

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 **April 8th 2025** at 7:00 PM. In attendance were Chairman Shawn Gilbert, Vice Chairman Robert Leibensperger, Supervisor George Gerhard, JoAnn Zakutney, Secretary, 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 March 2025. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Gerhard approved. JoAnn Zakutney 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 March 2025. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Gerhard didn't approve. JoAnn Zakutney 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 March 2025. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Gerhard unclear. JoAnn Zakutney polled the board. Two members voted in favor of the motion; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – A Motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to approve month of March 2025 bills. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Gerhard unclear. JoAnn Zakutney polled the board. Two 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 March 2025. Vice-Chairman Leibensperger approved; Supervisor Gerhard unknown. JoAnn Zakutney polled the board. Two members voted in favor of the motion; motion carried.

Correspondence –

Attorney's Business – None

Old Business – None

New Business-

1. **A motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to remove Chris Hartz as EMA.** Vice Chairman Leibensperger seconded the motion, Supervisor Gerhard disapproved. JoAnn Zakutney polled the board, two members voted in favor; motion carried.

2. **A motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to approve advertising the 2025 Seal Coat Project on Grove St, Meadow Ave, Tamaqua St, Ryan Ave, and Frankford Ave.** Vice Chairman Leibensperger second the motion, Supervisor Gerhard ya. JoAnn Zakutney polled the board, all members voted in favor; motion carried.
3. **A motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to approve advertising the 2025 Road Rconstruction Project on Oak Lane, Grant St, and Birch St.** Vice Chairman Leibensperger second the motion, Supervisor Gerhard ya. JoAnn Zakutney polled the board, and all members voted in favor; motion carried.

Public Comments-

- * George stated that he did not second the motion for fire company minutes. He did. Robert told that it is done and over with and will not be changed. Moving forward it will be a yes or no when voting.
- Roxanne Lengel asked what could be done with the liter at the Hometown Walmart in the parking lot, along the highway, and entrance/exits. Bill McMullen sent letters to all store owners reminding them of the responsibility of keeping properties clean, if they don't comply further action will follow.
- Chris Hartz spoke to clarify his situation with Resigning from EMA in Dec. 2024. Originally the Supervisors asked for him to take EMA. When he resigned it was because of other matters. He didn't know the fire chief was retiring and was busy with family. He feels qualified and Mike Humes gave examples of his handling of situations.
- Josh Grimm spoke and said he didn't know he was appointed assistant EMA.
- Someone mentioned Cumberland Ave property w/trash. There is a process before Sheriffs Sale etc. Could take years before property is taken care of.
- The Township Website is regularly being updated. The IT co. had to do an update in order for us to be able to change meeting dates, and in the process there were technical difficulties on their end because of someone being out. It is all working properly. As always, any questions, or concerns are welcomed by calling the office. It seems to be very difficult making anyone happy at this time.

Supervisors Comment;

ADJOURNMENT – Have a great night! Meeting Adjourned!