

NORTH EAST TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 6, 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 and Secretary Karen Ahlgrim. Members of the public included, Jim Williams, Ann Kreider, Teresa Sculley, Bruce Perdue, Fritz Holzhausen and Matt Putman.

Chairman Shunk asked for public comments or concerns and none were received. A motion from August Neff and the second from Robert Mazza approved the minutes of the February 20, 2017 meeting as presented and passed by unanimous vote. Secretary Karen Ahlgrim presented the Treasurer's report for the month of February 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 February 20th through February 28th, 2017 for approval and payment as follows:

General Fund Checks	#16152-16185	\$ 43,200.67
General Fund Debits	#J 2565	\$ 471.00
Water Fund Checks	#4645-4658 & J1326	\$ 145,717.86
Sewer Fund Checks	#3700-3708	\$ 84,478.56

Total approved by a motion from August Neff and the second from Fredrick Shunk was \$273,868.09 and passed by unanimous vote.

Correspondence:

Part of Governor Wolf's proposed budget is to require a \$25 per person fee on local municipalities that currently utilize the services of the Pennsylvania State Police. Supervisors discussed the issue at a recent ECATO meeting with most in favor of sending a letter stating Erie County's opposition to this additional charge to municipalities. Matt Putman asked if the charge would be for places like Lawrence Park which already have a police department. August Neff noted that no, there would be no charge to them. Bruce Perdue asked if we would get more police coverage and August noted this fee would not provide any additional police officers or vehicles to areas. Fredrick Shunk noted that he is worried that the \$25 this time could turn into \$50 next time and so on. He would like to speak with North East Borough and Borough Police to explore the option of having them cover the Township and at what cost. Robert Mazza noted that the State has run into problems, Borough residents already pay for Local and State Police coverage. The cost of doing business has increased, possibly a user tax would work, think about what we already contribute to our volunteer fire companies. Maybe the response times would improve. August Neff noted it's how it's being done, more unfunded mandates. Matt Putman noted pensions in Pennsylvania need to be addressed; they take so much of the budget. August Neff made a motion to send a letter similar to ECATO's from North East Township with the second from Fredrick Shunk. August and Fredrick in favor and Robert Mazza opposed.

A motion from Fredrick Shunk and the second from Robert Mazza approved the Township's participation at the annual ECATO Fireman's Dinner being held Tuesday, March 28th at the Usher's Club in McKean, Supervisors and 6 local firemen from Fuller Hose and Crescent Hose Fire Companies. All in favor, motion passed.

Old Business:

Supervisors noted that the Township is still in need of a new Recreation Commission Member, the Board has 3 members each from the School District, the Borough and the Township.

New Business:

Mylar: Mr. Bruce Perdue of 12710 Hammond Road, subdividing off 1.29 acres to build a home, he received a variance to build closer to the roadway, and all requirements are met. A motion to approve and sign was received by August Neff and the second from Robert Mazza and passed by unanimous vote.

Attorney Jeffery has prepared a Developer's Agreement with Praise Cathedral Church of God for their project involving construction of a parking lot which will require a storm water management plan. It is a standard plan which involves a \$5000 escrow deposit for any expenses incurred by the Township. A motion to sign was received from Fredrick Shunk and the second from Robert Mazza and passed by unanimous vote.

Attorney Jeffery noted that he will file the paperwork to have the new Crawford Road property purchased from North East Borough for \$1.00 exempt from taxes. The property is located 750 feet off Route 89 on the north side of Crawford Road. A motion to have Attorney Jeffery proceed with filing the exemption was made by Fredrick Shunk and the second from Robert Mazza and passed by unanimous vote.

After announcements and with all business concluded a motion to adjourn was received from Fredrick Shunk at 7:55 PM. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Ahlgrim, Secretary