

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 July 20, 2023 at 7:00 PM. In attendance were: Chairman Shawn Gilbert, Vice Chairman Robert Leibensperger, Jeaninne Motroni, Supervisor, Debbie DelFranco, Secretary/Treasurer, Bill McMullen, Engineer, Chris Riedlinger, Solicitor, 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 June, 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 June, 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 June, 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 June, 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 July 19, 2023.

A motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to approve the current township and sewer bills thru July 19, 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 June, 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 –

1. Motion to accept the extension of the Rematch Land Development review to September 30, 2023. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Motroni seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All member in favor of motion, motion carried.
2. Motion to conditionally approve the Davidovich Lot 11 & 12 Annexation Plan. Condition of approval is addressing comments in the ARRO review correspondence dated June 30, 2023. 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 Kopunek Lot 18 & 19 Annexation Plan. Condition of approval is addressing comments in the ARRO review correspondence dated June 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 grant waiver from Section 502.A regarding plan scale for the Tax Parcel 25-24-50 (4) Subdivision Plan located at Ridge Street. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Motroni seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members in favor of motion, motion carried.
5. Motion to conditionally approve the Tax Parcel 25-24-50 (4) Subdivision Plan. Condition of approval is addressing comments in the ARRO review correspondence dated June 30, 2023. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Motroni seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members in favor of motion, motion carried.
6. Motion to approve the Sewage Facilities Planning Module Exemption for the Tax Parcel 25-24-50 (4) Subdivision Plan located at Ridge Street. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Motroni seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members in favor of motion, motion carried.
7. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-13 appointment Maxine Maser, CPA to settle, adjust Rush Township accounts for fiscal year 2022. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Motroni seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members in favor of motion, motion carried.
8. Motion to approve Application for Payment #3 of Spotts Brothers, Inc. for the Grier City Playground Phase 1 project in the amount of \$19,544.20. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Motroni seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members in favor of motion, motion carried.
9. Motion to approve Application for Payment #2 of Spotts Brother, Inc. for the Grier City and Miller Park Pavilion Project in the amount of \$29,184.45. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Motroni seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members in favor of motion, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT- George Gerhard from Hometown Fire Company asked about the Fire Dam in Quakake to make useable. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger spoke with Bill McMullen (township engineer),

and stated that 20 feet of the pond is a right away for usage. He also stated that there was an agreement back in the 80's. George Gerhard said that the pond was last used about 35 years ago. Shawn Gilbert stated that he believed that the owner of the pond was Dino Cicozzi. Robert Leibensperger said there was a resident agreement, and that there was 20 feet from Wertman Road. He also said that Bill McMullen and Chris Riedlinger (solicitor) would look at the Resolution. It was stated that the pond sits on Dino Cicozzi's property. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger said that the water used from Air Products would be too far away and that the pond is closer for use of water. George Gerhard also said that it would not be feasible to use Air Products pond. Chairman Shawn Gilbert said that it is not our (township) property. Bill McMullen said that the pond would need to be excavated to clean it out and that there is no nutritional value. Barry Messchmidt said that Officer Robert Betchel was a hero and saved a man's life after a motorcycle accident here in the township. He applied a tourniquet to the man's leg and stopped the bleeding, if he did not do that the man would have probably bled out. He recommended that the Chief of Police give him an accommodation for his heroism. Resident Pat Tracey who lives on Lincoln Drive asked about WAWA. She stated that she heard Kory Bates was going to have 50 parking spaces and that it would be close to her property. She also mentioned the trailers and she had no issue with them being parked there. Chris Riedlinger told her that there was a case against Kory Bates and that he did not have a date as of yet. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger did say that there is a paper road and is opened to only utilities. If the Township was to open the road to make larger than we would have access to it also. She stated that "trailer living inside, it's Yukon." Rita Anczarski who is running for Schuylkill County Commissioner introduced herself and just wanted to find out if there were any concerns. She told the Board her work history and also her education. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger said that the money for paving roads is not there. She informed us that there is a statewide booklet for paving roads. She also talked a little about COG (Council of Government) and more grant money if applied for. George Gerhard asked about when Comcast is coming to the township and Shawn Gilbert did state that it could be a couple of years and that they will give other providers a run.

SUPERVISORS COMMENT- Rush Township would like to thank Stephen Behun IV and other scouts for doing a great job on the project they completed at Ryan Park.

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