

NORTH EAST TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 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 School District Superintendent Michele Hartzell is requesting the cooperation of the Township Supervisors in a proposed MOU that the school district is currently trying to put together. The MOU is for NEPD coverage at all the North East School's in cooperation with the PA State Police. She stated they are currently working with their Solicitor to get the agreement finalized. This will help with response time if or when there are incidents that happen within the school district. Paul Crowe asked about the changes to the Zoning Ordinance, wanting to know what and if they wanted to change anything in the draft. Supervisor Russ LaFuria stated there were only a few he would like to see changed such as the requirements for fences he sees no need for as there were no prior requirements he stated there's no need to add it now. At this point Solicitor Tim Wachter is going to make the requested changes, and said we should advertise for a Public Hearing to be held on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

A motion from August Neff and the second from Russ LaFuria approved the minutes of the September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 meeting as presented and passed by unanimous vote. Bills were presented for September 1<sup>st</sup> – September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 for approval and payment as follows:

General Fund Checks	#3448-3471	\$	75,770.38
General Fund Debits	Ach's	\$	781.36
Water Fund Checks	#2842-2862	\$	86,552.49
Sewer Fund Checks	#2692-2698	\$	10,434.50

Total approved by a motion from Russ LaFuria and the second from August Neff was \$173,538.73 and passed by unanimous vote.

*Correspondence: None*

*Old Business: None*

*New Business:*

The annual Non-Uniformed Pension Plan- Minimum Municipal Obligation letter was read stating that the 2025 MMO is \$28,800.00 with the annual contribution for each full time employee of \$7,200.00 based on the current participation rate of 16 employees the total cost will be \$115,200.00, the MMO is based on the assumption that the Township will receive Municipal

Pension System State Aid in the year 2025 similar to the amount received in 2024. A motion to acknowledge receipt of the letter was made by August Neff and the second from Russ LaFuria, all in favor.

Supervisors discussed the recent Freeport Agreement that was received from the North East Borough. The agreement would help to clearly specify which municipality is responsible for what at Freeport Beach as the beach is shared between the two. Supervisor Russ LaFuria stated one of the things he would like to see more clearly spelled out in the agreement is the payment of the lifeguards, he would like it to be stated that it will be a 50/50 responsibility to both the Borough and Township for their payment. Township Solicitor Tim Wachter notated that there was no term on the agreement, so it was agreed to have it as a 3-year contract. Tim was going to make the necessary changes, and the Supervisors would relook at the October 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Fredrick Shunk, Water & Sewer Supervisor stated they would be doing some work on the blow out valve at Freeport.

Administrative Supervisor Russ LaFuria noted that the Township had received an invoice from the Borough for the lifeguards at Freeport Beach. The Township and Borough this past year took over the responsibility of the lifeguards from the Rec Commission. Even with the delayed start of the Lifeguards Supervisor LaFuria felt things went smoothly and was also pleased with the amount owed to the Borough for the Townships portion of the shared financial responsibility. The amount the Township owed for the season was \$6,440.50.

After announcements, a motion to adjourn was received from Russ LaFuria at 9:30 am. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Carlstrom, Secretary