

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 16, 2026** at 6:00 PM. In attendance were Chairman George Gerhard, Vice Chairman James Stewart, Supervisor Ed Titus, Janel Moyer, Secretary/Treasurer, and Rick Weaver, Chief of Police, Bill McMullen, Zoning, and Chris Riedlinger, Solicitor.

Chairman George Gerhard called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Police Report – A Motion was made by Chairman Gerhard to approve the Police Report for the month of March 2026. Janel Moyer polled the board. All members voted in favor of the motion; motion carried.

Fire Company Report – A Motion was made by Chairman Gerhard to approve the Fire Company Report month of March 2026. Janel Moyer polled the board. All members voted in favor of the motion; motion carried.

Minutes of Previous Meeting – A Motion was made by Chairman Gerhard to approve the previous meeting month of March 2026. Janel Moyer polled the board. All members voted in favor of the motion; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – A Motion was made by Chairman Gerhard to approve month of Mar 16- Apr 15, 2026. Janel Moyer 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 Gerhard to approve the municipal reports for March 2026. Janel Moyer polled the board. All members voted in favor of the motion; motion carried.

Correspondence

Attorney's Business –

Old Business –

New Business-

- 1. Motion to authorize the Solicitor to take the necessary steps to discontinue or conclude the cause of action against MJF Realty docketed to S-2419-25, conditioned upon the seeding and mulching of the storage/loading area being performed to the satisfaction of Bill McMullen.** Janel Moyer polled the board. Chairman Gerhard, Vice Chairman Stewart, Supervisor Titus voted in favor, motion carried.
- 2. Motion to approve the use of Fire Police at the Schuylkill County Convention in Ryan Township from August 16 through August 22, 2026.** Janel Moyer polled the board. Chairman Gerhard, Vice Chairman Stewart, Supervisor Titus voted in favor, motion carried.

3. **Motion to approve the use of the Fire Police to assist Nesquehoning Historical Society & Nesquehoning Recreation with traffic management along their parade route.** Janel Moyer polled the board. Chairman Gerhard, Vice Chairman Stewart, Supervisor Titus voted in favor, motion carried.
4. **Motion to support Tamaqua Community Ambulance Association in a grant application through the Commonwealth Financing Authority's Statewide Local Share Account Program.** Janel Moyer polled the board. Chairman Gerhard, Vice Chairman Stewart, Supervisor Titus voted in favor, motion carried.
5. **Motion to change Rush Township's health insurance broker/agent from ETA Insurance Agency to Tompkins/Gallagher Insurance.** Janel Moyer polled the board. Chairman Gerhard, Vice Chairman Stewart, voted in favor while Supervisor Titus refrained from the vote.
6. **Motion to declare an invalidity in the Eastern Schuylkill Regional Planning Zoning Ordinance in that said ordinance does not account for data center, warehouse or short-term rental uses, to prepare a curative amendment to cure such invalidity, and to adopt Resolution No. 2026-9.** Janel Moyer polled the board. Chairman Gerhard, Vice Chairman Stewart, Supervisor Titus voted in favor, motion carried.
7. **Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-10 effective April 28, 2026, appointing Hometown Municipal Services LLC as the sole UCC third-party agency for the Township.** Janel Moyer polled the board. Chairman Gerhard, Vice Chairman Stewart, Supervisor Titus voted in favor, motion carried.
8. **Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-11 effective April 28, 2026, establishing the UCC Fee Schedule of Hometown Municipal Services, LLC.** Janel Moyer polled the board. Chairman Gerhard, Vice Chairman Stewart, Supervisor Titus voted in favor, motion carried.
9. **Motion to appoint Willian M. McMullen of Hometown Municipal Services, LLC as a Project Manager and Project Coordinator for Rush Township effective April 28, 2026.** Janel Moyer polled the board. Chairman Gerhard, Vice Chairman Stewart, Supervisor Titus voted in favor, motion carried.

Public Comments-

- **Robert Libensberger cautioned township supervisors from ending the IT servicing contract with Teamlogic IT.**
- **Robert Libensberger requested to know how many bids they received for health insurance, cost of change, and conflict of interest with the agent change.**
- **Frank Ruch asked to be considered when the health insurance is up for renewal to provide the township with a quote along with wanting an update with the construction of WaWa**

- There was additional discussion between Scott Major, Robert Libensberger, and supervisors regarding Motion #6 and if there would be a new map constructed
- Steven Rimbey alerted the supervisors to the available technology that could assist with traffic flow at the intersection of State Route 309 and State Route 54 in addition to how the burn ban could be enforced better.
- Steven Rimbey addressed that he would file a civil complaint against the township for two ordinances.
- Roxanne _____ inquired if there was anything that could be done along State Route 309 and near or around the Walmart shopping center.
- Dave Christian questioned the stop sign at the intersection of Purnell Ave and Hometown Ave
- Residents Karen Davidson & Rob Faloy commented on how well the road crew is doing with street sweeping
- Karen Davidson asked fellow residents and supervisors for an update on a possible explosion that was referred to the Hometown Fire Company
- Glenn Conahan requests that a gate be placed at the sewage pumping station.

Supervisors' Comment:

- Supervisor Gerhard stated that the historical data for the township is trapped within a contract and the township does not own
- The interest that the Township paid on the Tub grinder for the recycling project totaled \$38,000

ADJOURNMENT – Have a great night! Meeting Adjourned!