

NORTH EAST TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
PUBLIC HEARING/MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 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 Secretary Karen Ahlgrim. Members of the public included, Jim Williams, Nick Mobilia, Nikki Cole, Celeena Rahal, PSP Sgt. Brian Fronk, Kevin Haines, Michael Moulton, Shelly Stancliff, Xander Stadler, Robert Stadler, Tom Krahnke, Bob Noel, Jeremy Bannister, Randy Knoll, Susan McHenry, Beth Knoll, Fritz Holzhausen, Kirk Oakes, Peggy Hanson, Teresa Sculley, Ann Kreider, Peter Hess, Audrey Hess, Zachary Hess, Matt Putman, Julie Creed and Sally Griffin.

Chairman Shunk opened the Public Hearing portion of the meeting addressing a rezoning request from Mr. Peter Hess for the properties known as 37-24-89-3.03 and 37-24-89-2.1 from R-2 residential to B-2 industrial; they are located at the intersection of Grahamville and Loomis Streets. Mr. Hess noted he would like to build a shop for his electrical business; the property size is approximately ¾ acre. No other comments were received and the public hearing was closed.

Chairman Shunk asked for public comments or concerns and Mrs. Susan McHenry of 11016 South Shore Avenue, expressed concerns over the Campbell property on the southeast corner of North Pearl and South Shore and the tall grass/weeds that block vision at that intersection. She thanked the road crew for cutting them down but they have grown up again, August Neff noted that he would cut them down again this week. She also noted that many children are playing and riding bikes on South Shore, and drivers are not stopping at signs and speeding, August Neff stated he would speak again with PSP about patrolling the area.

Mr. Nick Mobilia and several other business owners in the Bort Road bridge area were present to ask about any progress with the bridge ownership and repairs/replacement plans. August Neff noted that the last PUC Hearing held at the bridge revealed the bridge is not on the tip and that this month another bridge inspection is scheduled. Fredrick Shunk noted that what CSX wants is for the Township to take ownership and put it on the tip program for replacement and they (CSX) would pay the local portion of the project. When the time comes Penndot may look at both crossings, Bort and Remington, the pressure may come from Penndot to the PUC.

A motion from August Neff and the second from Robert Mazza approved the minutes of the July 17, 2017 meeting as presented, and passed by unanimous vote. Secretary Karen Ahlgrim presented the Treasurer's report for the month of July 2017 and by a motion from Fredrick Shunk and the second from Robert Mazza was accepted, as presented, and passed by unanimous vote. Bills were presented for July 17<sup>th</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 for approval and payment as follows:

General Fund Checks	#16522-16556	\$ 135,121.98
General Fund Debits	#J2672, 2673	\$ 761.00
Water Fund Checks	#4775-4793	\$ 301,617.10
Sewer Fund Checks	#3788-3797	\$ 164,352.39

Total approved by a motion from August Neff and the second from Robert Mazza was \$601,852.47 and passed by unanimous vote.

*Correspondence:*

Supervisors addressed a request to hold another Run/Walk fundraiser for the People for Life on Saturday, October 14th, the race follows the same path as last year on Moorheadville, West Law and Sidehill Roads starting and ending at Burch Farm Market. After a review of the map and insurance info a motion to approve was given by Robert Mazza and the second from Fredrick Shunk and passed by unanimous vote.

Supervisors acknowledged an invitation to attend the annual ECATO picnic to be held at Picnicana, Summit Township on Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. All interested officials are to let the Secretary know by August 17<sup>th</sup>. A motion to approve participation was made by Fredrick Shunk and the second from August Neff and passed by unanimous vote.

The YMCA Jelly Jar Ride which is a 25 and a 50 mile event, taking cyclists from Shade's Beach in Harborcreek to Findley Lake on Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup> was addressed by the Board, it runs from 8am to 2pm. August Neff has reviewed the map with organizers, all insurances are in place and they also have PennDOT approval. A motion to approve was made by August Neff and the second from Robert Mazza and passed by unanimous vote.

The annual QUAD Run is scheduled for Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> leaving from Mercyhurst and traveling within the Borough and the Township, no changes to the route and insurance and security are in place for the event. A motion to approve was received from Robert Mazza and the second from Fredrick Shunk, all in favor, motion carried.

*Old Business: None*

*New Business:*

Supervisors addressed the rezoning request from the public hearing portion of the meeting, Attorney Jeffery asked Mr. Hess if the property had public water & sewer available because after reviewing the lot and zoning requirements he feels the lot is undersized and would not have the required setbacks and frontage necessary. He could possibly go for a variance. A motion to table this item until Mr. Hess can review with the Zoning Administrator was made by August Neff and the second from Robert Mazza and passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Jeremy Bannister and Mr. Michael Moulton of the Blue Dolphin Skin Diving Club presented the Board with some facts about diving and the procedure they have been following at Freeport Beach in July and August on Wednesday's and Sunday's. Supervisors noted that this discussion will continue with the Borough and they will get their opinion too, presently the club does some twilight dives at Presque Isle with permission and a log in with Park officials, we should look into a plan that tells everyone concerned what and when they are diving and using the park. A motion to table until the Board speaks with the Borough, and until then they will have to follow the park closing at dusk rule was made by Fredrick Shunk and the second from Robert Mazza, all in favor, motion carried.

Engineer Clay Fails presented Resolution # 2017-015, a sewage facilities planning module for the West Law Road Sewer Extension. Explaining that the original plan was for 6 connections now it will include 6 more for a total of 12 connections, Phase 1 to begin soon. A motion to approve and sign Resolution #2017-015 was made by August Neff and the second from Robert Mazza, motion carried.

An amendment to the Developers agreement for the West Law Road Sewer Extension was addressed, changing the project to belong to the Township instead of the 6 individuals. A motion to have the Township refund the money deposited by those 6 property owners was made by Fredrick Shunk and the second from Robert Mazza. August Neff abstaining. Motion carried.

Attorney Jeffery prepared a Developers Agreement for the Agracel Addition Project which insures that the company pays for any legal and engineering fees charged to the Township. A motion to approve the agreement and set the escrow amount at \$5000.00 was made by Fredrick Shunk and the second from Robert Mazza, passed by unanimous vote.

Attorney Jeffery presented the Board with a draft ordinance for establishing a volunteer service credit program, enacting tax credits for volunteer members of volunteer fire companies and nonprofit emergency medical services. He has modeled it after a PSATS sample ordinance. The effective date should be January 1, 2018, we could do a credit on earned income tax and a credit on property taxes, the Board and the Borough will need to consult and offer the same incentives as we each have members on each fire company that live in the Township and Borough. A motion to table until further discussion with the Borough is complete was made by Fredrick Shunk and the second from Robert Mazza and passed by unanimous vote.

August Neff addressed the 2017 Road Projects now in progress, noting work is complete in Vineyard Subdivision and today they are working on East Law Road to be followed by Washington to the Borough line, Hartwig and Emily and then to the Woodmere Subdivision. Chip/Seal will be the week of August 14<sup>th</sup>. Matt Putman noted that Townline Road was a great job and thanked August Neff for addressing the brush/weeds at the corner of Williams Road and Route 20.

Attorney Jeffery noted that the County Assessment office issued and exemption for the Township property at Crawford Road and Route 89, no buildings exist.

After announcements and with all business concluded a motion to adjourn was received from Fredrick Shunk at 8:30 PM. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Ahlgrim, Secretary