

NORTH EAST TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2016
7:30 PM

Vice-Chairman Fredrick Shunk called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also in attendance were Supervisor Robert Mazza, Attorney Robert Jeffery, Engineer Clay Fails, and Assistant Secretary Deb Miller. Supervisor August Neff was absent from the meeting. Members of the public included Jim & Jen Kemp, Bill Heald, Fritz Holzhausen, Sam McAuley, John Kloss, Julie Creed, Jim Williams, Ed Sveda, Sr., Ann Kreider, and Teresa Sculley.

Vice-Chairman Shunk asked for public comments or concerns and none were received. A motion from Robert Mazza and the second from Fredrick Shunk approved the minutes of the October 17, 2016 meeting as presented and passed by unanimous vote. Assistant Secretary Deb Miller presented the Treasurer's report for the month of October 2016 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 17th through October 31st, 2016 for approval and payment as follows:

General Fund Checks	#15906-15927	\$ 50,506.16
General Fund Debits	#J2491	\$ 454.00
Water Fund Checks	#4549-4562	\$ 252,718.68
Water Fund Debits	#J1288	\$ 49.87
Sewer Fund Checks	#3639-3646	120,115.83

Total approved by a motion from Robert Mazza and the second from Fredrick Shunk was \$423,844.54 and passed by unanimous vote.

Correspondence:
None

Old Business:

The request for rezoning of Mr. Meehl's property at the northwest corner of Route 20 and Brickyard Road, tabled from the October 3, 2016 meeting, was revisited. Fredrick Shunk spoke with Mr. Haines and he has decided to move forward with option A; which is to build over the existing sewer line. Rezoning the property will no longer be considered. Robert Mazza made the motion to deny the rezoning of the Meehl property for commercial use and the second from Fredrick Shunk was accepted as presented and passed by unanimous vote.

New Business:

Engineer Clay Fails stated that at the last Water/Sewer Authority meeting, the question arose as to the policy of hooking into sewer pressure lines. To date, it has been informal and not mandatory. The Ordinance is written around gravity systems. Attorney Robert Jeffery agrees with Clay Fails and feels that the Ordinance is not clear. After discussion at the Water/Sewer Authority meeting, they made a recommendation to the Supervisors to clarify the Ordinance.

Historically, it has been gravity lines that do not service lower level facilities such as laundry, toilets, etc. Structures in the past have not been required to hook into pressure lines. If the Board of Supervisors requires connection to pressure sewer lines, the Ordinance would have to be changed.

Fredrick Shunk stated that it will be necessary to do research and homework before any changes are made. Clay Fails is in agreement.

Attorney Jeffery asked what DEP rules and regulations are regarding this. Engineer Fails replied that he was not sure. He believes that it is looked at on a case by case basis taking into consideration malfunctions, etc. He also stated that sometimes at the time of a sale of a property, if public sewer is available, connection has to be made at that time.

Robert Mazza asked if this will pertain to low pressure lines only and not high pressure. Engineer Fails stated that he doesn't like to use the term pressure. The question becomes if sewer is accessible, do they have to connect.

The project along West Law Road will be a pressure line requiring grinder pumps.

Attorney Jeffery stated that the Ordinance dates back to 1982. Grinder pumps were not common. He asked Engineer Fails the cost of a grinder pump. Engineer Fails stated approximately \$6,000 - \$8,000. Attorney Jeffery inquired as to whether the service line to the grinder pump was less expensive to install. Engineer Fails replied, yes. They are shallower and smaller in diameter, about 1 1/4".

Fredrick Shunk made the motion to table this topic until more information is collected and the second from Robert Mazza and passed by a unanimous vote.

At this time, Fredrick Shunk asked for any additional comments or questions.

Ed Sveda wanted to clarify, that at this time, no decision was made as to whether or not it is compulsory to hook in. Fredrick Shunk stated not yet.

After announcements and all business addressed, a motion to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. was received from Robert Mazza and the second from Fredrick Shunk. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Miller, Assistant Secretary