

NORTH EAST TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 18, 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 and none were received. A motion from August Neff and the second from Fredrick Shunk approved the minutes of the May 4th, 2026 meeting as presented and passed by unanimous vote. Bills were presented for May 1st – May 17th for approval and payment as follows:

General Fund Checks	#4742-4784	\$ 211,510.82
General Fund Debits	Ach's	\$ 1,356.68
Water Fund Checks	#3460-3479	\$ 414,513.69
Sewer Fund Checks	#3178-3192	\$ 71,173.35

Total approved by a motion from Fredrick Shunk and the second from August Neff was \$698,554.54 and passed by unanimous vote.

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

Tabled from the May 4th meeting.

Road Bids for the joint bidding of Asphalt Seal Coat were opened and read on March 26th, 2026. Bids were as follows:

55,000 SY Asphalt Seal Coat

Russell Standard Corp. Unit Price \$2.730, Total Bid \$150,150.00

Suit-Kote Unit Price \$1.999, Total Bid \$109,945.00

After paving Cole Road there would not be enough funds left in the liquid fuel account to do the full 55,000 square yards as planned. After measuring the Supervisors agreed to seal coat all of Ox Bow Road as this would not exceed the money in the liquid fuel account. August Neff made the motion to award Suit-Kote as the winning bid also to approve the seal coating of Ox Bow. Fredrick Shunk made the second motion. All in favor

New Business:

Jack Diorazio, the Township Emergency Management Coordinator, submitted his resignation letter. North East resident Matt Skrekla has expressed interest in filling the position and meets all requirements for the EMC role. Russ LaFuria made a motion to recommend Matt as the Township's new EMC, seconded by Fredrick Shunk. The motion passed unanimously.

Sean of Mellon Heritage met with the Supervisors to discuss hosting an America 250 celebration at the Mellon property on July 2nd and 3rd. Activities are planned for both days, with fireworks scheduled

for Friday, July 3, at 10:00 PM. Supervisor Russ LaFuria advised that, due to the anticipated crowd, the Township's EMC should be contacted. Sean said he has already spoken with the fire department about traffic control. Supervisor August Neff noted that during past fireworks events at Mercyhurst, parked vehicles blocking driveways had been a problem and suggested using barrels or cones to help prevent it. It was also noted that Mellon Heritage is contacting the school about using its parking lot for overflow parking. Township Solicitor Tim Wachter stated that Mellon Heritage, as an affiliated nonprofit for the America 250 event, should use that organization's logo on event posters. The Supervisors said they did not expect any issues and wished them well with the planning.

A conditional use permit was presented to the Supervisors for Evandale Farm. They are seeking permission to have the Planning Board look it over at their June meeting. If the Planning Board approves the application, it will then come back to the Supervisor meeting in July. A motion to have the Planning Board review the application was made by Fredrick Shunk and the second motion was by Russ LaFuria. All in favor.

Zoning Administrator, Jay Jobczynski is seeking approval to advertise for a public hearing on July 20th to adopt SALDO; Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. A motion received from Fredrick Shunk to approve the advertising. The second motion is from Russ LaFuria. All in favor.

Erie County is requesting the Township to approve an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for 911 dispatch services. Upon looking Tim Wachter saw that this same agreement was already passed at the April 7, 2025, meeting. The agreement is effective for a period of 3 years. Tim stated to forward the original to John Durlin; director of Erie County Department of Public Safety.

Road Supervisor August Neff stated again the cardboard dumpsters are being abused. He stated we should probably put something in the journal and our website advising residents to break down their boxes and if the dumpsters are full please wait until they are emptied.

Administrative Supervisor Russ LaFuria mentioned that at the last Public Safety meeting the County Executive Christina Vogel was in attendance. She stated that the county will be stacking calls to help with transport time to the hospitals.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Carlstrom, Secretary