

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 February 16, 2023 at 7:00 PM. In attendance were: Chairman Shawn Gilbert, Vice Chairman Robert Leibensperger, Supervisor Jeaninne Motroni, Treasurer/Secretary Debbie DelFranco, Chris Riedlinger, Solicitor, Bill McMullen, Engineer, Rick Weaver, Chief of Police.

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 January, 2023. Vice Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Motroni seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members voted in favor of the motion, motion carried.

Fire Company Report- A motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to approve the Fire Company Report for the month of February , 2023. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Motroni seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All member voted in favor of motion, motion carried.

Minutes of Previous Meeting - A motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to approve the previous meeting minutes of January, 2023. Vice Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Motroni 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 January, 2023. Vice Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Motroni seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members voted in favor of the motion, motion carried.

Approval of current township and sewer bills thru February 15, 2023.

A motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to approve the current township and sewer bills thru February 16, 2023. Vice Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Motroni 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 January, 2023. Vice Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Motroni 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 – None

1. Motion to conditionally approved the Thompson/Mashack Final Subdivision Plan. Conditions are addressing comments contained in ARRO review correspondence dated December 29, 2022. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Motroni seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members in favor of motion, motion carried.
2. Motion to grant a waiver for Section 50.A, regarding plan scale, and Section 405, regarding preliminary plan submission, of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance for the Versum West 1 eNF3 Abatement Facility Final Land Development Plan. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Motroni seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members in favor of motion, motion carried.
3. Motion to conditionally approve the Versum West 1 eNF3 Abatement Facility Final Land Development Plan. Conditions are addressing comments contained in the ARRO review correspondence dated January 30, 2023. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Motroni seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members in favor of motion, motion carried.
4. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-09 regulating Mobile Food Facilities requiring an Application for permit. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Motroni seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members in favor of motion, motion carried.
5. Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 213 requiring either daily permits or an annual permit for Mobile Food Facilities. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Motroni seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members in favor of motion, motion carried.
6. Motion to appoint Attorney William Burke as Solicitor for the UCC Appeals Board. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Motroni seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members in favor of motion, motion carried.
7. Motion to approve and execute the Mortgage Satisfaction Piece for Neal Flexor Housing Rehabilitation Program Mortgage. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger said NO to motion. Chairman Gilbert approved; Supervisor Motroni seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members in favor of motion, motion carried.
8. Motion to approve a Mutual Aid Agreement with Tamaqua Borough, and adopt Resolution 2023-10 relating to same. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Motroni seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members in favor of motion, motion carried.
9. Motion to approve a Mutual Aid Agreement with Ryan Township, and adopt Resolution 2023-11 relating to same. Vice--Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Motroni seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members in favor of motion, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT- Shelley Consavage from the Frackville State Police gave a report on how many incidents they handle for Rush Township when no police are on. 3- non eportables; 1 hit and run; 2 retail thefts. On Motion number 8, Vice-Chairman Leibensperger did not vote or approve motion. Attorney Riedlinger our Solicitor said that the reasoning behind the motion being on the agenda, was because an

outside attorney needed to have the Housing Mortgage satisfied. He also recommended that when we do have a mortgage that needs to be satisfied from the Home Program, it should be put on the agenda because Rush Township is executing the satisfaction and Rush Township is the one who put the lein on in the beginning. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger disagreed and said that there would be about 75 people who have had the home program that are going to call the office and ask why they were never out on the agenda for their satisfaction of mortgage. In the end Chairman Gilbert and Supervisor Motroni approved the motion. The Hometown Fire Company gave a report for the month of February. George Gerhard spoke on behalf of the fire company (see report). Chairman Gilbert asked how the membership was going in the fire department and the response was that much younger people are applying. Chairman Gilbert also asked how the Quakake building was and George Gerhardt responded and said that all was well.

SUPERVISORS COMMENT-

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