

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 June 15, 2023 at 7:00 PM. In attendance were: Chairman Shawn Gilbert, Vice Chairman Robert Leibensperger, Treasurer/Secretary Debbie DelFranco, Chris Riedlinger, Solicitor, Bill McMullen, Engineer, Rick Weaver, Chief of Police. Jeaninne Motroni, Supervisor absent.

Chairman Shawn Gilbert called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There was a moment of silence for Remo Motroni a past supervisor who has recently passed away.

Police Report – A Motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to approve the police report for the month of May, 2023. Vice Chairman Leibensperger approved; Chairman Gilbert 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 May, 2023. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Chairman Gilbert 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 May, 2023. 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 May, 2023. 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 June 14, 2023.

A motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to approve the current township and sewer bills thru June 14, 2023. 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 May, 2023. 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 – Attorney Riedlinger mentioned that he filed a tax exemption for the property up on Claremont Avenue. The hearing will be held in September and he will keep us up to date on any changes.

Old Business – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

1. Motion to approve Franchise Agreement with Comcast. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Chairman Gilbert seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members in favor of motion, motion carried.
2. Motion to approve Franchise Agreement with Service Electric. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Chairman Gilbert seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members in favor of motion, motion carried.
3. Motion acknowledging sharing municipal public works services, including equipment and personnel, between the Borough of Tamaqua and Rush Township. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Chairman Gilbert seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members in favor of motion, motion carried.
4. Motion to approve Application for Payment #1 from Spotts Brothers, Inc. for the Grier City and Miller Park Pavilion Project in the amount of \$61,127.55. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Chairman Gilbert seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members in favor of motion, motion carried.
5. Motion to approve Application for Payment #2 from Spotts Brothers, Inc. for the Grier City Playground Phase 1 Project in the amount of \$3,352.50. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Chairman Gilbert seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members in favor of motion, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT- A resident from Bernhard Road asked about when the road was going to fixed. He said that you can not avoid the potholes. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger then said that the road on Bernhard will be patch paved and that it would take up to three days. He did not specify a date. He also mentioned that we now have an agreement with the Borough of Tamaqua and that we have already used that. There was a clog of about 200 feet, that they came and flushed it out. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger said that there are 4 road crew guys and that they are consistently working and there is no specific time frame as to when Bernhard Road will be done. He said stated that in possibly 2024 Bernhard will be torn up again and milled and paved for good. He mentioned that Stony Road was just filled with stone and with the heavy downpours of rain over a 24 hour period, the stone washed away. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger said that the road that needs to be done right away is Messerschmidt Road because there is a summer lunch program for kids is going on right now and the road needs to be safe for the buses and others.

SUPERVISORS COMMENT- Administrative Office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, 2023 in observance of Independence Day. Friday's garbage will be picked up on Saturday, July 8, 2023.

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