

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 May 21, 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 May 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 May 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 May 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 4/15-5/20. 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 May 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 contribute \$5,000 to the ESRP escrow to undertake the zoning ordinance amendments.** Janel Moyer polled the board. Chairman Gerhard, Vice Chairman Stewart, Supervisor Titus voted in favor, motion carried.
- 2. Motion to increase the hourly rate of part time road crew employee James Demetriades from \$20.00 to \$22.00.** 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 Grier City playground for overflow parking for the Ryan Township Fire Company County Convention.** Janel

Moyer polled the board. Chairman Gerhard, Vice Chairman Stewart, Supervisor Titus voted in favor, motion carried.

4. **Motion to request that Schuylkill County amend its September 3, 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan to include rehabilitation of the Greenwood Lake Dam, which would facilitate the owner of the Dam receiving a FEMA grant for its rehabilitation.** Janel Moyer polled the board. Chairman Gerhard, Vice Chairman Stewart, Supervisor Titus voted in favor, motion carried.
5. **Motion to appoint IT Services as the township's IT Services Provider.** Janel Moyer polled the board. Chairman Gerhard, Vice Chairman Stewart, Supervisor Titus voted in favor, motion carried
6. **Motion to adopt the Job Descriptions for the Secretary/Treasurer and Billing.** . Janel Moyer polled the board. Chairman Gerhard, Vice Chairman Stewart, Supervisor Titus voted in favor, motion carried.
7. **Motion to approve the rental of portable bathrooms from Beaver Valley for Ryan/ Miller Park at \$85.00/ month, and Grier City Park at \$100.00 / month thru October.** Janel Moyer polled the board. Chairman Gerhard, Vice Chairman Stewart, Supervisor Titus voted in favor, motion carried
8. **Motion to research and retain a company design and maintain the Rush Township web site. Without further motion, the extent of the up-front costs can be no more than \$10,000, and the on-going maintenance fees can be no more than \$5,500 annually.** Janel Moyer polled the board. Chairman Gerhard, Vice Chairman Stewart, Supervisor Titus voted in favor, motion carried
9. **Motion to designate Rush Township employee Will Cavanaugh as both road crew and sewer maintenance, with no change in salary, but to authorize the salary be drawn or split equally from the general fund and the sewer accounts.** Janel Moyer polled the board. Chairman Gerhard, Vice Chairman Stewart, Supervisor Titus voted in favor, motion carried
10. **Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-12 setting the Lake Hauto Sewer Fees to \$175.00 per quarter beginning July 1, 2026** Janel Moyer polled the board. Chairman Gerhard, Vice Chairman Stewart, Supervisor Titus voted in favor, motion carried
11. **Motion to adopt resolution 2026-13 setting the Hometown Sewer Fees to \$ 190.00 per quarter beginning July 1, 2026** Janel Moyer polled the board. Chairman Gerhard, Vice Chairman Stewart, Supervisor Titus voted in favor, motion carried
12. **Motion to advertise the Tub Grinder for sale.** Janel Moyer polled the board. Chairman Gerhard, Vice Chairman Stewart, Supervisor Titus voted in favor, motion carried

**Public Comments-**

- Resident Shawn Gilbert had a variety of questions regarding IT service motion & secretary/administrative assistant job descriptions. He was reassured that the jobs description and tasks will not change but to be further clarified. The IT service providers services will be comparable to the costs of the previous provider
- Shawn Gilbert asked for an explanation for the increase in sewer costs. It was explained that at the current rate, the funds were currently operating a deficit.
- There were three resident concerns with selling the tub grinder. The benefits and consequences of keeping the project continuing was further discussed
- Steven Rimbey inquired about the road signs near the 309 and 54 intersection
- Rochelle Evanousky of Golf Road openly discussed her concerns regarding the various properties that are in disrepair with rubble along the road and property
- Glenn Conahan suggested that a gate be put up at the old pumping station while thanking the supervisors and road crew for repairing the washout at the bottom of his road
- Scott Major requested to know when Sunset Ave and Charles St will have the pot holes and road damage repaired

**Supervisors' Comment:**

Chairman Gerhard mentioned that during the website transition, there may be times that the website is down.

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