

NORTH EAST TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2017
9:00 AM

Chairman Fredrick Shunk called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also in attendance were Supervisor August Neff, Attorney Robert Jeffery, and Secretary Karen Ahlgrim. Members of the public included Jim Williams, Teresa Sculley, Tim & Pam Truitt, Ray Gloss, Fred Brostmeyer, Fred Blackburn, Jim Cornman, Dawn VanScoter, Nick & Kathy Mauro, Kurt Lichtenfeld, Matt Putman, Fritz Holzhausen, Jeff Buchholz, Cindy Dudzinski, Andrew Mullen, Marianne Duda, Ray Gloss and Bob Heibel.

Chairman Shunk asked for public comments or concerns and none were received. A motion from August Neff and the second from Fredrick Shunk approved the minutes of the November 6, 2017 meeting as presented and passed by unanimous vote. Bills were presented for November 1st through November 19th, 2017 for approval and payment as follows:

General Fund Checks	#16767-16792	\$ 85,196.05
General Fund Debits	#J 2714	\$ 15.99
Water Fund Checks	#4878-4891	\$ 93,511.75
Sewer Fund Checks	#3866-3873	\$ 21,485.13

Total approved by a motion from Fredrick Shunk and the second from August Neff was \$200,208.92 and passed by unanimous vote.

Correspondence:

Supervisors addressed a request from the Community Fair to be able to use the conference room for their Youth Agri-Fun Day committee to meet in January, February, March and April. A motion to allow with Mr. Blystone picking up the key was made by August Neff and the second from Fredrick Shunk and passed by unanimous vote.

Old Business: None

New Business:

A motion to accept and advertise the 2018 General Fund Proposed Budget in the amount of \$2,022,759.00 was received from Fredrick Shunk and the second from August Neff and passed by unanimous vote. Noting no tax increase for 2018.

A motion to accept and advertise the 2018 State Liquid Fuels Proposed Budget in the amount of \$404,837.00 was received from Fredrick Shunk and the second from August Neff and passed by unanimous vote.

A motion to accept and advertise the 2018 Water Fund Proposed Budget in the amount of \$1,312,310.00 was received from Fredrick Shunk and the second from August Neff and passed by unanimous vote.

A motion to accept and advertise the 2018 Sewer Fund Proposed Budget in the amount of \$1,548,455.00 was received from Fredrick Shunk and the second from August Neff and passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Robert Heibel of 1709 Walnut Circle addressed the Board with concerns about the recent flooding from a storm on November 5, 2017, this was the third time in 15 years he has had damage, and noted that all of Papermill Hollow was affected somehow. Eight homeowners were present and several expressed their concerns about future storms and how to deter future flooding issues. Attorney Jeffery noted that the Township is only responsible for the roadway, we could help facilitate action like a wall, and we can try to help with grants from DEP and Fish and Boat Commission. Mr. Heibel noted that the section owned by the Township carried most of the water; Attorney Jeffery noted that it was not a storm water issue, it was the flow.

Fredrick Shunk and August Neff noted that the Township would never go into the stream voluntarily without permits and we only have property there because the developer gave it to us. Attorney Jeffery suggested that one Supervisor could meet with the group and decide on a plan, all subdivisions in the past have storm water plans, and storm water management helps not stops. Mr. Tim Truitt noted that the Dudzinski's are saying there was more water in this recent storm than any in the last 20 years. Many have installed trash pumps and other devices to help with drainage, now they will worry about ice. Andrew Mullen agreed this all needs looked at asap! Jeff Buchholz asked who owns the island, could taking down trees help? Attorney Jeffery noted that deeds would have to be looked at to determine that, streams move over time and are State controlled. Cindy Dudzinski noted that they want to work with the Township, a short and long term plan are needed. Ray Gloss noted that he thinks the holding pond has moved 30 feet. Maryann Duda noted the island was created back in the 1970's. A motion to appoint August Neff as liaison for the Supervisors to work with Bob Heibel or appointed spokespersons from Papermill Hollow was made by Fredrick Shunk and the second from August Neff and passed by unanimous vote.

Recent information from PSATS concerning Act 42 of 2017 was received and reviewed by Attorney Jeffery, the act authorizes placement of ten Category 4 casinos within the state, a category 4 casino is a "mini-casino" with 300-750 slot machines and table games. Attorney Jeffery noted one cannot be within 20 miles of an existing casino unless the casino puts one there. A resolution is needed to either allow or prohibit, if we do nothing one could come, but we are typically not an ideal area and our zoning ordinance would protect us. After some discussion it was determined that no action will be taken.

Supervisors reviewed the draft of Ordinance #2017-004 which is to help retain and preserve volunteers of fire companies and emergency medical services. It would allow a earned income tax credit of up to \$250.00 and a real property tax credit of 20% of the Township tax liability for members meeting the necessary criteria. A motion to advertise for a 30 day period was received from August Neff and the second from Fredrick Shunk and passed by unanimous vote. The Ordinance will have a public hearing at the yearend meeting on December 29, 2017 at 10:00 am.

August Neff reported that Sidehill/Belle Road is still closed awaiting the pipe replacement delivery. He also reminded residents that the Winter/Snow rules are in force October 15 thru April 15.

Attorney Jeffery noted a right of way agreement with Ridg-U-Rak needed to have the titled owners name in the first paragraph corrected to read RUR Realty, LLC. A motion to approve the change on the agreement was made by August Neff and the second from Fredrick Shunk, passed by unanimous vote.

After announcements a motion to adjourn at 9:10 am was received from Fredrick Shunk. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Ahlgrim, Secretary