

RUSH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING
AGENDA – JANUARY 6, 2025

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Motion to Adjourn Old Board
4. Motion to Appoint Temporary Chairman – **George Gerhard**
5. Motion to Appoint Temporary Secretary – **Shawn Gilbert**
6. Motion to Re-Organize the Board of Supervisors for 2025.
 1. Nominate **Shawn Gilbert** as Chairman for 2025.
 2. Nominate **Robert Leibensperger** as Vice-Chairman for 2025.
 3. Nominate **George Gerhard** as Supervisor 2025.

CALL NEW BOARD TO ORDER

7. Motion to appoint **Becky Coccio-Roberts** as the Full-Time Secretary/Treasurer at the Rate \$21.00/hr.
8. Motion to appoint **JoAnn Zakutney** as the Full-Time Administrative Assistant at the Rate \$20.00/hr.
9. Motion to Appoint **Christopher Riedlinger** as Solicitor for 2025, for the Board of Supervisors at \$125.00/hr.
10. Motion to Appoint Solicitor for 2025, for the Planning Commission at \$125.00/hr.
Christopher Riedlinger.
11. Motion to Appoint Solicitor for 2025, for the Zoning Hearing Board at \$85.00/hr.
(STANLEY J BURKE).
12. Motion to Appoint Bank to be Named Depository for 2025, **Mauch Chunk Trust.**
13. Motion to Appoint **Arro Consulting** as Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer on an as Needed Basis. (Rate Schedule Exhibit A)

14. Motion to Appoint **Arro Consulting** as the Engineering Firm for 2025, on an as Needed Basis.
(Rate Schedule Exhibit A)
15. Motion to Appoint Engineer and/or Consultant for 2025, for the Planning Commission.
Arro Consulting (Rate Schedule Exhibit A)
16. Motion to Set Compensation for Each **Planning Commission Member** at \$50.00/meeting.
17. Motion to Pay the **Planning Commission Secretary** an additional rate of \$13.00/hr for secretarial work.
18. Motion to Set Compensation for Each **Zoning Hearing Board Member** at \$53.00/hearing.
19. Motion to Appoint Sewage Code Enforcement Officer for 2025, (**William Brior \$50.00/hr.**)
As Per **Resolution # 2025-01.**
21. Motion to Appoint the Alternate Sewage Code Enforcement Officer(s) for 2024 (**Robert Fugate**) As per **Resolution # 2025-01.**
22. Motion to Appoint **Bob Ritsick** of the Rush Township Planning Commission to Serve as the Township Representative for the Regional Planning Board.
23. Motion to Adopt **Resolution 2025-01** Setting Fee Schedule for 2025 for the Sewage Enforcement Officer.
24. Motion to Re-Appoint the Following Road Crew Workers and Rates for 2025 as Follows:
 1. **Elden Neifert** as Full-Time Equipment Operator/CDL Truck Driver/Road Foreman/
Part-Time Sewer Dept. at the Rate of \$30.50/hr.
 2. **Rob Sweeney** as Full-Time Equipment Operator/CDL Truck Driver/Laborer at the
Rate of \$26.50/hr.
 3. **Enn Poeldnurk** as Full-Time Equipment Operator/CDL Truck Driver/Laborer at the
Rate \$26.50/hr.
 4. **Walter Searfoss** as Full-Time Equipment Operator/CDL Truck Driver/Laborer at the
Rate \$26.00/hr.
 - Road Department Hours will be 6:00am – 2:00pm.
 - Flexible as Seasons Change.
25. The Township will provide for the Road and Sanitary sewer department a \$100 boot

allowance. In addition will provide a \$150 pants allowance, which can be used at employee discretion to purchase pants of their choice.

26. Motion to Re-Appoint the following Sewer Crew Workers and Rates for 2025 as follows:

1. **Michael Zimmerman** as Township Sewer Department Employee, at a Rate of \$30.50/hr.
2. **William Cavanaugh** as Township Sewer Department Employee, at a Rate of \$26.50/hr.
 - Sewer Department Hours will be 6:00am – 2:00pm.

27. Motion for Benefits for **Full-Time Township Employees** are as Follows for 2025: Paid Vacation (Currently): After One Full Year of Service & the following January: 2 weeks (10 days); 4-9 Full Years of Service & the following January: 3 weeks (15 days); 10 Full Year of Service & Following January: 3 weeks (15) days plus one personal day added per year.

New Full-Time Employees Must Complete a One Year New Hire Probationary Period with the Option to Extend up to One Year. Upon hire, New Full-Time Employees will be Given Medical Insurance, Vision, Dental, Life with Full Coverage on Employees; **9 Paid Holidays** (Currently): New Year's Day – Good Friday – Memorial Day – 4th of July – Labor Day – Thanksgiving Day – Day After Thanksgiving – Christmas Eve – Christmas Day; 2 Personal Days (Cannot be Carried Over); 3 Bereavement Days; Employer/Employee Continuing Pension Plan; Work Clothes & a \$100.00 Work Boot Allowance for the Road/Sewer Crew. When an Employee exceeds their Vacation & Personal Days the Employee Needs a medical Excuse for Additional Time Off. No Exceptions for Time off without Pay.

28. Motion to Re-Appoint **Part-Time Police Officers** as follows:

- **Robert Bechtel** as a **Part-Time Sergeant** at \$28.00/hr.
- **Richard Sinton** as a **Part-Time Officer** at \$25.00/hr.
- **Tara Strauss** as a **Part-Time Officer** at \$25.00/hr.
- **New Hire** Part-Time Police Officer in Training at \$16.00/hr.
- **Ron Kazakavage** **Part-Time Police Officer** at \$25.00/hr.
- **Phenix Ritchie** **Part-Time Police Officer** at \$23.00/hr.

29. Motion that the Board of Supervisors appoint the following list of names for the **Hometown**

Fire Co. as Township Fire Police for 2025.

1. **Joshua Grim Sr - Captain**
2. **Keith Duda - Lt**
3. **Beverly Schiano - Lt**
4. **Al Witkowski**
5. **Matt Witkowski**
6. **Tom Kline**

Secondary

1. **Mike Humes**
2. **Ed Tite**
3. **George Gerhard**
4. **Erika Gerhard**
5. **Bryce DeAngelo**

30. Motion to Authorize the **Treasurer** to Pay Payroll Every Other Week.
31. Motion to Set the **Treasurer's Bond Limits**. (Three (3) Million Dollars).
32. Motion that the **Chairman & Secretary** be authorized to Sign the Recap Sheet & Bond for the Tax Collector when Due.
33. Motion to Authorize Elected Officials to attend the Schuylkill Co. Convention & pay them as permitted by the Second-Class Twp. Code.
34. Motion to Appoint One Registered Elector to Serve as the Chairman of the Vacancy Board for 2025- **Steven Roetz**.
35. Motion to Set Township Reimbursement Rate for Mileage for 2025 at the current Federal Milage rate of **\$0.70/mile**.
36. Motion to Appoint a Resident Representative to the Eastern Schuylkill Recreation Commission for a One Year Term – **Secretary/Treasurer**
37. Motion to Set the Meeting Dates and Standard Speaker for 2025, to be held Every **3rd Thursday** of Each Month at **7pm**. Except for the Month of January.
38. Motion to Adopt **Resolution 2025-02** Signatures for Bank Accounts
39. Motion to Adopt **Resolution 2025-03** Setting the Garbage & Recycling Collection & Disposal Fees.
40. Motion to Adopt **Resolution 2025-04** Setting the Sewer Fees for Lake Hauto.
41. Motion to Adopt **Resolution 2025-05** Setting the Sewer Fees for Hometown.

42. Motion to Adopt **Resolution 2025-06** Setting UCC Permit Fees Schedule.
43. Motion to Adopt **Resolution 2025-07** Appointing TCC Voting Delegates as Follows:
Primary Voting Delegate – George Gerhard, First Alternate Voting Delegate – Robert Leibensperger, Second Voting Delegate – Shawn Gilbert.
44. Motion to Appoint the Alcohol/Drug – Free Workplace Supervisor – **Chief of Police**.
45. Motion to Use the **Standard Speaker** as the Newspaper of the Township.
46. Motion for **TeamLogicIT** to be our Computer & Website Consultant for the Township.
47. Motion to Appoint **Shawn Gilbert** as Road Master for 2025.
48. Motion to Appoint **Robert Leibensperger** to Represent the 504 Plan.
49. Motion to appoint **Secretary/Treasurer** as Right-To-Know Officer known as Open Records.
50. Motion to appoint an **EMA**.

Adjournment.