

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 August 18, 2022 at 7:00 PM. In attendance were: Chairman Shawn Gilbert, Vice Chairman Robert Leibensperger, Treasurer/Secretary Debbie DelFranco, Bill McMullen, Engineering, Rick Weaver, Chief of Police; Chris Riedlinger, Solicitor, Supervisor Motroni 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 July, 2022. 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 July, 2022. 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 July, 2022. 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 August 17, 2022.

A motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to approve the current township and sewer bills thru June 15, 2022. 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 July, 2022. 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 Riedlinger, Solicitor mentioned that there were no bids on the Chestnut Street property had no bids, and the property was posted two times in the Standard Speaker, the Township can do a private sale. He also spoke about Parking Restriction on Lake Drive, Ye Old Hauto Road and Cumberland, by posting NO PARKING signs.

Old Business – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

1. Motion to adopt Resolution No, 2022-14 authorizing the Secretary to testify before the Board of Assessment Appeals as to the public use to which 124 Mahanoy Avenue is being put at a hearing

on September 7, 2022. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Chairman Gilbert seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members in favor of motion, motion carried.

2. Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-15 Police of Rush Township for Juveniles in Custody as an Official Police of Rush Township Police Department. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Chairman Gilbert seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members in favor of motion, motion carried.

3. Motion to approve Ordinance No. 212 regarding Portnoff fees and collections. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Chairman Gilbert seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members in favor of motion, motion carried.

4. Motion to accept recommendations from Schuylkill County EMA and Schuylkill County Fire Chiefs Association, regarding Incident Command System, Breathing Apparatus, and use of the Schuylkill County Accountability System. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Chairman Gilbert seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members in favor of motion, motion carried.

5. Motion to approve Ordinance No. 211 amending the Eastern Schuylkill Regional Planning Zoning Ordinance. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Chairman Gilbert seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members in favor of the motion, motion carried.

6. Motion to grant the following waivers from the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance as recommended by the Rush Township Planning Commission for the C.M. Postupack Subdivision Plan.

406.A.1- To not provide ten (10) copies of the plan on 11"x17" sheet.

502.A- To allow the uses of a plan scale 1"=60'

502.D.11- To not identify any areas with slopes between fifteen (15) percent and twenty-five (25) percent and slopes greater than twenty five (25) percent.

502.D19.k- To not be required to provide locations of future potable water wells.

502.D19.o- To not be required to provide mailing addresses on the plan.

502.H- To not be required to provide a Traffic Impact Study

602.H- To not be required to show driveway sight triangles and sight distances

605.A.4- To allow the depth of a residential lot to be more than two and one-half (2 ½) times Their width

Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Chairman Gilbert seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members in favor of motion, motion carried.

7. Motion to consider the following waiver from the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance not recommended by the Rush Township Planning Commission for the C.M. Postupack Subdivision Plan.

703.H.3- To waive the requirement to place concrete monuments at the street right of way
Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Chairman Gilbert seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members in favor of motion, motion carried.

8. Motion to conditionally approve the C.M. Postupack Subdivision Plan. Conditions being addressing comments contained in the ARRO review correspondence dated July 29, 2022. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Chairman Gilbert seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members in favor of motion, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT- Resident Joseph Shamonsky mentioned potholes on Swenson Street, Blackwell, and Dennison/Cumberland. He said that the holes are getting extremely back. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger

did mention that the mentioned roads are on the list of hot patch for this year. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger also mentioned that the Road Foreman had new workers and that they are being taught how to hot patch pave.

Robert Gellner of Gellner Industries is asking for a waiver to build a tank farm for his company. He asked for the waiver in order to avoid getting permitting and have the tanks done and tested by winter time. Chairman Gilbert told him that he would need to do a Land Development Plans. Bill McMullen, Rush Township Engineer did reiterate that the paperwork in fact did meet the Land Development criteria. Bob Greene, the man doing the concrete for Gellner Industries project said the DEP and L & I would be doing inspections throughout the process of the build. Bill McMullen stated the requirements for the build and construction of the containment would need Land Development because this also protects the residents of the Township. McMullen told Gellner to submit the Land Development Plans directly to ARRO for review and that the Planning Commission meets the 1st Thursday of the month and the plans need to be submitted 15 days prior to the planning meeting. Robert Gellner understood and said he would do the Land Development plans and submit to ARRO.

SUPERVISORS COMMENT- Administrative Office will be closed on Monday, September 5, 2022 in observance of Labor Day. Monday garbage will be picked up on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 and Friday garbage will be picked up on Saturday, September 10, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT- Have a Great Night!!! Meeting Adjourned.