

NORTH EAST TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 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 Robert Jeffery, and Secretary Erica Carlstrom. Members of the public included see attached.

Chairman Shunk asked for public comments or concerns and none were received. A motion from Russ LaFuria the second from August Neff approved the minutes of the March 6th, 2023 meeting as presented and passed by unanimous vote. Bills were presented for March 1st – March 19th, 2023 for approval and payment as follows:

General Fund Checks	#21421-21486	\$ 104,246.32
General Fund Debits	#J3888,3889,3892	\$ 1,659.13
Water Fund Checks	#6828-6852	\$ 117,736.11
Sewer Fund Checks	#5260-5270	\$ 94,970.22

Total approved by a motion from Fredrick Shunk and the second from August Neff was \$318,611.78 and passed by unanimous vote.

Correspondence:

A request was received from the American Legion Post 105 to host their annual Memorial Day Parade. The parade will be held on Monday May 29th, 2023. All required paperwork was submitted. A motion to approve was made by August Neff and the second from Russ LaFuria and passed by unanimous vote.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Dan Lindsey expressed his concern with the possibility of the North East Marina not opening for the 2023 season. He stated one of the reasons they would not be operating was the electrical work that needed updated. Mr. Lindsey stated that the revenue from fishing in Pennsylvania is roughly 40 million a year, which left him questioning why that revenue has not been used to get the electrical work done prior to the threat of them closing it. As stated by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission the updates to the electric that would need done would be quite costly and the materials needed are not readily available.

Jake Sander asked what the impact on the economy in North East and surrounding areas would be with the Marina closing. He felt that they were blindsided by the Fish & Boat Commission by pulling their slips.

North East resident Dave Jelley spoke about being one of the original designers of the marina. When the Marina opened in 1990 its main focus was the safety for boaters. Prior to the

opening there was only a ramp available. He stated that previous to the North East Marina there was nothing between Erie and Dunkirk for boaters.

The former commissioner for the PFBC, Ed Mascharka was at the meeting, he stated that he himself has a boat and a slip at the marina. He stated that himself, Dan Pastore, and the Fish and Boat Commission have been working with the DEP to get the Marina opened for the season.

Dan Pastore; the current PFBC commissioner noted he does not have all the answers but wanted to attempt to get the residents some answers on the future of the Marina. He mentioned that they are currently working on getting an extension for the permit so they can get the marina dredged.

After all public comments and concerns were heard by the Supervisors and the representatives from PFBC the Supervisors noted that they would remain diligent in seeking updates on the future of the marina. Supervisor Russ LaFuria stated we will make it a point to post any updates that we receive and post them to our website. In conclusion Dan Pastore said he would be willing to come to the next Supervisors meeting and bring more knowledgeable representatives for the public to address directly.

The Supervisors were presented with a Developers Agreement for United Refining Co. The agreement would be for sewer service, which would allow them to discharge effluent from a ground water pump and treatment system into the North East Township Sewer System. United Refining would be required to deposit into the Township escrow account \$10,000.00 to cover all engineering and legal costs associated with the plans. A motion was made by August Neff and the second by Russ LaFuria. All in favor.

Supervisor Fredrick Shunk talked about a second letter sent out from North East Borough, which was received by North East residents regarding a water violation. This letter was in conjunction with the first letter that was sent out. It is the same violation from the 3rd quarter of 2022 and again he wanted to reassure residents that our water is safe and there are no precautions that need to be taken.

Fredrick Shunk received a quote on replacing the pump and drive for the Route 89 pump station. The pump station would be going from a 5 HP to a 15 HP pump. The cost to replace is \$10,975.00. Russ LaFuria made a motion to approve the purchase of the new 15 HP pump and the second was received from August Neff. Passed by unanimous vote.

Resolution #2023-015; Enterprise Zone Application. The Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development is providing incentives that would provide tax credits to private companies investing in rehabilitating, expanding, or improving buildings or land located within the designated enterprise zones. The tax credits would be equal to 25% of the amount invested up to \$500,000.00 total tax credits per project. A motion was made by Russ LaFuria to pass the resolution and the second from August Neff. All in favor.

Supervisor August Neff reported on the Roads Department. The opening and reading of bids for the 2023 Superpave roads project will take place on Friday March 31st.

After announcements, a motion to adjourn was received from Fredrick Shunk at 10:45 am. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Carlstrom, Secretary