

NORTH EAST TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MEETING
MONDAY FEBRUARY 6, 2023
7:30 PM

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 Frtiz Holzhausen, Mason Bennett, and Theresa Sculley.

Chairman Shunk asked for public comments or concerns, none were received. A motion from Russ LaFuria and the second from August Neff approved the minutes of the January 16th, 2023 meeting as presented and passed by unanimous vote. Secretary Erica Carlstrom presented the Treasurer's report for the month of January 2023 and by a motion from August Neff and the second from Russ LaFuria was accepted as presented and passed by unanimous vote. Bills were presented for January 16th – January 31st, 2023 for approval and payment as follows:

General Fund Checks	# 21305-21354	\$ 105,305.65
General Fund Debits	# J3858,3859,3862,3863,3869	\$ 5,285.38
Water Fund Checks	# 6786-6800	\$ 265,382.71
Sewer Fund Checks	# 5227-5238	\$ 101,835.35

Total approved by a motion from Russ LaFuria and the second from August Neff was \$477,809.09 and passed by unanimous vote.

Correspondence:

A request was received from Concord Grape Belt Heritage Association for an annual donation of \$50.00 was received.

Supervisor Fredrick Shunk discussed the letter that was sent out by North East Borough in regards to the water violation that occurred in the 3rd quarter of 2022. He wanted to reassure the residents of North East that our water is safe and there are no precautions that need to be taken. The violation was the result of an error in the sample collection. The issue has been corrected and is in compliance with DEP regulations.

Old Business:

Resolution #2023-009 which was tabled from the January 16th meeting was discussed by the Supervisors. The resolution is for a water rate increase. The reason for the increase would be to offset the Borough's increase as North East Township purchases their water supply from the Borough. A motion was made by Russ LaFuria to pass the water rate increase. The second motion came from Fredrick Shunk. Passed by unanimous vote.

Resolution #2023-010 also tabled from the January 16th meeting. This resolution is for a sewer rate increase. The increase would be to offset the Borough's increase. Both the water and sewer rate increases will start the 2nd quarter of 2023. A motion was received from August Neff for the approval of Resolution #2023-010 and the second motion from Russ LaFuria. All in favor.

New Business:

Cohen Law Group has been in contact with North East Township for franchise renewal negotiations with Charter Communications. The current franchise agreement that we have is due to expire. Supervisors discussed joining in on the multi-municipality agreement, but have decided that it probably would not be beneficial to the Township. With the amount that would be owed to Cohen Group and what is received in from Charter Communication it didn't seem cost effective.

Engineer Jeff Kordes went over the results of the bid opening for the Freeport Pump Station. Bids were opened and read aloud on February 3rd, 2023. John P. Place, Inc was the only bidder and their bid price was \$233,100.00. Russ LaFuria made a motion to award John P. Place the contract for the pump station. The second motion was received from Fredrick Shunk. All in favor.

Resolution #2023-011; construction of a sanitary sewer extension along the lakeshore in the Township, properties between the Conservation Park and the PA/NY line to the existing gravity sewer located on Seitzinger Road. A motion from Russ LaFuria and the second from August Neff to approve and sign the resolution. Passed by unanimous vote.

Supervisor Russ LaFuria presented an administrative report. He discussed the Township renewing our Cyber Insurance Policy. The rate has increased drastically so he'd like to see if all security measures are in place to possibly bring down the premium. He also talked about a meeting he had with Charter Communications regarding broadband service in the Township. Charter will be installing fiber in certain areas of the Township they will be working this year to determine the extent of the numbers to be connected. No further schedule was available at this time.

Supervisor Fredrick Shunk made a motion to amend the agenda to include the purchase of a new control unit for the Route 89 pump station. The second motion was received from August Neff. All in favor. He stated with the purchase of the control unit for the pump station it would make things run more efficiently. A motion from Russ LaFuria and the second from August Neff approving the purchase of the control unit for \$16361.00. All in favor. Supervisor Shunk discussed how he'd like to start working with an engineer to design the McDonald's pump station. The Water & Sewer Department is working on the replacement of a hydrant on Ackerman Lane that was damaged from a hit and run accident.

Supervisors August Neff reported on how he would like to start getting prices for a new truck to replace truck #9. He stated that with inventory being so hard to come by and so far out he would at least like to get some prices established. He also wanted to remind residents the brush pile out back is only for limbs and brush, no treated lumber.

After announcements and with all business concluded, a motion to adjourn at 8:00 PM was received from August Neff. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Carlstrom, Secretary