

NORTH EAST TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
PUBLIC HEARING/MEETING
MONDAY OCTOBER 7, 2024
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 Tim Wachter, and Secretary Erica Carlstrom.

Chairman Shunk opened the public hearing portion of the meeting for the proposed zoning ordinance update. Char Kerr from the Planning Board presented the Supervisors with a slide show to explain the changes that were made. She began by explaining the updates were being made from the update to the Comprehensive Plan that was completed and adopted by the Township in March of 2023. The updates to the zoning ordinances have been being working on since early 2023 and has been an 18-month process. While the Planning Board was working on the updates they made sure to verify that state regulations were properly included. They added definitions, language was clarified for simplicity, duplications in text were removed, clarification on conditions, appeals and procedures, and minor permit updates. Mixed Use District was added and further explained as what the permitted uses are. The Mixed Use District explains that there could be conditional uses that may be considered, but conditional uses would need to go through a process prior to being approved. North East resident Amanda Steeneck requested the Supervisors possibly add some verbiage to the ordinance so the current property owned by Mellon Heritage if they ever go to sell can not be sold and turned into a detention center or anything else of the sorts. She also asked under the solar portion if it could include something stating no batteries on site for fear of contamination of groundwater. Tamara Cavanaugh of West 6th Street asked about the wind turbines what is considered a small and what is a large turbine. The Planning Board explained a small turbine is generally a privately owned and is usually no larger than 60 feet (from top to bottom 150 feet) with a large one being upwards of 350 feet. Ms. Cavanaugh also inquired about solar only being in designated areas, which was explained that residential roof panels are permitted, however commercial solar is only permitted in certain districts. Teresa Sculley of Rohl Road has requested of the Supervisors to change the wind turbine ordinance to relocate the boundaries moving it east of Moorheadville Road. She had concerns with the groundwater supply to the township.

A motion from Russ LaFuria and the second from August Neff approved the minutes of the September 16th, 2024, meeting as presented and passed by unanimous vote. Secretary Erica Carlstrom presented the Treasurer's report for the month of September 2024 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 September 16th – September 30th, 2024 for approval and payment as follows:

General Fund Checks	#3472-3500	\$	115,787.13
General Fund Debits	Ach's	\$	792.87
Water Fund Checks	#2863-2875	\$	118,421.45
Sewer Fund Checks	#2699-2715	\$	100,547.84

Total approved by a motion from Russ LaFuria and the second from August Neff was \$335,549.29 and passed by unanimous vote.

Correspondence:

Annual invitation to ECATO convention being held at Nick's Place on Thursday, October 24th. The convention will take place from 9:30 am and run until 5:00 pm. The cost is \$28 per attendee which includes lunch. Anyone interested should RSVP to Erica by Monday October 14th.

Old Business:

Supervisors reviewed the Freeport Beach Agreement between the Township and the Borough after a few changes had been made. The playground equipment was included to state who was responsible for the maintenance of it and to lay out the terms of the agreement. Township Solicitor Tim Wachter suggested a term of 3 years which will automatically renew for 2 years at an additional 1-year term each. With these changes a motion was received from Fredrick Shunk to approve and sign. The second motion was received from August Neff. All in favor. Once we receive the agreement back from the Borough approving the changes made the agreement will be signed and finalized.

New Business:

Supervisors were presented with a Developer's Agreement for Storm Water Management between Orchard Beach Assembly of God and the Township. The church which is located at 2025 Orchard Beach Road will deposit into the Townships escrow account \$5,250.00 to cover any engineering or legal costs associated with the review of the storm water management plan. A motion from Russ LaFuria to approve and sign with the second motion from August Neff. Passed by unanimous vote.

Supervisors discussed the hours for Trick or Treating in the Township. A motion was made by Fredrick Shunk and the second from Russ LaFuria to hold trick or treating on October 31st from 6 pm until 8 pm. All in favor.

Road Supervisor August Neff stated the North East Marina Authority has asked the Townships help in taking out the docks for the season. Supervisor Russ LaFuria stated we helped put them in and did not see an issue with helping to take them out.

Supervisor Fredrick Shunk told the residents that the PennVest loan for the sewer project has closed and funds will be distributed to the Township soon. He also stated the project on 89 has begun.

Administrative Supervisor Russ LaFuria mentioned the 2025 budget sessions will be held on October 21st, 23rd, and the 29th.

After announcements and with all business concluded, a motion to adjourn at 8:20 PM was received from Russ LaFuria. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Carlstrom, Secretary