

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 **Aug 21, 2025** at 7:00 PM. In attendance were Chairman Shawn Gilbert, Vice Chairman Robert Leibensperger, Supervisor George Gerhard, Becky Coccio-Roberts, Secretary/Treasurer, Bill McMullen, zoning, and Rick Weaver, Chief of Police.

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 July 2025. 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 July 2025. 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 July 2025. 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 July 2025 bills. 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 July 2025. Becky Coccio-Roberts polled the board. All members voted in favor of the motion; motion carried.

Correspondence – Request for Support Letter-Masonic Lodge #238 Tax Exemption via Sky View

Attorney's Business – Chris to Amend the Parking Ordinance to prohibit parking an unregistered or uninspected vehicle in a public or private parking lot

Old Business – None

New Business-

- 1. A motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to adopt Resolution 2025-09, The 2025 Schuylkill County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.** Becky Coccio-Roberts polled the board. All members voted in favor of the motion; motion carried.

Supervisor
G. Gerhard
Voted against
motion.

2. **A motion was made by Chairman Gilbert to approve an upgrade in January to our Sewer/Garbage billing and tracking system at a cost of approx. \$5000.00 by Harris.** Becky Coccio-Roberts polled the board, and 2 of the 3 members voted in favor; motion carried.
3. **A motion was made by Chairman Gilbert for to approve the change of September 18ths meeting to Monday September 22, 2025 at 7pm.** Becky Coccio-Roberts polled the board, all members voted in favor, motion carried.
4. **A motion was made to conditionally approve the Ankeiwicz lot consolidation plan. Condition of approval is compliance with the comments contained in the ARRO review correspondence dated July 30, 2025.** Becky Coccio-Roberts polled the board, all members voted in favor, motion carried.
5. **A motion was made to conditionally approve the Final Plan of the Tamaqua Owner LLC Lot 3 Subdivision. Condition of approval is compliant with comments contained in the ARRO review correspondence dated July 29, 2025.** Becky Coccio-Roberts polled the board, all members voted in favor, motion carried.
6. **A motion was made to review and award, reject or table the bids received for the Ryan Memorial Park Lighting Project.** Becky Coccio-Roberts polled the board, all members voted in favor, motion carried.
7. **A motion was made to approve Asphalt Maintenance Solutions LLC invoice in the amount of \$ 121,034.75 for the 2025 Road Improvement Project.** Becky Coccio-Roberts polled the board, all members voted in favor, motion carried.
8. **A motion was made to approve the Agreement for Intergovernmental Cooperation with Ryan Township for the John Deere Mower/Mow Master.** Becky Coccio-Roberts polled the board, all members voted in favor, motion carried.
9. **A motion was made to adopt Resolution No. 10, Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with Ryan Township for the purchase/lease/financing of the John Deere purchase.** Becky Coccio-Roberts polled the board, all members voted in favor, motion carried.
10. **A motion was made authorizing the Chairman of the Board to execute the Traffic Signal Plan for the intersection of SR 309 and Tide Road and to execute the necessary easement documents.** Becky Coccio-Roberts polled the board, all members voted in favor, motion carried.
11. **A motion was made to approve all documents, including the Resolution, necessary to effectuate the lease with the Community First National Bank for the Mower, and to authorize either Supervisor Leibensperger, Supervisor Gerhard, or the Township Secretary to sign all the necessary documents.** Becky Coccio-Roberts polled the board, all members voted in favor, motion carried.
12. **A motion was made to approve \$1.00 each pay increase for Becky Coccio-Roberts and JoAnn Zimmerman effective immediately.** Becky Coccio-Roberts polled the board, 2 of the 3 members voted in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor
Gerhard.
Voted against
motion.

Public Comments-

- Supervisor Leibensperger made a motion to amend the agenda to approve a pay increase of \$1.00 ea to Becky Coccio-Roberts and JoAnn Zimmerman.
- Supervisor Gerhard wasn't happy that he approached it as he did and not add it to the agenda as normal, and said "was that your tactic between you and Shawn to amend knowing I wanted to wait until January". Argued back and forth and moved on.
- Lynn Davis questioned the Harris upgrade and would that increase the actual bills.
- Supervisor Gerhard questioned yearly fees associated with Harris/Flexbill which no one could satisfy, and the program should have been investigated further.
- Lynn Davis and Scott Major both had issues with the Masonic Lodge being recommended by Sky View to be tax exempt and have asked that we investigate the request further. To make sure it won't be used for making a profit.
- Mr. Duncan from Claremont Ave. was brought up that now that Oak Lane has been paved, people are speeding. Asked for speed bumps or signs.
- Scott Major asked what we are authorizing Wawa to do with the traffic easement approval. Bill McMullen explained.
- Dave Cei Cei brought up pot holes, mobile speed signs.
- Dave Cei Cei also brought up about the Ryan Township Park Lighting and asked if that would be an additional PPL bill towards the township.

Supervisors Comment;

ADJOURNMENT – Have a great night! Meeting Adjourned!