

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 May 18, 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, George Gerhart, Fire Company, 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 April, 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 April, 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 April, 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 April, 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 May 17, 2023.

A motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to approve the current township and sewer bills thru May 17, 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 April, 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 – Attorney Riedlinger mentioned that Supervisor Leibensperger wanted him to check about putting a non-binding question on the ballot in November asking voters whether they would agree to a tax increase if it meant hiring another full-time police officer. He said that it is something that he is checking into and would keep us informed.

Old Business – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

1. Motion to hire Walter Searfoss as a Full-Time employee for the Road Crew at the rate of \$25.00 per hour. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Motroni seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members in favor of motion, motion carried.
2. Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-12 relating to adding the option to pay Township bills via Bill Pay and that two signatures are required. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved. Supervisor Motroni seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members in favor of motion, motion carried.
3. Motion to hire Tara Strauss as a part-time Police Officer. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Motroni seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members in favor of motion, motion carried.
4. Motion to deny the waiver request from Section 405.A of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance to allow the plan to be submitted concurrently as a Preliminary/Final plan submission for the 92 Progress Avenue Storage Expansion Land Development. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Motroni seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members in favor of motion, motion carried.
5. Motion to authorize signature on the Improvement Agreement for the Versum West 1 eNF3 Abatement Facility Land Development Plan. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Motroni seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members in favor of motion, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT- Joe Guzek did speak and give updates on 92 Progress Avenue (Re-Match) He said that they are communicating with DEP with regards to the bonding that is needed. He stated that they are bringing up 3000 ton of material and that 4000 ton of the material will be staying in other facilities. Bill McMullen said that multiple permits are needed along with the bond from DEP. Guzek stated that 1,000 ton is here at the Hometown facility now and that another 2,000 ton to be coming, and that they are only permitted for 3000 ton at the present time. He also stated that DEP has been cooperative with the Township with suggestions. Charlie Barnes from Crest Street, Barnesville asked about 137 Crest Street, saying that there is now a towing company at the address and that there are trucks all time of the day and night. He asked if they had permitting and did they go through the variance process. He said the business opened about 1 month ago. Bill McMullen told Charlie that he was not aware of any variance process for this address, that he would check into it. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger accused Supervisor Jeaninne Motroni of spreading rumors and lies on social media and other platforms. He said for 12 years, not one time has she spoken up at this meeting or to this board about anything. He then said in the past few days on Facebook and concern citizens of Rush Township and other times before that, nothing but ramblings and accusations and innuendos coming across. He said, and look at the smug face on her, because she doesn't have the audacity to confront the board members or any other individuals because was going after the fire police for different things, calling them child molesters and illegally carrying guns and this and that. Supervisor Motroni responded by saying you will hear stuff. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger said that he is not on Facebook or any kind of social media. Supervisors Motroni responded by saying no, not on Facebook. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger said it better be

factual that all I'm going to say. It is factual Supervisor Motroni said. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger then said that Supervisor Motroni has been toting for the last 12 years has been nothing but garbage. and it is uncalled for. As a member of the board of supervisors your are suppose to represent the Township. He said he was tired of hearing Motroni's complaints about how the board doesn't call her about important issues even though Vice-Chairman Leibensperger claims he does. He also said that if you are not getting the stuff, right there is the person that is not giving it to you, he motion over to Debbie DelFranco, Secretary/Treasurer and is she is not giving you the information, I'll fire her, because then she is not giving you the information that she is suppose to. I can not follow up on everything he said. Chairman Gilbert asked Vice-Chairman Leibensperger if he was good and he said yes and Chairman Gilbert adjourned the meeting.

SUPERVISORS COMMENT- Administrative Office will be closed on Monday, May 29, 2023 in observance of Memorial Day.

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