

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 20th 2025** at 7:00 PM. In attendance were Chairman Shawn Gilbert, Vice Chairman Robert Leibensperger, Supervisor George Gerhard, Becky Coccio-Roberts, Secretary/Treasurer, Chris Riedlinger, Solicitor, Rick Weaver, Police Chief, and Bill McMullen, Zoning.

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 January 2025. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Gerhard seconded. Becky Coccio-Roberts 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/Feb. 2025. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Gerhard seconded. Becky Coccio-Roberts 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 Re-Org and January 2025. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Gerhard seconded. Becky Coccio-Roberts 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 month of January/February 2025 bills. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Gerhard seconded. Becky Coccio-Roberts polled the board. All members voted in favor of the motion; motion carried.

Approval of municipal reports (sewer, road, Arro)- A Motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to approve the municipal reports for January 2025. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Gerhard seconded. Becky Coccio-Roberts polled the board. All members voted in favor of the motion; motion carried.

Correspondence – Letter from Penn Dot denying Brake Retarder Prohibition on 54.

Attorney’s Business – None

Old Business – None

New Business-

1. **A motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to appoint Atty. Joseph Baranko as our Planning Commission Solicitor for year 2025.** Vice Chairman Leibensperger second the motion, Supervisor Gerhard approved. Becky Coccio Roberts polled the board, all members voted in favor; motion carried.

2. **Resolution #8 was made by Chairman Gilbert to appoint Stanilla, Siegel, and Maseer LLC to audit, settle, or adjust Rush Township accounts for Fiscal year 2024.** Vice Chairman Leibensperger second the motion, Supervisor Gerhard approved. Becky Coccio Roberts polled the board, all members voted in favor; motion carried.
3. **A motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to purchase 2 new/upgraded laptops for the police department totaling \$10,051.60.** Vice Chairman Leibensperger second the motion, Supervisor Gerhard approved. Becky Coccio Roberts polled the board, all members voted in favor; motion carried.
4. **A motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to remove Chris Reidlinger as the Planning Commission solicitor for year 2025.** Vice Chairman Leibensperger second the motion, Supervisor Gerhard approved. Becky Coccio Roberts polled the board, all members voted in favor; motion carried.

Public Comments-

- * Cei Cei – arguing with Robert who cut him off before he finished regarding explaining speed limit signs over the Penn Dot decision. Bill McMullen is checking into the cost of digital speed limit signs for 54.
- * Frank Ruch said we are a waste of time and left the meeting over the Penn Dot decision over the Brake Retard. Due to the speed limit being 55. (Rte 54) E/W. It was explained it would take another year until Penn Dot would do a study to change the speed limit. He requested the township just changes them, we cannot due to the laws because it's a state road.
- * Township Residents think we use Penn Dot as an excuse, it's not. Rush does not own all roads. Penn Dot is holding Wawa up also.
- * Robert wants to catch George up to speed on some Rush Township responsibilities so he starts to understand such as Real Estate tax and LST that the business should be paying township.
- * Two Gentlemen from Gulf Road came to discuss the present and future complications of closing the ramp on Gulf Road due to the state not making it a priority for salting etc...
- * Mr. Rimbey commented again about the website being incorrect about January's meeting being incorrect as we weren't familiar with the website yet and how to maneuver around. It's not a simple website design. He also asked why we don't use the times news. The meeting was recorded.
- * If anyone has questions about what JoAnn and I do, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Supervisors Comment;

Register on our web for Code Red to get announcements within the Township. We are getting up to speed on the web page. Payment options can be made for garbage.

ADJOURNMENT – Have a great night! Meeting Adjourned!