

RUSH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING
AGENDA – JANUARY 5, 2026 @ 6PM

Call Meeting to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to Adjourn Old Board

Motion to Appoint Temporary Chairman – Jim Stewart

Motion to Appoint Temporary Secretary – George Gerhard

Motion to Re-Organize the Board of Supervisors for 2026.

1. Nominate George Gerhard as Chairman for 2026.
2. Nominate Jim Stewart as Vice-Chairman for 2026.

CALL NEW BOARD TO ORDER

Announcement

Historically, the Board of Supervisors at prior Organization meetings have used the occasion to reappoint several persons as employees of the Township or to certain positions. It is not legally necessary for all persons employed by the Township or holding certain positions within the Township to be reappointed at this meeting. The failure at this meeting to reappoint, for example, the Township sewer workers, the road crew, the police officers, or fire police does not mean they no longer serve the Township. Any person not reappointed as an employee or to an appointed position at this meeting is considered still in said position at the rate they were receiving one month ago. If any person retained this way wishes to have a different rate for 2026, they should inform the Township, and the request may be placed on a future meeting agenda. Also, historically, the public comment legally required prior to agenda items being voted on was handled per Motion when the Chairperson would ask for comments under the question. At this meeting at least, due to the large number of motions, there is a public comment period at the beginning of the meeting for all items on the agenda. There is also a public comment period at the end of the meeting for the public to raise any general matter.

Public Comment on agenda items only

Motion to appoint Becky Coccio-Roberts as the Full-Time Secretary/Treasurer.

Motion to accept the resignation of Supervisor Leibensperger.

Motion to solicit and check availability and rates from Jones and Company, Pottsville to perform an audit of financial records required by section 901(b) of the 2nd Class Twp. Code and perform the annual audit required by section 917 of the 2nd Class Twp. Code.

Motion to adopt as official policy that, at the request of any one Supervisor, the Secretary shall place any item on the agenda for the next scheduled public meeting scheduled at least 24 hours later.

Motion to adopt **Resolution 2026-1** to establish a public comment/public participation policy for meetings.

Motion to authorize the Rush Township Secretary, at either the direction of or with the permission of one Supervisor, to spend up to \$ 200.00 per month on items or services deemed beneficial to Rush Township, followed by a report of items or services purchased at the next regular Rush Township public meeting.

Motion to authorize the Rush Township Secretary/Treasurer to pay all regular recurring bills upon receipt and within the non-penalty payment period provided the amount of the bill is within the reasonable range of the normal amount based on prior months' amounts for that bill, and provided that the bill is subsequently included on the bills-to-be-paid list at the next regular Rush Township public meeting.

Motion to Adopt **Resolution 2026-2** Naming Township Depository for 2026, Mauch Chunk Trust.

Motion to Appoint **Arro Consulting** as Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer for 2026. (New Rate Schedule Exhibit A)

Motion to Appoint **Arro Consulting** as the Engineering Firm for 2026 (New Rate Schedule Exhibit A)

Motion to Appoint Engineer and/or Consultant for 2026, for the Planning Commission. **Arro Consulting** (New Rate Schedule Exhibit A)

Motion to Appoint Bob Ritsick of the Rush Township Planning Commission to Serve as the Township Representative for the Regional Planning Board.

Motion to retain ADP to perform payroll services for Rush Township employees and authorizing the Board Chairperson to execute any documents necessary to effectuate same.

Motion to authorize use of the Fire Police for safety purposes with the approval of the Board Chairperson at the request of the School District for an event whose scheduling precludes placing the request on the agenda of the next Board of Supervisors meeting.

Motion to Set the Treasurer's Bond Limits. (Three (3) Million Dollars).

Motion that the Chairman & Secretary be authorized to Sign the Recap Sheet & Bond for the Tax Collector when Due.

Motion to Authorize the Board of Supervisors & an employee to attend the 2026 PAHRA Conferences & include Mileage, Room, Food Allowance & Pay at Regular Rate.

Motion to Authorize Elected Officials to attend the Schuylkill Co. Convention & pay them as permitted by the Second-Class Twp. Code.

Motion to Appoint One Registered Elector to Serve as the Chairman of the Vacancy Board for 2026- Steven Roetz.

Motion to schedule all regular monthly meetings in 2026, including a meeting on January 15, 2026, on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm, and direct the Secretary to publish notice of same.

Motion to Use the Standard Speaker as the Newspaper of the Township for all legal notices.

Motion to Adopt **Resolution 2026-03** Signatures for Bank Accounts

Motion to Adopt **Resolution 2026-04** Setting UCC Permit Fees Schedule.

Motion to Adopt **Resolution 2026-05** appointing TCC Voting Delegates as Follows: Primary Voting Delegate – George Gerhard, First Alternate Voting Delegate – Jim Stewart

Motion to Adopt **Resolution 2026-06** appointing Chris Hartz as the Emergency Management Coordinator conditioned upon him meeting all county and state requirements.

Motion to Appoint Jim Stewart as Road Master for 2026.

Motion to Appoint George Gerhard and Jim Stewart the Representatives for COG (Council of Governments).

Motion to Appoint George Gerhard to Represent the 504 Plan.

Motion to appoint Secretary/Treasurer as Right-To-Know Officer known as Open Records.

Announcement/disclosure of conflicts-of-interest pursuant to Section 1103(j) of the Public Official and Employee Ethics Act for all votes relating to the Fire Company.

Motion to Adopt **Resolution 2026-7** adopting Schuylkill County November 2025 Management Plan as Rush Townships Emergency Management Plan and authorizing completing of the promulgation letter.

Public Comment

Adjournment.

Next meeting January 15, 2026, 6PM