

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 November 21, 2019, at 7:00 PM. In attendance were: Chairman Shawn Gilbert, Vice Chairman Robert Leibensperger, Treasurer/Secretary Debbie DelFranco, Administrative Assistant, Kristin Woleslagle, Chris Riedlinger, Solicitor, Bill McMullen, Engineering Services. Jeaninne Motroni was absent, Kenneth Zipovsky, Chief of Police 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 October 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 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.

Treasurer's Report – A motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to approve the treasurer's report as of October 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 November 20, 2019.

A motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to approve the current township and sewer bills thru November 20, 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 October 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 – Chris Reidlinger, Solicitor, motioned to be made advertising for an auditor and the appoint of an auditor at the Re-Organization Meeting in January 2020. He will advertise for an auditor 30 days before the Re-Organization Meeting. It was also mentioned that Rush Township will not be raising taxes for 2020.

Old Business – None

NEW BUSINESS –

1. Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 205, Prohibiting hunting, fishing trapping on Rush Township Property. Prohibiting the use of snowmobiles, ATV's and motorcycles on Rush Township Property. 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 adopt Resolution 2019-17, requesting a PA Small Water and Sewer Program Grant of \$345,099.00 from Commonwealth Financing Authority for sanitary sewer replacement on Cumberland Avenue from Dennison Street to Pine Street designating Mr. Shawn Gilbert, Chairman or Mr. Robert Leibensperger, Vice-Chairman as the officials to execute all documents and agreements between Rush Township and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant. 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 commit \$60,900.00 of Township funds, which is 15% of the current estimated project cost of \$405,999.00, for the sanitary sewer replacement on Cumberland Avenue from Dennison Street to Pine Street. 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 advertise the 2020 Budget for public view for 20 days. Chairman Leibensperger approved; Chairman Gilbert seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members voted in favor of the motion, motion carried.

5. Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-18, requesting a PA Small Water and Sewer Program Grant of \$194,393.00 from Commonwealth Financing Authority for sanitary sewer replacement on Cumberland Avenue from Paul Frederick Street to Sunset Street and designating Mr. Shawn Gilbert, Chairman or Mr. Robert Leibensperger, Vice-Chairman as the officials to execute all documents and agreements between Rush Township and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Chairman Gilbert seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members voted in favor of motion, motion carried.

6. Motion to commit \$34,305.00 of Township funds, which is 15% of the current estimated project cost of \$228,698.00, for sanitary sewer replacement on Cumberland Avenue and Paul Frederick Street to Sunset Street. Vice- Chairman Leibensperger approved; Chairman Gilbert seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members voted in favor of the motion, motion carried.

7. Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-19, requesting a H2O Water Supply, Sanitary Sewer and Storm Water Program Grant of \$388,121.00 from Commonwealth Financing Authority for the Mariner Street and Birch Street Storm Sewer Project and designating Mr. Shawn Gilbert, Chairman or Mr. Robert Leibensperger, Vice-Chairman as the officials to execute all documents and agreements between Rush Township and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Chairman Gilbert seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members voted in favor of motion, motion carried.

8. Motion to commit \$194,032.00 of Township funds, which is 50% of the award/requested amount being a 2/3 CFA-1/3 municipal split of the current estimated project cost of \$582,153.00, for the Mariner Street and Birch Street Storm Sewer Project. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Chairman Gilbert second. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members voted in favor of the motion, motion carried.

9. Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-20, requesting a H2O Water Supply, Sanitary Sewer and Storm Water Program Grant of \$653,906.00 from Commonwealth Financing Authority for Ryan Avenue

Sanitary Sewer Main Replacement and Installation/Upgrade of Storm Sewer System Project and designating Mr. Shawn Gilbert, Chairman or Mr. Robert Leibensperger, Vice-Chairman as the officials to execute all documents and agreements between Rush Township and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Chairman Gilbert seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members voted in favor of the motion, motion carried.

10. Motion to commit \$326,904.00 of Township funds, which is 50% of the award/requested amount being a 2/3 CFA – 1/3 municipal split of the current estimated project cost of \$980,810.00, for the Ryan Avenue Sanitary Sewer Main Replacement and Installation/Upgrade of Storm Sewer System Project. Vice-Chairman, Leibensperger approved; Chairman Gilbert seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members voted in favor of the motion, motion carried.

11. PUBLI COMMENT: Charlie Holdaman, mentioned a few things on a list for the meeting. A. Route 54, he is says that the tractor trailer trucks come down 54 at any time. It was responded by Vice-Chairman Leibensperger, that Route 54 is a State Road that PennDot covers. He suggested that if there are any issues with Route 54, Charlie should contact PennDot. He also stated that we at the Township are aware of the issues on Route 54. Charlie also mentioned the signs for Brake Retarders. He wanted to know why we do not have more signs up regarding Brake Retarders like in Tamaqua. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger and Chairman Gilbert did tell him that, we have to go by what the State tells up to do. If we are only allowed three signs for Brake Retarders, then we can only put up three signs. He needs to contact PennDot. He also talked about the curb at the Beacon and that the tractor trailers are tearing up the curbs when they turn the corner to fast. He also mentioned Basile's and that two people have already died because of the way that 309 was constructed. He was again told to contact PennDot and the Township was well aware that either a light or a sign needs to go up there.

3. **SUPERVISOR'S COMMENT-** Administrative Office will be closed on Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th to celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday. Garbage pickup will be regular on Monday, November 25, 2019, but Friday pick up will be Saturday, November 30th.

Chairman Gilbert adjourned meeting at 7:45 PM

Attested/Transcribed by Deborah DelFranco, Secretary/Treasurer