

NORTH EAST TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024
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.

Chairman Shunk asked for public comments or concerns, North East resident Dave Herman stated he appreciated that the marina was listed on the agenda. Dave posed the question of why the Authority for the marina was not being formed yet? Township Solicitor Tim Wachter discussed the meeting that he and Supervisor Russ LaFuria attended along with Senator Dan Laughlin, DEP, PA Fish & Boat, US Army Corps, and Representative Jake Banta. Tim first mentioned the sand movement and how it is a requirement whether the Fish & Boat owns the marina or the proposed authority. It would be a forever obligation and requires movement of 18,000 cubic yards of sand per year, 9,000 in the spring and 9,000 again in the fall with a cost of roughly \$600,000 annually. The next subject Mr. Wachter discussed was the dredging that is required with a cost of \$250,000.00 which is only dredging the boat launch and the channel. The cost would likely be over \$1 million to dredge the entire marina. The material that is dredged is then required to be tested to see if it is clean fill or it must be sent to the landfill, those costs for testing are in excess of \$36,000 annually. The question was asked if this a state or federal requirement to which Tim explained it is a DEP issue. Tim again explained that no matter who owns the marina the sand movement and dredging is requirement and if for some reason the proposed authority does not have the money to do the things required the financial responsibility would have to fall back on the municipalities. They are still looking into other viable options for the marina.

A motion from Russ LaFuria and the second from August Neff approved the minutes of the March 4th, 2024 meeting as presented and passed by unanimous vote. Bills were presented for March 1st – March 17th, 2024 for approval and payment as follows:

General Fund Checks	#3039-3088	\$	94,254.90
General Fund Debits	Ach's	\$	1,830.13
Water Fund Checks	#2641-2659	\$	316,779.80
Sewer Fund Checks	#2562-2570	\$	10,330.16

Total approved by a motion from August Neff and the second from Russ LaFuria was \$421,364.86 and passed by unanimous vote.

Correspondence:

A request was received from Denise Wright Newman for the use of the meeting room on either March 18th or March 19th to stuff envelopes for the Triennial Reunion. A motion from Russ LaFuria approving the request and the second motion received from August Neff. All in favor. Erica will reach out to Denise to find out what night they would like to use the room.

The American Legion requested the Townships approval to hold their annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday May 27th, 2024. The route for the parade would follow as in previous years with the ceremony starting in Gibson Park and the parade route ending at North East

Cemetery. August Neff made a motion approving the Legion to hold their annual parade. Russ LaFuria made the second motion to approve. Passed by unanimous vote.

The American Legion is also requesting a letter of acknowledgment for the Medal of Honor ride that will take place June 15th, 2024. The ride will travel along Route 5 in the Township but because it is a Penndot road they require Township acknowledgement. A motion to approve and write the letter was made by Russ LaFuria and seconded by August Neff. All in favor.

Old Business:

Supervisors discussed the Inter-Governmental Cooperation Agreement between North East Township, North East Borough, and North East School District. The agreement is to jointly create the North East Recreation Commission. It was previously approved at the March 4th meeting; however, it was changed to reflect that the School District would not be any part in the decision-making process for the lifeguards at Freeport Beach, it would solely fall on the Township and Borough. August Neff motioned to approve and sign the revised agreement with the second motion received from Russ LaFuria. All in favor.

New Business:

Supervisor Russ LaFuria reported on the Public Safety Committee meeting from March 13th, 2024. He discussed that they had been talking about the solar eclipse and the increased visitors it could bring to our area for the day. He stated that they feel they're as prepared as can be as no one is certain of how much extra traffic it will create in the North East area.

Administrative Supervisor Russ LaFuria discussed the Township's website and emails have been switched over to a new domain and the process went smoothly.

Fredrick Shunk, Water & Sewer Supervisor stated the repairs that had been planned to take place on Gulf Road this year are being held off due to the bridge work on Route 20.

Roads Supervisor August Neff reported that bids are out for the various road projects. The bid opening for hot mix will be on March 28th at 12 PM.

After announcements, a motion to adjourn was received from Russ LaFuria at 9:55 am. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Carlstrom, Secretary