

NORTH EAST TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MEETING
MONDAY NOVEMBER 7, 2022
7:30 PM

Chairman August Neff called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also, in attendance were Supervisors Fredrick Shunk and Russ LaFuria, Attorney Robert Jeffery, and Secretary Erica Carlstrom. Members of the public included see attached.

Chairman Neff asked for public comments or concerns, none were received. A motion from Russ LaFuria and the second from Fredrick Shunk approved the minutes of the October 17th, 2022 meeting as presented and passed by unanimous vote. Secretary Erica Carlstrom presented the Treasurer's report for the month of October 2022 and by a motion from Fredrick Shunk and the second from Russ LaFuria was accepted as presented and passed by unanimous vote. Bills were presented for October 17th – October 31st, 2022 for approval and payment as follows:

General Fund Checks	# 21134-21158	\$ 62,148.70
General Fund Debits	# J3810,3812,3815,3816	\$ 445.77
Water Fund Checks	# 6687-6706	\$ 243,634.01
Sewer Fund Checks	# 5150-5162	\$ 57,499.39

Total approved by a motion from Russ LaFuria and the second from August Neff was \$363,727.87 and passed by unanimous vote.

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

Supervisor August Neff opened the meeting to a public comment session for residents to voice their concerns about short term rentals in North East Township. Pete Zelinski of Route 89 stated that his worry about the rentals is not knowing who will be in the property next. If the home is rented to a long-term renter you would at least know who your neighbors are.

Andrea of Sunset Beach Road stated that many of the short-term rentals are family owned. She stated that she found the proposed ordinance would be destructive. She also felt that the association was trying to sway other neighbors to vote against the rentals. She feels with the rentals it helps support local businesses.

Tim Moore; Scotland Ave; is an Airbnb owner says that he has had no complaints from any of the neighbors. He feels the Airbnb's help provide to the community. With the mention of possibly sending the proposed ordinance back to planning to revamp it, Tim stated he does not want anything more added to it. He'd like to see it less restrictive. Complaints made on the short-term rentals should be documented as there are not any at this point to refer to.

Ricardo Rivera; has friends that own an Airbnb. He feels that excessive ordinances should not happen as they help the economy by keeping them local

Richard Haibach; stated that there needs to be some restrictions in place. He has concerns about there are nothing but strangers in his neighborhood.

Megan Cunningham; questioned if there had been problems or complaints made to the Township that they are trying to get the ordinance in place. Last she knew the Supervisor's were not interested in pursuing the subject of short-term rentals any more, what changed? She does not feel that the Township should be governing the rentals.

Sara Land; Sunset Beach; Airbnb owner uses her rental as income to help supplement her sister's income who lives in Florida. She feels that the Township should not be allowed to tell home owners how or who to rent it to.

Walter Dingfelder; stated that the proposed ordinance meets standard codes and safety regulations. He doesn't feel anything is wrong with having an ordinance in place.

Tamara Walters; asked if there were any rules or regulations for long term rentals as they are trying to put restrictions on the short term rentals. She stated that according to an existing ordinance that North East Township has, home owners are supposed to be filling out a form to let the Township know who the current renters are. She asked if that was happening. She feels the permit the Township is requesting of the homeowners won't solve the problem.

Jay McConaughy; said the proposed ordinance will not stop them from renting it will instead it will just enforce the safety regulations that should be happening. With the constant change over of renters you never know what you're going to get for renters. Safety is a necessity he stated. He feels we need something in place for the homeowners that live near these rentals.

Jan Freedman; Sunset Beach; said she is using her home as a short-term rental until her retirement.

Ruth Jensen; Scotland Avenue; she feels having the conversation about the short-term rentals is a good thing, it gives the chance for the residents to state any concerns they may have. Ruth stated we need to be fair to the homeowners. She said that her neighborhood no longer has a family feel. The home beside hers is an Airbnb that is not locally owned, she has no one she is able to get in contact with if there are any issues while it's being rented out. She does feel that there needs to be an ordinance in place but also feels it should be less restrictive.

Supervisors discussed the prior request made from residents Larry Duink and Vern Hurlburt on vacating a portion of Old Lake Road. Attorney Robert Jeffery was working on an agreement, however he stated we are waiting on Erie County to render a decision on who the property belongs to. Attorney Jeffery will let the supervisors know when the decision has been made and then have the agreement drawn up.

New Business:

Supervisor August Neff discussed the proposed dates for the Township's annual clean up days. The dates he is looking at would be Friday, April 21st and Saturday, April 22nd, 2023. He stated dates for the upcoming year are filling fast and would like to get the Township penciled in. Supervisor Russ LaFuria made the motion to schedule the clean up days. The second from August Neff. All in favor.

Supervisor August Neff discussed hiring Mark Corey for Engineering services on getting specs done up on the salt building. He stated the salt barn is soon going to be in need of a new tarp and would like to get bid packages put together to be advertised. Russ LaFuria made the motion to approve the hiring of Engineer Mark Corey, the second motion was received from Fredrick Shunk. All in favor.

Supervisor August Neff is seeking approval for the purchase of tires for the 2012 recycling trucks. He estimates the cost of the tires will be approximately \$3,200.00. August Neff made the motion of approval for the purchase and the second motion was received from Russ LaFuria. Pass by unanimous vote.

Resident Steve LaFuria is asking that the Township pay half of his plumbing bill. He had a sewer back up in his basement, so he called a plumber. When the plumber arrived at the house it was determined the backup was caused from a power outage at the Windy Lane pump station. Supervisor's stated that Mr. LaFuria should have contacted one of them first, which would have eliminated the plumbing bill. Supervisor Fredrick Shunk made a motion to not have the Township pay the portion that he is requesting. The second motion was made from August Neff. Supervisor Russ LaFuria abstained.

Mylar:

Timothy Polanski from Urban Engineers, representing North East Campus presented the supervisors with plans to sub-divide a parcel of land. Attorney Robert Jefferey advised that the plan should be contingent on stormwater easement noted on the plans

August Neff; representing North East Township; subdividing of a parcel. The Township will be changing the property lines of the property on East Lake Road. Final approval was given from the Planning Committee. From a motion made by Russ LaFuria and the second by Fredrick Shunk the plans were given approval. All in favor.

After announcements and with all business concluded, a motion to adjourn at 8:45 PM was received from August Neff. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Carlstrom, Secretary