

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 October 19, 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, 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 September 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 September 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 September 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 September 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 October 18, 2023.

A motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to approve the current township and sewer bills thru October 18, 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 September 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 Chris Reidlinger mentioned that the Agreement between Rush Township and Tamaqua Water Authority for property. He stated that the Agreement had been signed by both parties and it is done and in place.

Old Business – None

NEW BUSINESS –

1. Motion to purchase 12 grinder pumps in the amount of \$30,867.72 from Site Specific. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Motroni seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members in favor of motion, motion carried.

2. Motion to approve the listed waivers from the Subdivision/Land Development Ordinance for the WaWa Land Development Plan as recommended by the Planning Commission.

405.C.3- To allow the plan to be submitted concurrently as a Preliminary/Final plan submission.

502.A- From the requirement that the plan be drawn at a scale of one (1) inch equals fifty (50) Feet to allow a drawing scale of (1) inch equals thirty (30).

502.D6 & 503.C.3- From the requirement that they key map be drawn at a scale not less than One (1) inch equals two thousand (2000) feet to allow a drawing scale of one (1) inch equals One thousand (1000) feet to be used.

502.D.18- From the requirement to show all recording information if the property was Previously subdivided.

608.F.2.b- From the requirement that all storm sewer pipe have a minimum diameter of 18" To allow roof leader sizes smaller than 18".

608.F.2.c- From the requirement that all storm sewer pipe be reinforced concrete or corrugated Polyethylene to allow polyvinyl chloride pipe for the roof leaders.

610.D- From the requirement that a fifty (50) foot buffer be applied to all areas delineated as Wetlands.

703.M.3- From the requirement that a ten (10) foot wide easement abutting all side and rear Property lines in a subdivision that abut another lot in the subdivision and a twenty (20) foot Easement for all side and rear property lines in a subdivision that do not abut another lot in The subdivision.

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

3. Motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-16, and otherwise authorize Chairman Gilbert or any other required Township official to execute the Lease and any other document necessary for the Lease of the Ford F-250 truck with Baldwin Uplift through Mauch Chunk Trust Company and forward all said documents to lessor. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Motroni seconded. Debbie DelFranco polled the board. All members in favor of motion, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT- Resident, David Ceci spoke up about the property on Cumberland Avenue, with regards to the overgrown grass that has not been cut in several months. He asked what the procedure was. Bill McMullen (Engineer) said that a Notice of Violation was sent out and that the owner has 21 days to respond. Which means that they had 21 days to cut the grass. Dave Ceci said that it seems that it would be cheaper to pay the fines than to cut the grass. Chris Riedlinger our solicitor said that we could not do a maximum fine, because it is up to the magistrate to rate the amount of the fine. If they fines are not paid, then they will keep increasing. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger said that the Township could not do more than they are doing. It is a process, and it does take time. Barry Messerschmidt thanks Chief Weaver for the assistance with a tree down accident that occurred. He said that Chief Weaver moved said tree off the individual's chest so he could breathe. He also thanked him for having Tara Strauss, part-time officer, for doing such a good job at the Fire Prevention at the school. He stated that she interacted with the children and made them feel comfortable about being around a police officer.

SUPERVISORS COMMENT- Rush Township's Trick or Trunk will be held on Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 12:00 to 3:00 pm at the Hometown Farmer's Market. Trick or Treat in Rush Township will be held on Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Be safe. November monthly meeting will be changed from Thursday, November 16th to Monday, November 20th at 7:00 PM at the municipal building.

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