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 **October 15, 2026,** at 6:00PM. In attendance were Chairman George Gerhard, Vice Chairman James Stewart, Supervisor Ed Titus, Kayla Mickalowski Secretary/Treasurer, Richard Weaver-Police Chief, 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 October 2026. Kayla Mickalowski 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 for the month of October 2026. Kayla Mickalowski 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 minutes for the month of September 2026. Kayla Mickalowski 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 the Treasurer's Report for the month of September 17, 2026 – October 15, 2026. Kayla Mickalowski polled the board. All members voted in favor of the motion; motion carried.

Approval of Municipal Reports (Sewer/Road/Arro/Prodesign/Hometown Mun. Services)- A motion was made by Chairman Gerhard to approve the municipal reports September 17, 2026 – October 15, 2026. Kayla Mickalowski polled the board. All members voted in favor of the motion; motion carried.

Correspondence- N/A

Attorney's Business- Chris Reidlinger updated on the outcome of the ESRP Meeting from October 6, 2026.

Old Business- N/A

New Business:

1. **Motion to accept the 90-day review period extension provided for the Masavi, LLC Subdivision** Kayla Mickalowski polled the board. Chairman Gerhard, Vice Chairman Stewart, Supervisor Titus voted in favor; motion carried.

2. **Motion to approve the agreement between Rush Township and Joseph and PA Bates, LLC regarding the installation, operation, and/or maintenance of a grinder pump**. Chairman Gerhard stated that this item duplicated another motion on the agenda and would therefore be passed over. No action was taken on this item.

3. **Motion to approve the agreement between Rush Township and Provco Pinegood Tamaqua, LLC regarding the installation, operation, and/or maintenance of a grinder pump.** Chairman Gerhard stated that this item duplicated another motion on the agenda and would therefore be passed over. No action was taken on this item.

4. **Motion to ratify approval of Bowman Consulting for the review of traffic related matters for the Hometown Heights Subdivision.** Kayla Mickalowski polled the board. Chairman Gerhard, Vice Chairman Stewart, Supervisor Titus voted in favor; motion carried
    - **Scott Major asked what is this? Chairman Gerhard replied that it is a traffic study for the new development.**

5. **Motion to approve Twin Oaks Consulting, LLC as a planning commission review engineer.** Kayla Mickalowski polled the board. Chairman Gerhard, Vice Chairman Stewart, Supervisor Titus voted in favor; motion carried

6. **Motion to renew the township's employee health insurance coverage with Capital Blue Cross, at the renewal rates presented for the upcoming plan year (12-1-2026), while maintaining the same plan design.** Kayla Mickalowski polled the board. Chairman Gerhard, Vice Chairman Stewart, Supervisor Titus voted in favor; motion carried

    - **Robert Leibensperger asked if the rates increased. Supervisor Titus replied yes they went up 7.8% but deductibles remained the same.**
    - **Steve Rimbey asked if Supervisor Titus is still overseeing the insurance and if an ethics complaint was ever filed. Chris Reidlinger stated that there is no ethics issue.**

7. **Motion to approve payment of $1,500 to Bowe & Odorizzi Law, LLC for legal services in connection with the ESRP ordinances considered on October 6, 2026, one of which was adopted.** Kayla Mickalowski polled the board. Chairman Gerhard, Vice Chairman Stewart, Supervisor Titus voted in favor; motion carried

8. **Motion to authorize Chairman Gerhard to execute the Grinder Pump Easement and Operation and Maintenance Agreement for Provco Pinewood Tamaqua, LLC for their parcel known as tax parcel number 25-20-0014.002.** Kayla Mickalowski polled the board. Chairman Gerhard, Vice Chairman Stewart, Supervisor Titus voted in favor; motion carried
    - **Robert Leibensperger asked if it's a commercial property and if they are using the same sewer agreement. Chairman Gerhard responded that is it the same.**
    - **Steve Rimbey asked if this is for the Tub Grinder. Chairman Gerhard responded no.**

9. **Motion to authorize Chairman Gerhard to execute the Grinder Pump Easement and Operation and Maintenance Agreement for Pa Bates, LLC for their parcel known as tax parcel number 25-20-0014.006.** Kayla Mickalowski polled the board. Chairman Gerhard, Vice Chairman Stewart, Supervisor Titus voted in favor; motion carried

10. **Motion to approve Resolution No. 2026-15, authorizing Rush Township to sponsor Tamaqua Community Ambulance Association for a Local Share Account (LSA) grant for the purchase of portable radios. The project will replace aging radios and add additional radios to improve emergency communications, responder safety, and coordination with Schuylkill County 911.** Kayla Mickalowski polled the board. Chairman Gerhard, Vice Chairman Stewart, Supervisor Titus voted in favor; motion carried

11. **Motion to rescind Motion adopted September 17, 2026, to consider part-time officers Fort and Richie as having left employment.** Kayla Mickalowski polled the board. Chairman Gerhard, Vice Chairman Stewart, Supervisor Titus voted in favor; motion carried

- **Robert Leibensperger asked if the officers were coming back and if that would affect the Worker's Comp insurance. Supervisor Titus advised that the Worker's Comp insurance is based off of the salaries of the employees which depends on hours worked.**
- **Chris Reidlinger mentioned after reviewing all officers' hours he found additional information that warranted the township to rescind the motion on September 17,2026.**
- **Steve Rimbey asked how many officers are currently employed. Chief Weaver answered 1 full-time officer and 7 part-time officers.**

12. **Motion to adopt Resolution/Policy relating to part-time officers.** Kayla Mickalowski polled the board. Chairman Gerhard, Vice Chairman Stewart, Supervisor Titus voted in favor; motion carried

Public Comments:

- **Dave Ceci asked if potholes would be fixed on Armored Ave. Vice Chairman Stewart said that the road crew will look into them. The original plan was to pave a bigger section.**
- **Robert Leibensperger commented that there were large tree trunks around Ye Old Hauto Road. Chairman Gerhard will make road crew aware.**
- **Jack Cusatis said the stop sign at the Barnesville Post Office is being run more frequently and asked for a solution. Chairman Gerhard said we can try and patrol the area more and will make Ryan Township aware.**
- **Scott Major asked if there are laws that apply to the E-bikes riding on the highways. Chief Weaver stated that it depends on the size of the motorized vehicle, but they should still obey traffic laws.**
- **Steve Rimbey asked if we are conducting the traffic study mentioned. Bill McMullen stated that an outside company will be performing the study since they have criteria to follow and expertise to do so.**
- **Steve Rimbey asked if the traffic study will be looking at Rt. 309-Rt. 64 intersection. Bill McMullen answered yes, also the other roads that will connect the new development.**
- **Scott Major asked if the developers looked into the sewer. Bill McMulled stated that the developers have hired companies to do so. Twin Oaks will investigate water/sewer/stormwater drainage, and Bowman is doing the traffic study.**
- **Robert Leibesperger asked if they are still using the Gelner Plan. Bill McMullen said no, they have a new plan.**
- **Steve Rimbey asked for an update on the signs he requested be replaced near Turkey Hill. Bill McMullen stated that the township is going to be replacing the signs. Steve asked about the missing sign on the gantry. Bill stated he will check on it but is not sure it is the responsibility of the township to replace, and the township may have to contact PENNDot.**

Supervisors' Comments: N/A

Adjournment – Have a good night, meeting adjourned!