaFuria. Passed by unanimous vote.

Resolution #2023-031; Local Share Assessment Grant; Engineer Mark Corey explained this is a state grant received from gaming revenues. The grant requires no matching funds up to 1 million dollars. The Township would like to apply for the LSA grant for the State Route 89 Water Expansion Project. The application for the grant would need to be submitted by the end of November. Supervisor Fredrick Shunk noted if the township is able to do the water expansion project it could potentially eliminate the pump station located on Route 89. A motion to approve and sign the Resolution was received from August Neff and the second motion received from Russ LaFuria. Passed by unanimous vote.

Supervisor Russ LaFuria addressed the ruling from the Commonwealth Court prohibiting Local Agencies from adding non-emergency/non-de minimis items to agendas during meetings.

August Neff, Roads Supervisor, reviewed the recent inspection done on Bort Road Bridge. The bridge is in critical need of repairs. It is owned by CSX RailRoad company. He stated the repairs have been an ongoing issue for many years now, he will send any correspondence he receives to the Township Solicitor.

Tim Wachter, Attorney with Knox Law Firm took the time to introduce himself. With Attorney Robert Jeffery retiring at the first of the year Mr Wachter will likely be taking on the role for North East Township as their Solicitor.

After announcements, a motion to adjourn was received from Russ LaFuria at 9:30 am. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Carlstrom, Secretary