NORTH EAST TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2026
9:00 AM

Chairman Russ LaFuria called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also in attendance were Supervisors Fredrick Shunk and August Neff along with Attorney Tim Wachter and Secretary Erica Carlstrom.

Chairman LaFuria asked for public comments or concerns, Richard Ahlfield of East Lake Road addressed the Board regarding an abandoned property along Lake Erie, he expressed concerns about ongoing erosion, the potential for the residence to collapse into the lake, an abandoned methane gas well and reported rodent activity affecting neighboring properties. Mr Ahlfield requested that the house and garage be evaluated and considered for condemnation and demolition. He also discussed previous communication with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Township representatives regarding the property. The Board discussed the need to consult with the Township Solicitor regarding the Township's legal authority and potential liability. The Solicitor indicated that a formal determination regarding the building's condition would likely be necessary before further action could be taken. Potential options discussed included Township arranged demolition and recovery of costs through a lien against the property, subject to applicable legal requirements and financial risks. The Board also discussed responsibility should the structure fall into Lake Erie and the potential involvement of DEP if environmental contamination occurs. The Board expressed its desire to move the matter forward and pursue appropriate guidance and next steps. No formal action to condemn or demolish the property was taken during the discussion.

A motion from August Neff and the second from Russ LaFuria approved the minutes of the October 5th, 2026 meeting as presented and passed by unanimous vote. Bills were presented for October 1st – October 18th, 2026 for approval and payment as follows:

General Fund Checks	#5095-5130	$ 168,802.81
General Fund Debits	Ach's	$ 572.75
Water Fund Checks	#3621-3635	$ 31,946.24
Sewer Fund Checks	#3309-3316	$ 8,464.56

Total approved by a motion from Fredrick Shunk and the second from August Neff was $209,786.36 and passed by unanimous vote.

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

Township Solicitor Tim Wachter discussed the proposed conditional use requested from Evandale Farms for farm stays. Tim stated that the letter that was sent to the nearby residents was not correct. The list that was used to send letters was the list from their first conditional use request in June. At this point with the incorrect list being sent, the public hearing that was held on October 5th is

considered null and void. Attorney Zonna, who represents Evandale, was informed by Mr Wachter that if they still wanted to pursue the conditional use for farm stays permit, they would need to restart the entire process at their expense.

New Business:

North East resident Doug Eaton asked the Supervisors if they would be willing to compose a letter and send it to the corporate offices of Circle K in hopes that they will either keep the store open for business or sell the property for another company to come in. Mr Eaton is aware the location is in the Borough but feels the more support will help corporate know that the residents of North East appreciate having the store.

Supervisors discussed the hiring of David Baum for the Roads Department. A motion from August Neff to hire David with a start date of October 26th was made. Russ LaFuria made the second motion of approval. All in favor.

A motion was made by August Neff to hire William Anderson also for the Roads Department. His start date would be November 2nd. Fredrick Shunk made the second motion. All in favor.

Administrative Supervisor Russ LaFuria stated that we would be going into budget sessions starting this week.

With all business concluded a motion to adjourn was received from Fredrick Shunk at 9:30 AM. Meeting adjourned.

Supervisors entered into an executive session for a legal matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Carlstrom, Secretary