

Rush Township Building  
Hometown, PA 18252

### **Minutes of the Rush Township Board of Supervisors**

A meeting was held at the Rush Township Municipal Building on September 19, 2019 at 7:00 PM. In attendance were: Chairman Shawn Gilbert, Vice Chairman Robert Leibensperger, Treasurer/Secretary Debbie DelFranco, Bill McMullen, Chris Riedlinger, Solicitor. Jeaninne Motroni was absent. Kristin Woleslagle was absent.

Chairman Shawn Gilbert called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Police Report** – A Motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to approve the police report for the month of August 2019. Vice Chairman Leibensperger approved; Chairman Gilbert seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members voted in favor of the motion, motion carried.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting** - A motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to approve the previous meeting minutes of August 15, 2019. Vice Chairman Leibensperger approved; Chairman Gilbert seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members voted in favor of the motion, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – A motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to approve the treasurer's report as of August 2019. Vice Chairman Leibensperger approved; Chairman Gilbert seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members voted in favor of the motion, motion carried.

#### **Approval of current township and sewer bills thru September 18, 2019**

A motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to approve the current township and sewer bills thru August 14, 2019. Vice Chairman Leibensperger approved; Chairman Gilbert seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members voted in favor of the motion, motion carried.

**Approval of municipal reports (sewer, road, Arro, Prodesign)** – A motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to approve the municipal reports for August 2019. Vice Chairman Leibensperger approved; Chairman Gilbert seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members voted in favor of the motion, motion carried.

**Attorney's Business** – None

**Old Business** – None

#### **NEW BUSINESS** –

1. Motion to change date of the October monthly meeting from October 17, 2019 to October 24, 2019. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Chairman Gilbert seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members voted in favor of the motion, motion carried.

2. Motion to hire Darryl Hatter and Esmerlyn Francisco as Part-Time Police Officers at \$20.00 per hour, contingent on their background checks, police academy training, physical and psychological examination. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved. Chairman Gilbert seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members voted in favor of the motion, motion carried.

3. Motion to conditionally approve the Darrel C. and June H. Guy Final Minor Subdivision Plan. Conditions being addressing comments of the ARRO Consulting, Inc. review correspondence dated July 24, 2019. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved. Chairman Gilbert seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members voted in favor of the motion, motion carried.

4. Motion to open and award Garbage Bid. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved. Chairman Gilbert seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members voted in favor of the motion, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT- Mr. Boyer asked about Walnut Street and why not opened all the way. Response by supervisor Leibensperger was that it is being worked on. There is limited traffic and that Mr. Boyer has access from the Walnut Street to the back of his house. Barry Messerschmidt mentioned that the Hometown Fire Company will be holding a Chicken Barbeque at the fire house on Saturday, September 28, 2019. He also mentioned that they are working on the Santa sleigh and the will let up know what the up coming events will be for the firehouse. Jack Boyle of Lynwood Street asked why the sewers are not being cleaned out. Supervisors Leibensperger did mention that they are going to be done sometime in the beginning of November and that we would keep him posted. Mr. Boyle also thanked the Road Crew for hanging the 35 MPH sign at the section of 54/309.

3. **SUPERVISOR'S COMMENT-** The Garbage Bid was opened and it was awarded to Tamaqua Transfer for the next 5 years starting in March of 2020 in the amount of \$1,488,694.00. It means that the garbage rate is going to be raised starting January 2020 from \$180.00 to \$194.00 which is a \$14.00 increase. Chris Reidlinger the Solicitor will be drawing up a new contract.