

NORTH EAST TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 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, Engineer Clay Fails, and Assistant Secretary Deborah Miller. Members of the public included Alan Rassie, Peter Hess, Jordan Brubacker, Fritz Holzhausen, Jim Williams, Mike Sanford, Jeff Taylor, Lynn Hofius, Teresa Sculley, and Ann Kreider.

Chairman Shunk asked for public comments or concerns. Alan Rassie of 8295 Singer Road addressed the Board regarding flooding on the road with the last storm. He feels that the pipe under the road is undersized at a diameter of 4 feet and is 40 years old. He has already cleaned it out four times before and has spent \$1,000 worth of gravel to fix it. He stated that this has happened too many times, the stream is 30' – 40' wide now, the land is eating away, and thinks eventually the road will be washed out. He is asking if there is anything that can be done. The concrete blocks on the west side of the street are being undermined. What if they get washed out?

Supervisor August Neff replied that if every pipe that flooded the night before were replaced by the Township, they will be working a long time. There are pipes that have been engineered, and they still overflowed. He continued by stating that no matter how big the pipes are, with that extreme water they are still going to flood. The Township does not generally clean stream beds. Pipes usually flood due to debris. The pipe under Singer Road is a very sturdy pipe.

Supervisor Neff stated that his responsibility during these times is to keep the roads open. He was out at 2:00 a.m. cleaning debris on Singer Road. With water like that, there a lot of issues, and debris is the problem. Although they have talked about this before, Supervisor Neff let Mr. Rassie know that he will meet with him on Thursday. Any decisions will be made by the Board.

Jim Williams spoke regarding the loss of Fritz Rickrode and having a moment of silence. Supervisor Fredrick Shunk acknowledged such request; asking for a moment of silence and stating that Fritz had served on the Planning Commission for years and we are saddened by his loss.

A motion from Robert Mazza and the second from August Neff approved the minutes of the October 16, 2017 meeting as presented, and passed by unanimous vote. Assistant Secretary Deborah Miller presented the Treasurer's report for the month of October 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 October 16th through October 31st, 2017 for approval and payment as follows:

General Fund Checks	#16724-16466	\$ 79,859.76
General Fund Debits	#J 2729, 2730	\$ 661.00
Water Fund Checks	#4860-4877	\$ 385,633.60
Water Fund Debits	#J 1401	\$ 328.88
Sewer Fund Checks	#3852-3865	\$ 157,244.47

Total approved by a motion from Robert Mazza and the second from August Neff was \$623,727.71 and passed by unanimous vote.

Correspondence:

Pennsylvania DEP submitted a thank you letter for helping with the Lake Erie Coastal Cleanup program. Over 3,046 pounds of trash was picked up along the shoreline.

Old Business:

Mr. Hess' request for rezoning of property located on Grahamville Street was revisited. The Zoning Hearing Board has granted the request. Mr. Hess is planning on moving forward with the plans to build. A motion was made by Fredrick Shunk and the second from Robert Mazza and passed by a unanimous vote to have Attorney Jeffery move forward in preparing the necessary documents for Mr. Hess' request.

New Business:

Lynn Hofius presented the Board with a request to subdivide a 1.75 acre parcel from a ten plus acre plot on Middle and Orchard Beach Road. The property is that of the Janes' Estate. The Planning Board as well as County Planning has approved the subdivision. Mr. Hofius is seeking the Township's approval. Attorney Jeffery stated that it meets all frontage and set backs. August Neff made the motion to approve the subdivision with the second from Robert Mazza and was passed by unanimous vote.

Mike Sanford presented the Board with two requests. One is a subdivision of 2.8 acres off the Vineyard Primary Care and the other 2.5 acres off the Tom Ridge Health & Safety Building. Erie County Planning and the Planning Board have both signed off of them.

There is a ROW that is showing up on the tax map regarding the Vineyard Primary Care parcel. There is no explanation as to why it is there. It is not recorded and does not show up anywhere except on the tax map. Attorney Jeffery stated that a Resolution should be drafted to release the ROW. Supervisor Shunk inquired about the meter vault that sits on the property. Attorney Jeffery stated that it is alright at this stage as long as the property does not transfer ownership. If sold, an agreement between the Township, Mercyhurst, and the new owner would have to be drafted. Mr. Sanford stated that there is no change in ownership for either parcel.

The parcel pertaining to the Tom Ridge Health & Safety Building has a storm water pond located on the property. The question arose as to who will be responsible for maintaining it. Attorney Jeffery stated that a recorded maintenance obligation for the storm water management can be done.

August Neff made the motion to state that the Township has no interest in the ROW as shown on the assessment record, with the second from Fredrick Shunk and passed by unanimous vote.

Fredrick Shunk made the motion to approve the subdivision of the Tom Ridge Health & Safety Building, with the contingency that Mercyhurst has a storm water maintenance agreement. Robert Mazza made the second and was passed by unanimous vote.

Fredrick Shunk made the motion to approve the subdivision of the Vineyard Primary Care Center with 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 8:01 PM. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Miller, Assistant Secretary