

NORTH EAST TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2017
7:30 PM

Chairman Fredrick Shunk called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also in attendance were Supervisors August Neff and Robert Mazza, Attorney Robert Jeffery, Engineer Clay Fails, and Assistant Secretary Deborah Miller. Members of the public included, Jim Williams, Julia Gorniak, Ann Kreider, Bill Heald, Matt Putman, Teresa Sculley, and Fritz Holzhausen.

Chairman Shunk asked for public comments or concerns and none were received. A motion from Robert Mazza and the second from August Neff approved the minutes of the March 20, 2017 meeting, as presented, and passed by unanimous vote. Assistant Secretary Deborah Miller presented the Treasurer's report for the month of March 2017 and by a motion from August Neff and the second from Robert Mazza was accepted, as presented, and passed by unanimous vote. Bills were presented for March 20th through March 31st, 2017 for approval and payment as follows:

General Fund Checks	#16218-16255	\$ 93,675.52
General Fund Debits	#J2580, 2585, 2586	\$ 1,467.89
Water Fund Checks	#4674-4686	\$ 175,401.62
Sewer Fund Checks	#3713-3723	\$ 94,698.74

Total approved by a motion from August Neff and the second from Fredrick Shunk was \$365,243.77 and passed by unanimous vote.

Correspondence:

Eagle Scout candidate, Tucker Ditrich, is asking for approval to construct five benches at the 20 Mile Creek area. Matt Putman inquired as to where these benches would be placed. Supervisor August Neff stated that upon speaking with Tucker, the intent seems to be along the path. At this time, he is seeking approval, and other details can be worked out at a later date. A motion to approve the request was made by Robert Mazza with the second from Fredrick Shunk and passed by unanimous vote.

Matt Putman asked if there was going to be a pier installed where the path now ends and if vehicles will be allowed on the new path. August Neff stated that a pier is the plan and scooters will be allowed on the path.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

August Neff would like to declare a V Spreader removed from a truck as excess equipment. There is an interested party, and he stated that as soon as permission is granted the V Spreader can be sold. Selling price is \$2,100.00. Fredrick Shunk made the motion to declare the V Spreader excess equipment with the second from Robert Mazza and passed by unanimous vote.

Attorney Robert Jeffery presented a Water Line, Sewer Line, and Storm Water Management Agreement all pertaining to Ridg-U-Rak. They are all standard agreements each requiring a \$5,000 escrow. The Storm Water Management Agreement also requires a bond and the storm water

management facilities being installed before construction. In addition, there is a \$250 fee to cover inspections for ten years. This agreement runs with the land itself and carries over to future owners.

August Neff made the motion to approve the Water Line Agreement with the second from Robert Mazza and passed by unanimous vote.

Fredrick Shunk made the motion to approve the Sewer Line Agreement with the second from Robert Mazza and passed by unanimous vote.

August Neff made the motion to approve the Storm Water Management Agreement with the second from Robert Mazza and passed by unanimous vote.

At their last Water Sewer Authority meeting the Board made a recommendation to the Supervisors to reduce the members from nine to seven with Resolution No. 2017-001. Sometimes there is difficulty getting enough attendees at the meeting to make a quorum. Attorney Jeffery stated that if the Supervisors agree to this recommendation, he will prepare necessary paperwork. Robert Mazza made the motion to approve Resolution 2017-001 with the second from August Neff and passed by unanimous vote.

Supervisor Shunk went over a recommendation from the Water Sewer Authority regarding mandatory hook ups to pressure sewer lines. He stated the current Ordinance does not spell out rules pertaining to non-gravity sewer. There are areas in the Township where non-gravity sewers are not possible. The Authority recommends that privately funded pressure sewer lines will not be mandatory to hook into for existing homes unless there is a septic system failure, a requirement from DEP, or there is new construction. Attorney Jeffery added that private extensions can run into difficulties if people are forced to hook into the sewers that don't want it. This could ultimately lead to the rejection of a privately funded project and leaving those that want public sewer unable to get it. Robert Mazza asked how the cost is shared. Attorney Jeffery stated that that would be their deal. A Developer's Agreement is usually drafted outlining recovery fees. August Neff made the motion to accept the Water Sewer Authority's recommendation and for Attorney Jeffery to move forward and prepare necessary documents with the second from Robert Mazza and passed by unanimous vote.

Robert Mazza addressed the issue of working with North Borough to expand their police force to cover North East Township in light of the recent proposal of the Governor to assess \$25/person for those who currently use State Police protection. This fee, once in effect, would more than likely increase each year. While speaking with someone retired from the force, he was informed that the force is diminishing and average response time is 45 minutes. Fredrick Shunk added that the Township used to get money from traffic fines and with Act 124 they no longer do.

August Neff brought up the point that the Borough doesn't have the capability of enforcing weights and measures on roads. He questioned if the Township opts out of the \$25/person and the state police need to be called would there be a charge.

Robert Mazza thought it would be good to be proactive, look at a plan, and lay some ground work. Fredrick Shunk suggested drafting a formal letter to the Borough. Robert Mazza suggested a study session with Borough representatives before drafting a letter. Attorney Jeffery stated that a study

session would need to be published. The question was raised if this falls under the Sunshine Act and Attorney Jeffery replied that if no decisions or determinations are made there is no violation of the Act.

August Neff stated that the Borough, Township, and School District meet twice a year. The next meeting is scheduled in May and Robert Mazza suggested that this item be on the agenda.

The American Legion is asking for permission to hold their annual Memorial Day Parade along Route 20 to Cemetery Road. August Neff made the motion to approve the parade with the second from Robert Mazza and passed by unanimous vote.

Other:

Fuller Hose Company and North East Township are entering into a lease agreement. The lease agreement stipulates that Fuller Hose must carry sufficient liability insurance. Fuller Hose asked what the insurance requirements are. After review by Attorney Jeffery, he stated that coverage should be \$1,000,000/claimant, \$2,000,000/incident and \$250,000/property damage with North East Township as additional insured.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 17th at 9:00 a.m.

After announcements and with all business concluded a motion to adjourn was received from Fredrick Shunk at 7:59 PM. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Miller, Assistant Secretary