

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 September 21, 2023 at 7:00 PM. In attendance were: Chairman Shawn Gilbert, Vice Chairman Robert Leibensperger, Supervisor Jeaninne Motroni, Debbie DelFranco, Secretary/Treasurer, Bill McMullen, Engineer, Christopher 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 August, 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 August, 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 August, 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 August, 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 September 20, 2023.

A motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to approve the current township and sewer bills thru September 20, 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 August, 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 approve Ordinance No. 215 regulating Open Burning in the Township. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Motroni seconded. Debbie DeFranco polled the board. All member in favor of motion, motion carried.

2. Motion to approve and execute Agreement of the Acquisition of Land from Tamaqua Water Authority on the condition upon Solicitor's approving final language of the Agreement. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Motroni seconded. Debbie DeFranco polled the board. All members in favor of motion, motion carried.

3. Motion to approve an extension for the plan action for the 92 Progress Avenue Land Development Plan (Re-Match). Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Motroni seconded. Debbie DeFranco polled the board. All members in favor of motion, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT- Resident Jonathan Gunosky an Eagle Scout stated that he is looking to get his Merit badge and would like to do 8 hours of community service. The Supervisors agreed and starting on Monday, September 25, 2023 he will start his service. Resident Dave Ceci asked what the burning ordinance was for and Vice-Chairman Leibensperger told him that it is modifying the existing one. He also asked about the Land Acquisition from Tamaqua Water and was told that it was for an Organic Recycling Center. Mary Joe Moss spoke she is running for County Commissioner, she introduced herself and explained some of her background. She was told by Vice-Chairman Leibensperger that she could not speak because she was not a resident of the Township and that the meeting was to discussed Township business only. Chairman Gilbert told her she could speak and she went on to say that she has back ground in human services and she just wanted to introduce herself. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger told her that the Township Board of Supervisors need to be neutral and could not back her. She said that, that is not what she was looking for and that she appreciated the Board taking time to let her speak.

SUPERVISORS COMMENT- The Chief of Police and Supervisors presented a Certificate of Commendation to Officer Robert Betchel for his heroic actions on saving a life at an accident that occurred in July. Chief Weaver presented him with the Certificate and also in the audience was the gentleman that he saved along with his father.

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