

NORTH EAST TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
MEETING  
MONDAY APRIL 7, 2025  
7:30 PM

Chairman Russ LaFuria called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also, in attendance were Supervisors August Neff and Fredrick Shunk, Attorney Tim Wachter, and Secretary Erica Carlstrom.

Chairman LaFuria asked for public comments or concerns, Mark Newcome from North East Heat & Light lodged a formal complaint on Supervisor August Neff. Mr. Newcome stated he had come to the Township to discuss a gas main expansion on Ox Bow Road and August started screaming and using profanities because he wasn't happy with how they wanted to run the gas line. A motion from August Neff and the second from Fredrick Shunk approved the minutes of the March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, meeting as presented and passed by unanimous vote. Secretary Erica Carlstrom presented the Treasurer's report for the month of March 2025 and by a motion from Fredrick Shunk and the second from August Neff was accepted as presented and passed by unanimous vote. Bills were presented for March 1<sup>st</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025, for approval and payment as follows:

General Fund Checks	#3800-3865	\$ 223,017.11
General Fund Debits	Ach's	\$ 5,372.51
Water Fund Checks	#3028-3061	\$ 406,014.83
Sewer Fund Checks	#2836-2858	\$ 117,155.55

Total approved by a motion from Russ LaFuria and the second from August Neff was \$751,560.00 and passed by unanimous vote.

*Correspondence:*

Supervisors addressed an invitation to attend the annual ECATO Firemen's dinner. Supervisors have invited 3 firemen from each company to attend the dinner. It will be held on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at St. Francis Ushers Club. RSVP's due to Erica by April 11<sup>th</sup>.

A request was received from the National Grape Co-Op for the use of the meeting room. They would like Tuesday May 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday June 10<sup>th</sup>, both meetings will take place at 6:30 PM. August Neff made a motion to approve the meetings to be held at the Township building on both May 6<sup>th</sup> and June 10<sup>th</sup>. The second motion received from Fredrick Shunk. All in favor.

*Old Business: None*

*New Business:*

Road Bids for the joint bidding of Asphalt Seal Coat were opened and read on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Bids were as follows:

55,000 SY Asphalt Seal Coat	
Russell Standard Corp.	Unit Price \$2.43, Total Bid \$133,650.00
Suit-Kote	Unit Price \$1.856, Total Bid \$102,080.00

A motion from August Neff and the second from Russ LaFuria approved awarding Suit-Kote with the contract. Passed by unanimous vote.

August requested hiring summer help for mowing the various parks. He stated the employee would be Brian Randall, who would be a returning employee. August would like to bring him back with a rate of \$17/hour as he has previous experience. A motion was received from Fredrick Shunk to hire Brian and to approve the pay rate. Russ LaFuria made the second motion to approve. Passed by unanimous vote.

The Supervisors discussed the cleaning of the restrooms at Freeport Beach. The bathrooms will now only be open from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Fritz Holzhausen said he would be willing to continue doing the cleaning with the stipulation of working every day for 2 hours a day at a rate of \$17/hour. The decision was made to table the discussion until the April mid-month meeting.

Jerry Wittman came to talk with the Supervisors about doing development in Bernwood Subdivision. Township Solicitor Tim Wachter said he would work on drawing up 3 Developers Agreements. Storm Water Management, Water/Sewer, and a Roads Agreement. They discussed what it would take for the Township to take over the roads in the subdivision. Supervisor August Neff was going to look at our Ordinances and discuss with Tim the requirements. A motion from Fredrick Shunk to table the conversation until the April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting as to allow Tim time to draw up the agreements and to look at the road specs. The second motion was received from Russ LaFuria. All in favor.

The Township received an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for 911 Dispatch Services from John Grappy, Director of Erie County Department of Public Safety. Township Solicitor Tim Wachter stated the current agreement is from 2012 and mimicked the prior one. Tim did say he would suggest changing paragraph 20 before signing. He did not care for the termination verbiage. The agreement states it would only be able to be terminated or modified by Order of a Court of Competent Jurisdiction or the County would have to agree to cancel the agreement. He would also prefer to have it state that the Supervisors will review and sign the agreement every 3 years instead of it being a lifetime agreement. A motion from Fredrick Shunk to approve and sign the agreement contingent on Solicitor Wachter making the necessary changes. August Neff made the second motion. All in favor.

Supervisors entered into an executive session to discuss a legal matter.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Carlstrom, Secretary