

NORTH EAST TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
PUBLIC HEARING/MEETING
MONDAY MAY 1, 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

Chairman Shunk opened the Public Hearing portion of the meeting. James Welka presented the development plan for the Planned Community Development at Edgewater Beach. The development will consist of twenty new single-family dwelling residential lots. The development is located north of East Lake Road, east of Riverside Drive and west of Gay Road. Preliminary approval was received from the Planning Board with a few recommendations. Erie County Health Department and DEP approved sewage plans, the existing private drive shall be improved with 6 inches of gravel, and North East Township approved Stormwater Management Plan. Supervisor Russ LaFuria upon reviewing the development plans notated that the road to the development would need to remain a private way as it does not meet township requirements. Mr. Welka is already aware of the requirements, and they are alright with it remaining a private drive. The future development will have public utilities. Supervisors were not able to sign off on the mylars as James will need to take them to the County and DEP for them to sign off, once they get that done the Supervisors would be able to sign off as well.

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 April 17th, 2023 meeting as presented and passed by unanimous vote. Secretary Erica Carlstrom presented the Treasurer's report for the month of April 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 April 17th – April 30th, 2023 for approval and payment as follows:

General Fund Checks	# 2342-2366	\$ 64,014.86
Water Fund Checks	# 2308-2318	\$ 222,413.22
Sewer Fund Checks	# 2305-2312	\$ 49,334.74

Total approved by a motion from Fredrick Shunk and the second from Russ LaFuria was \$335,852.82 and passed by unanimous vote.

Correspondence:

Erie County will be hosting a public meeting with leaders of Granite Ridge to address resident concerns. The meeting will take place Thursday, May 11th in the Granite Ridge Library from 6 PM – 7:30 PM.

A request was received from the National Grape Co-Op for the use of the meeting room on Tuesday May 9th for their meeting. The meeting will start at 6 PM. A motion from August Neff approving the use of the room was received. A second motion was received from Russ LaFuria. All in favor.

Old Business: None

New Business:

North East resident Dave Herman spoke to the Supervisors about his concerns with the future of Granite Ridge. He asked the question of why would North East be considered the right place to house unaccompanied migrant children, especially in the heart of the town surrounded by schools, residences, and businesses. He questioned the impact the facility could have on North East such as the economic impact, property values, what will business and tourism look like, will we see an increase of crime? How will this impact our schools, police, and fire departments? Unfortunately, with no response from Ehrenfeld Companies, the owner of Granite Ridge, we do not have any answers to those very questions. Residents are hoping they will receive some of these answers at the meeting that will take place on May 11th. Supervisors wanted to assure North East residents that they are just as concerned as they are, and they too are seeking answers which is why they will be attending the public meeting at Granite Ridge. Supervisors are encouraging the community to attend the public meeting so questions can be asked and hopefully we will have a little more insight into their intentions.

Water and Sewer Supervisor Fredrick Shunk reported that the water department will be doing open cutting on Hirtzel Road for the placement of a pipe for Cooley's new location.

After announcements and with all business concluded, a motion to adjourn at 8:30 PM was received from August Neff. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Carlstrom, Secretary