

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 October 17, 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; 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 October 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 October 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 September 2024. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Gerhard seconded. Jeaninne Motroni polled the board. All members voted in favor of the motion; motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – Not Treasurers report.

**Approval of municipal reports (sewer, road, Arro, Prodesign)**- A Motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to approve the municipal reports for September 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** – There was a receipt from the Borough of Nesquehoning concerning EDU charges, and also a letter from Energy Transfer, stating they will be conducting a hydrostatic testing on the Sunoco Pipeline Inc.

**Attorney's Business** – Chris Reidlinger to send amendment to a motion to accept an increase in EDU charges from the Borough of Nesquehoning pertaining to the sewer section of contract.

**Old Business** – None

**New Business**-

1. **A motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to approve the purchase of a 12' x 24' portable storage building from Storage Solutions in the amount of \$9,741.00 with a 20% downpayment required.** Vice Chairman Leibensperger second the motion, Supervisor Gerhard approved. Rebecca Coccio Roberts polled the board, all members voted in favor; motion carried.
2. **A motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to approve Arthur "Pat" Aungst Inc. Change Order #1 in the amount of \$9,798.24 for exploratory excavation, upgrading connection pipes from 18" to 24" and repair of a water service line for the Oak Lane Sewer and Storm Sewer Replacement Project.** Vice Chairman Leibensperger second the motion, Supervisor Gerhard approved. Rebecca Coccio Roberts polled the board, all members voted in favor; motion carried.
3. **A motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to approve Arthur "Pat" Aungst Inc. Application for Payment #1 in the amount of \$75,210.97 for the Oak Lane Sewer and Storm Sewer Replacement Project.** Vice Chairman Leibensperger second the motion, Supervisor Gerhard approved. Rebecca Coccio Roberts polled the board, all members voted in favor; motion carried.
4. **A motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to act upon the granting of a time extension by the developer for plan action for the Re-Match Final Land Development Plan.** Vice Chairman Leibensperger second the motion, Supervisor Gerhard approved. Rebecca Coccio Roberts polled the board, all members voted in favor; motion carried.
5. **A motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to accept an increase in EDU charges from the Borough of Nesquehoning pertaining to the sewer section of the contract.** Vice Chairman Leibensperger second the motion, Supervisor Gerhard approved. Rebecca Coccio Roberts polled the board, all members voted in favor; motion carried.
6. **A motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to appoint William Rowe as a representative for Rush Township to the NESJMA Board**  
Vice Chairman Leibensperger second the motion, Supervisor Gerhard approved. Rebecca Coccio Roberts polled the board, all members voted in favor; motion carried.
7. **A motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to appoint John Cusatis for another term on the Rush Township Zoning Board** Vice Chairman Leibensperger second the motion, Supervisor Gerhard approved. Rebecca Coccio Roberts polled the board, all members voted in favor; motion carried.
8. **A Motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to grant waivers from the Rush Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance for Section 405.A regarding Preliminary Plan Submission and 502.A regarding plan scale for the Krause Subdivision Final Plan.** Vice Chairman Leibensperger second the motion, Supervisor Gerhard approved. Rebecca Coccio Roberts polled the board, all members voted in favor; motion carried.

- 9. A motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to conditionally approve the Krause Subdivision Final Plan. Conditions are addressing comments on the ARRO review correspondence dated September 26, 2024.** Vice Chairman Leibensperger second the motion, Supervisor Gerhard approved. Rebecca Coccio Roberts polled the board, all members voted in favor; motion carried.
- 10. A motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to approve Application for Payments 1 through 3 in the amount of \$120,501.58 from Spotts Brothers Inc. for the Ryan Memorial Park Rehabilitation DCNR Project.** Vice Chairman Leibensperger second the motion, Supervisor Gerhard approved. Rebecca Coccio Roberts polled the board, all members voted in favor; motion carried.
- 11. A motion was made by Chairman Gilbert that the vote taken at the October 3, 2024 special meeting to clarify that the reversion to the pre-July 22, 2024 EMS coverage areas shall apply to Basic Life Support services.** The motion was second by Chairman Leibensperger. Supervisor Gerhard voted no. Majority of the board was in favor; motion carried
- 12. A motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to direct the Township-wide application of Act 37 of 2009 in regard to EMS coverage areas for Advanced Life Support.** Vice Chairman Leibensperger second the motion, Supervisor Gerhard approved. Rebecca Coccio Roberts polled the board, all members voted in favor; motion carried.

**Public Comments-**

S. Ramey asked why there hasn't been a left turn sign installed at Turkey Hill (where the triangle is). Rush Township is not responsible. Turkey Hill would need to place a stop sign so people aren't crossing traffic.

Barbra Morgans, Nikki Hadesty, and various others are questioning why the minutes of the meetings aren't posted on the website 24 hours after the meetings. It was explained that a new staff has just started learning. Office had been empty for a month prior.

**Supervisors Comment;**

None

**ADJOURNMENT** – Have a great night! Meeting Adjourned!