

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 **March 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 February 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 Feb. 2025. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Gerhard didn't approve. Becky Coccio-Roberts polled the board. Two 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 February 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 February/March 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 February 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 to PennDot asking for speed reduction/brake retardant signs. Letter regarding Zoning Ordinance Amendment for 155 Lincoln Drive.

Attorney's Business – None

Old Business – None

New Business-

1. **A motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to approve award of the sewer garage addition concrete floor work to Bruce Snyder for \$5,244.00.** 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 move April's monthly meeting from April 17, 2025 to April 8, 2025 at 7pm.** 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 grant a time extension for the Recycling Facility Fencing contract with ProMax Fencing Systems LLC to July 31, 2025.** Vice Chairman Leibensperger second the motion, Supervisor Gerhard approved. Becky Coccio Roberts polled the board, and all members voted in favor; motion carried.

Public Comments-

- * Barb Morgans asked when they were going to pave Cumberland/Dennison since Robert didn't mention that when he explained what was getting done this year.
- * Chris explained a little about correspondence that was sent from McNees to request an amendment to rezone certain land currently zoned as part of the R-3 Residential Zoning District or the H-C Highway Commercial Zoning District to the W-P Woodland Preservation Zoning District in order to accommodate the applicant for a solar field. We are denying the request.
- * Another letter was sent to PennDOT to reduce speed in order to erect a retardant sign on 54. Argall is involved as well.
- * When the delay of the fencing on Progress was brought up regarding the Organic site, Barb Morgans questioned the money and thought the money could be spent on other things. Ex: full-time police officers. Shawn spoke about different things we could possibly do.
- * Rimbey asked when branch pick-up would be. Said we already had it scheduled last year he has branches all over his yard from a tree. He won't use anything except the website, everything else would be harassing him. He brought up why Jan. wasn't a motion on Dec. Agenda since April's change was on this Agenda. Apparently each year the meeting and reorg are held same time, but still should be more visible and communicated
- * Mr. Blinky kindly stood and discussed the outrageous cost for permits to erect solar panels. Arro explained it's fees set by whomever the co. chooses and it's by panel. It varies. We agreed to look into this in the future.
- * Kimberly Fry came to discuss the decaying bad smell cat feces next to her and Shannon from Arro has been on top of it since August 2024, but the fellow keeps paying fines and not cleaning up. She is sick from the smell and they are hoping to have him jailed and she is going to the magistrate.
- * Josh Grimm asked about a Lawsuit against Rush and Chris spoke.

Supervisors Comment;

New app GoGov to go live in April.

ADJOURNMENT – Have a great night! Meeting Adjourned!