

RUSH TOWNSHIP
ORDINANCE NO. 173

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE JOINING OF AN EXISTING COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS KNOWN AS THE NORTHERN SCHUYLKILL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS BY AND AMONG VARIOUS MUNICIPALITIES LOCATED IN SCHUYLKILL COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

WHEREAS, various municipalities located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, have all adopted an Ordinance for addressing common problems which can be resolved through cooperative efforts between the member municipalities and/or are a party to an agreement for conducting cooperative efforts to address problems common among the member municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, Delano Township, Mahanoy Township, Ryan Township, Schuylkill Township and West Mahanoy Township, Ashland Borough, Gilberton Borough, Girardville Borough, Frackville Borough, Mahanoy City Borough, Ringtown Borough and Shenandoah Borough have all executed and entered into an Intermunicipal Agreement establishing a Council of Governments known as the Northern Schuylkill Council of Governments; and,

WHEREAS, Rush Township recognizes that joining the existing above described Council of Government would be beneficial for its residents and would protect and preserve the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Act of December 19, 1996, P.L. 1158, as amended, 53 Pa.C.S.A. Section 2301, et. seq., also known as the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, permits municipalities to enter into agreements to cooperate in the performance of their respective functions, powers or responsibilities; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the above-referenced Intermunicipal Agreement, Rush Township has obtained written consent of the governing bodies of each of the municipalities who are parties to the above-referenced Intermunicipal Agreement to participate and become a member of the above-referenced Council of Government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Supervisors of Rush Township, as follows:

ARTICLE I PARTICIPATION IN THE NORTHERN SCHUYLKILL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Rush Township is authorized to enter into and become a part of an existing "Intermunicipal Agreement establishing the Northern Schuylkill Council of Governments, (hereinafter referred to as the "existing Agreement"), a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, by and among various municipalities located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, specifically including Delano Township, Mahanoy Township, Ryan Township,

Schuylkill Township and West Mahanoy Township, Ashland Borough, Gilberton Borough, Girardville Borough, Frackville Borough, Mahanoy City Borough, Ringtown Borough and Shenandoah Borough. By becoming a party to the existing Agreement, it is the intent of the Supervisors of Rush Township to become a member of the Northern Schuylkill Council of Governments.

ARTICLE II **DURATION OF THE AGREEMENT**

The term of the Agreement shall continue in full force unless or until terminated by a party hereto in accordance with the provisions thereof.

ARTICLE III **PURPOSES, OBJECTIVES, POWERS AND SCOPE**

SECTION 1 The purpose of the existing Agreement is to establish membership in the Northern Schuylkill Council of Governments by and among various municipalities located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania.

SECTION 2 As delineated in the existing Agreement, the responsibilities of the participating municipalities, which shall now include Rush Township, are:

- A. Drafting and enacting an Ordinance that ratifies the Municipalities' participation in the Northern Schuylkill Council of Governments and entering into the Agreement in accordance with the requirements of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act.
- B. Engaging in cooperative action by and between various members of the Northern Schuylkill Council of Governments to further the stated purposes of the association

SECTION 3 The responsibilities of the Northern Schuylkill Council of Governments are:

- A. To meet at regular intervals to foster a cooperative effort to resolve regional problems, to determine policies, and formulate plans and programs to meet regional needs.
- B. To serve as a mutual forum to identify, discuss, study and bring into focus regional issues and needs; to provide organizational structure necessary to ensure effective communications and coordination among communities; to foster, develop and review policies, plans and priorities for regional growth and development and to conserve natural and cultural resources; to facilitate cooperative efforts to provide community facilities and services.
- C. To furnish general and technical staff support to member municipalities as they direct or request, to promote and implement approved agreements, policies,

projects or programs..

ARTICLE IV FINANCING

Each Municipality, including Rush Township, shall be responsible for all of the cost and expenses associated with operating costs of the Northern Schuylkill Council of Governments which may include but not be limited to the acquisition of real estate, vehicles, equipment furnishings or other items which acquisitions shall be authorized upon approval of all member municipalities.

ARTICLE V ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF NORTHERN SCHUYLKILL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

SECTION 1 Establishment of Council of Governments As delineated in the existing Agreement, the Northern Schuylkill Council of Governments shall consist of representatives from each of the member municipalities.

SECTION 2 Meetings As delineated in the existing Agreement, the General Forum shall meet at least six(6) times each year. Additional meetings may take place upon the call of the chair or executive committee or by petition of two or more member municipalities.

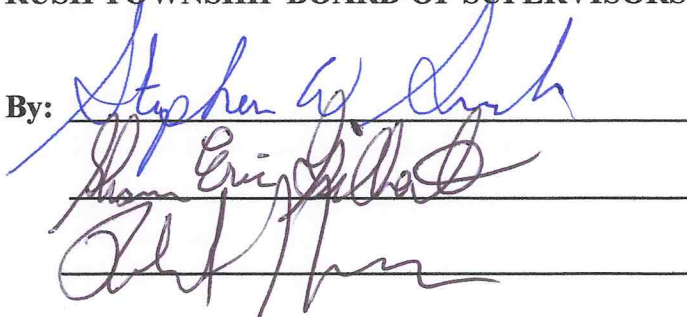
ARTICLE VI EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 16th day of August, 2011, by the Supervisors of Rush Township, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

RUSH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By:



ATTEST: Teresa D. Conville
Secretary