

NORTH EAST TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2026
9:00 AM

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

Chairman LaFuria asked for public comments or concerns, North East resident Paul Crowe inquired why the Supervisors were putting together the Ordinance for data centers when it usually goes through the Planning Board first. Supervisor Russ LaFuria stated that they were trying to help give some guidance on the matter. A motion from August Neff and the second from Fredrick Shunk approved the minutes of the August 3rd, 2026 meeting as presented and passed by unanimous vote. Bills were presented for August 1st – August 16th for approval and payment as follows:

General Fund Checks	#4957-4998	\$ 72,147.61
General Fund Debits	Ach's	\$ 2,349.21
Water Fund Checks	#3552-3559	\$ 73,251.72
Sewer Fund Checks	#3251-3262	\$ 26,506.24

Total approved by a motion from Fredrick Shunk and the second from August Neff was \$174,254.78 and passed by unanimous vote.

Correspondence: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Supervisors discussed putting together a proposed data center ordinance. The purpose of the ordinance would be to establish clear local rules, zoning standards, and environmental safeguards for managing the development of large data storage and processing facilities.

North East resident Kim O'Leary asked whether the Township could provide the water needed if a data center were proposed. She also raised concerns about generator-related pollution, potential effects on wildlife, noise that could be heard up to a mile away, possible strain on the power grid, and whether chemicals would remain in the water after the facility's cleaning cycle.

Julie Reynolds asked whether there would be any benefits to having a data center in the Township.

Dennis Kirschner also expressed concern about the amount of water a data center would require. Supervisor Fredrick Shunk stated that the Filter Plant can produce 8.5 million gallons of water per day, so capacity would not be an issue. Mr. Kirschner also raised concerns about noise and vibration, noting that high-frequency noise, which can be produced by data centers, is a leading cause of hearing loss. He

asked that the ordinance include language requiring the company to cover decommissioning costs rather than placing that responsibility on taxpayers. He also requested that the size of any proposed facility be considered.

Township Solicitor Tim Wachter stated that data centers use a lot less water than they used to. He assured the residents that we are not in crisis mode with the ordinance but rather to be proactive.

The Supervisors thanked the residents for sharing their concerns and stated that they would bring them to the Planning Board's attention for consideration while drafting the ordinance.

Road Supervisor August Neff wanted to let residents know that Damsite Road should be reopened either Thursday or Friday of this week.

Administrative Supervisor Russ LaFuria stated that we would like to establish a policy for the Township to start using AI technology. Township Solicitor Tim Wachter stated he will work on writing something up.

With all business concluded a motion to adjourn was received from August Neff at 9:30 AM. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Carlstrom, Secretary