

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 February 15, 2024 at 7:00 PM. In attendance were Chairman Shawn Gilbert; Vice Chairman Robert Leibensperger; Supervisor George Gerhard; Christine Marcolla, Secretary/Treasurer; Christopher Riedlinger, Solicitor; Rick Weaver, Chief of Police; Bill McMullen, Engineer.

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 January 2024. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Gerhard seconded. Christine Marcolla 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 January, 2024. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Gerhard seconded. Christine Marcolla 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 January 2nd, 2024, Re-Org meeting minutes of Jan 2nd, 2024, special meeting minutes of January 22nd, 2024, and special meeting minutes of February 1st, 2024. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Gerhard seconded. Christine Marcolla 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 January 2024. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Gerhard seconded. Christine Marcolla polled the board. All members voted in favor of the motion; motion carried.

Approval of the Township and sewer bills -- A motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to approve the current Township and sewer bills through February 14, 2024. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Gerhard seconded. Christine Marcolla 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 January 2024. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Gerhard seconded. Christine Marcolla 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 the escrow release for Hometown Taco Bell.** Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Gerhard seconded. Christine Marcolla polled the board. All members voted in favor of the motion; motion carried.
- 2. Motion to purchase a new Police vehicle from Bonner Chevrolet.** Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Gerhard seconded. Christine Marcolla polled the board. All members voted in favor of the motion; motion carried.
- 3. Motion to have Josh Grimm appointed as Assistant EMA Coordinator, assisting under Coordinator Chris Hartz.** Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Gerhard seconded. Christine Marcolla polled the board. All members voted in favor of the motion; motion carried.
- 4. Motion to have the solicitor put a non-binding vote for the 2024 Primary Election asking if residents want taxes raised to fund more police. Solicitor to draft resolution regarding 4 mill tax increase.** Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Gerhard seconded. Christine Marcolla polled the board. All members voted in favor of the motion; motion carried.
- 5. Motion to take whatever steps necessary to effectuate the lease of 2 road trucks financed through Mauch Chunk Trust, inclusive but not limited to approval of necessary resolutions and authorizations by the Chairman and Secretary to sign lease and any other documents necessary.** Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Gerhard seconded. Christine Marcolla polled the board. All members voted in favor of the motion; motion carried.
- 6. Motion to conditionally approve the Raymond & Lawrence Poreca Final Annexation Plan. Condition of approval addressed comments contained in the ARRO review correspondence dated December 21, 2023.** Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Gerhard seconded. Christine Marcolla polled the board. All members voted in favor of the motion; motion carried.
- 7. Motion to approve the Sewage Facilities Planning Module exemption for Masavi, LLC Final Minor Subdivision Plan located on Ardmore Ave.** Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved, Supervisor Gerhard seconded. Christine Marcolla polled the board. All members voted in favor of the motion; motion carried.
- 8. Motion to conditionally approve the Masavi, LLC Final Minor Subdivision Plan. Condition of approval is addressing comments contained in the ARRO review correspondence dated December 21, 2023.** Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Gerhard seconded. Christine Marcolla polled the board. All members voted in favor of the motion; motion carried.

Public Comment – Hometown Fire Co representative informed the township of their purchase of a Side by Side off road vehicle for rescue and recovery. He stated that the Police Dept could borrow it if needed. It should be available in about 2 weeks.

He also informed those in attendance that the Fire Co will be refurbishing a 2007 Tanker truck for use rather than purchasing a new truck.

Additionally, assistance by the Fire Co for the annual Easer Egg hunt was offered if needed.

Supervisors Comment --

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on March 23,2024 at noon at Miller Park

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