

Supervisors violating labor contract, union official says

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A Teamsters union official charged the Amity Township supervisors with violating the terms of their labor contract.

"You have a managerial person who is doing union work, which is a violation of our labor agreement," Michael P. Rys told the board at its meeting Wednesday. "And we're asking that you cease and desist."

Rys is business manager of Teamsters Local 429.

He said that an unnamed nonunion township employee was doing work one of his union's members should be doing and that the practice must stop.

The union had filed a grievance with the township, which was rejected.

Solicitor Brian Boland told Rys that the main reason the grievance was rejected was that it was too sketchy.

"We need specific details of any violation you feel we've committed," he said. "Right now the charges you've made against the township are just way too broad. Give us the exact day, time and place of anything you're claiming, and they will be addressed."

He also told Rys that the township had never had a grievance before.

According to Boland, the union's next option would be to take the matter to arbitration.

- By Dan Andrews