

Rush Township Building
Hometown, PA 18252

Minutes of the Rush Township Board of Supervisors

A meeting was held at Rush Township Municipal Building on December 21, 2023, at 7:00 PM. In attendance were Chairman Shawn Gilbert; Supervisor Jeaninne Motroni; Susan Bettis, 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 read by the Chief of Police, Rick Weaver for the month of December 2023. Supervisor Motroni seconded. Susan Bettis 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 December 2023. Supervisor Motroni seconded. Susan Bettis polled the board. All members voted in favor of the motion; motion carried.

Minutes of Previous Meeting – A motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to approve the previous meeting minutes of November 20, 2023. Supervisor Motroni seconded. Susan Bettis 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 November 20, 2023. Supervisor Motroni seconded. Susan Bettis polled the board. All members voted in favor of the motion; motion carried.

Approval of the Township and sewer bills through December 20, 2023.

A motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to approve the current Township and sewer bills through December 20, 2023. Supervisor Motroni seconded. Susan Bettis 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 November 2023. Supervisor Motroni seconded. Susan Bettis 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 Resolution 2023-17 to fix Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2024.** Charman Gilbert approved; Supervisor Motroni seconded. Susan Bettis polled the board. All members voted in favor of the motion; motion carried.

2. **Motion to appoint Secretary/Treasurer as the collector of local taxes from Berkheimer.** Chairman Gilbert approved; Supervisor Motroni seconded. Susan Bettis polled the board. All members voted in favor of the motion; motion carried.
3. **Motion to approve the Rush Township proposed 2024 budget with no tax increase.** Chairman Gilbert approved; Supervisor Motroni seconded. Susan Bettis polled the board. All members voted in favor of the motion; motion carried.
4. **Motion to hold the re-organization and regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at 7:00 pm.** Dave Ceci had a question about the change of the re-organization meeting and the monthly meeting and why it was going to be on January 2, 2024, as well as asking if this was going to be a change for every month. Chris Riedlinger, Solicitor, said the re-organization must be the first Tuesday of the month in January 2024. It is state law. Chris Riedlinger mentioned that the regular Township meet will be in February, the third Thursday of the month. Chairman Gilbert approved; Supervisor Motroni seconded. Susan Bettis polled the board. All members voted in favor of the motion; motion carried.
5. **Motion to appoint Missy Griffiths to the Planning Commission for another 4-year term.** Charman Gilbert approved; Supervisor Motroni seconded. Susan Bettis polled the board. All members voted in favor of the motion; motion carried.
6. **Motion to appoint Dave Ceci to the Planning Commission for another 4- year term.** Charman Gilbert approved; Supervisor Motroni seconded. Susan Bettis polled the board. All members voted in favor of the motion; motion carried.
7. **Motion to increase the meeting pay for Zoning Hearing Board /Planning Commission members and to increase applications fees for Zoning Hearing Board /Planning Commission.** Bill McMullen, Engineer mentioned that he spoke to Vice-Chairman Robert Leibensperger about the rate, which will be \$50.00 for Zoning Hearing Board/Planning commission members, and application fees for Zoning hearing Board /Planning commission. Charman Gilbert approved; Supervisor Motroni seconded. Susan Bettis polled the board. All members voted in favor of the motion; motion carried.
8. **Public Comment** – None
9. **Supervisors Comment-**
The Administrative Office will be closed Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26th in observance of the Christmas holiday.

There will be no garbage pickup on Monday, December 25th for Christmas. Garbage will be collected on Tuesday, December 26th.

There will be no garbage pickup Friday, December 29th. Garbage will be collected on Saturday, December 30th.

The office will be closed on January 1st for New Year's Day.

Adjournment- Have a Merry Christmas! Have a good night! The meeting is adjourned!