

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 December 19th 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, Bill McMullen, Engineer, and Rick Weaver, Police Chief.

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 November 2024. 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 November 2024. 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 November 21, 2024. 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 October's 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 November 2024. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Gerhard seconded. Becky Coccio-Roberts polled the board. All members voted in favor of the motion; motion carried.

Correspondence – Energy Transfer to conduct Inspections on Sunoco Pipeline. Revision to the Schuylkill County Municipal Waste Management Plan

Attorney's Business – None

Old Business – None

New Business-

- 1. A motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to approve Ordinance 219 relating to Standards and Requirements of the Rush Township Sewer that empties into the Tamaqua Borough Sewer.** Vice Chairman Leibensperger second the motion, Supervisor Gerhard approved. Becky Coccio Roberts polled the board, all members voted in favor; motion carried.

2. **A motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to adopt Resolution 2024-19 authorizing the compensation of the auditor to no more than \$18/hr or no more than \$1800 for completing annual audit.** 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 adopt Resolution 2024-20 authorizing the board to increase the tax collectors amount collected from 3% to 3.75%.** 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 approve the 5 year contract for the Chief of Police.** Vice Chairman Leibensperger second the motion, Supervisor Gerhard approved. Becky Coccio Roberts polled the board, all members voted in favor; motion carried.
5. **A motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to adopt Ordinance 218 regarding Act 94 which entitles the Supervisors to a pay increase of \$3,145.00 per year.** Vice Chairman Leibensperger second the motion, Supervisor Gerhard approved. Becky Coccio Roberts polled the board, all members voted in favor; motion carried.
6. **A motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to have the re-org meeting on January 6th, 2025 with township meeting to follow.** Vice Chairman Leibensperger second the motion, Supervisor Gerhard approved. Becky Coccio Roberts polled the board, all members voted in favor; motion carried.
7. **A motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to approve installing lights at Ryan Park.** Vice Chairman Leibensperger second the motion, Supervisor Gerhard approved. Becky Coccio Roberts polled the board, all members voted in favor; motion carried.

Public Comments-

- Barb Morgan questioned where the money is coming from to pay the auditor, tax collector, and the increase for the Supervisors? Supervisors explained the tax payer gets paid through the public, just will get a higher percentage, the state regulates the Supervisor's (they only get paid \$150.+ a Month, not nearly enough for what they do) and the auditor is once a year. Chris R. also commented to clarify better.
- Rimby asked why his complaints weren't being addressed. Simply because PennDot needs to do studies and it's a drawn out process and nothing may change.
- Cusatis wanted to thank Josh Grimm for coming to the scene of an accident in Ryan.

Supervisors Comment;

Merry Christmas

ADJOURNMENT – Have a great night! Meeting Adjourned!