

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 15, 2022 at 7:00 PM. In attendance were: Chairman Shawn Gilbert, Vice Chairman Robert Leibensperger, Supervisor Jeaninne Motroni, Treasurer/Secretary Debbie DelFranco, Bill McMullen, Engineering, Rick Weaver, Chief of Police; Chris Riedlinger, Solicitor.

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, 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 August, 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 August, 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 September 14, 2022.**

A motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to approve the current township and sewer bills thru September 14, 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 August, 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 the hearing held on September 7, 2022 at the Schuylkill County Appeals with regards to the Township property formerly known as 124 Mahanoy Avenue has been tax exempt. He also mentioned that all 4 Municipalities have adopted the ESRP Zoning Amendment.

**Old Business** – None

**NEW BUSINESS** – None

1. Motion to approve waiver of Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance Section 405 requiring the Submission of a separate Preliminary Plan for the Gellner Land Development Preliminary/Final Plan. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Motroni seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the

the board. All members in favor of motion, motion carried.

2. Motion to conditionally approve the Gellner Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan. Conditions Of approval are addressing all items identified in the September 13, 2022 ARRO review Correspondence. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Motroni seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members in favor of motion, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT- Times News reported asked about the Sewer and Municipal Building being finished. He was told that we are waiting on parts and scheduling. Mr. Gellner asked if he could start his tank farm project was told not at this moment, he needs to get plans signed by county and waiting for the report from DEP. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger mentioned that the Township is looking for a Road Crew applicant and also a Sewer applicant. Joseph Guzek of Guzek Associates spoke about Re-Match Astro Turf Company no leasing in Tide Industrial Park in the Township. He apologize for the mess of debris from the trucks; he also mentioned that the contractor was not following instructions and that the height of the roles was to be 15 feet high and the contractor made them 16.4 feet high. He stated that he was going to have them fixed. It was also mentioned about the court orders from their warehouse in Lebanon County. He has 7,000 ton of debris and he moved 2500 up to the Tide location and he plans to move the rest to Tide location. Chairman Gilbert asked if one county does not want re-match there they why would Rush. Guzek responded that he has a 20 year lease with Elk Lighting who owns the building. He also stated that he has not get gotten the machinery that is needed get rid of the Astro turf. He claims that it is coming from Germany and has no idea how long it will take to get. Barry Messerschidt, Fire Chief asked for a certificate from the alarm company and the safety report for the sprinkler system also. Barry also asked for a list of contact information from Guzek and a fire, alarm and a process of operation. Guzek claimed he would send that information to the township. He stated that he has applied for the bonding and that DEP sets the bond amount. He said that he got a bond for 500,000.00 and the board feels that is to low. Guzek also stated that he is applying for Solid Waste Permit that is required. He was told by the board that he is not bring in any more product until things are situated and that he has his Solid Waste Permit and a Bond. The board has asked their solicitor to look into this situation.

SUPERVISORS COMMENT- Rush Township will be holding the Trick or Trunk on Saturday, October 22, 2022 from Noon til 3:00 PM at the Hometown Farmer's Market parking lot. Anyone who would like to sign up, please contact the Township Office.

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