

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, 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 October, 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 October, 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 October 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 November 18, 2022.

A motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to approve the current township and sewer bills thru November 18, 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 October, 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 – Solicitor Riedlinger spoke about Re-Match and the Notice of Violation that was sent to them. He stated that DEP is still investigating. They also know that Re-Match does not have a permit to store anything at either site. DEP is willing to do a Consent Agreement (temporary permit). 1st get operational, temporary permission to store up to 7000 tons of product. Rematch a 690,000.00 bond quote from Waste Management, that would cover, disposal and transportation. The bond would be evaluated each year, and add 194,000.00 each year to \$794,000.00 once permanent. Bill McMullen does agree with DEP on the Consent Agreement. DEP will also start to site if a temporary permit is not in place. DEP will notify the township of any and all evaluation for Re-Match. The Supervisors decided not to meet with Re-Match. Riedlinger also said that RE-Match is appealing the zoning board decision. He is also working on the Mutual Aid Agreements for our police department. Also, Tamaqua Borough would like us to have our agreement for sewer service updated. The last time was 1990.

Old Business – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

1. Motion to advertise 2023 Budget for public view for 20 days. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Motroni seconded. Debbie DeFranco polled the board. All members in favor of motion, motion carried.
2. Motion to approve the Component 3 Sewage Facilities Planning Module Resolution for the Taco Bell located on Tide Road. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Motroni seconded. Debbie DeFranco polled the board. All members in favor of motion, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT- Resident Don Jones over on 54/Ardmore street came in and brought up the leaf pickup within the township. He had multiple concerns (see complaint sheet attached) Vice-Chairman Leibensperger did say that when the leaves get wet from either rain or snow, the leaf truck can not suck them up for they are like concrete. Frank Ruch another resident brought up about the j-brakes on the trucks that are flying down route 54. Supervisors told him that they are in the process of getting a new sign from PENNDOT and that it is a process and sometime PENNDOT is not receptive. He was told that a permit is needed and that Bill McMullen was in the process of trying to get from PENNDOT>

SUPERVISORS COMMENT- Administrative office will be closed on Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Friday garbage and recycle will be picked up on Saturday, November 26th.

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