



**RANSOM TOWNSHIP  
LACKAWANNA COUNTY** January 2, 2024  
Supervisors' Monthly Meeting

Chairman Bird called the Re-Organization Meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Chairman Bird and Supervisors Wells and Scott present – Quarum declared

Attendance: Helen Doty, Bob Lukasiewicz, Jerry Blackwell, Nancy Weinhardt, David Kostiak, Angelika Gabriela, Jim Kashuba, Thomas Macheska, Susan Berkoski and Chief Jeff LaCoe

Minutes of the December 27 Work Session meeting were read by Secretary – Supervisor Wells made a motion to accept the minutes as read – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Scott – all in favor – motion carried

Under Administrative Actions:

Supervisor Wells made a motion to adopt the Re-Organization Resolution 01-2023; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Scott – all in favor – motion carried

Supervisor Wells made a motion to appoint David Bird as Chairman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Scott – all in favor – motion carried

Chairman Bird made a motion to appoint Robert Wells as Vice Chairman; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Scott – all in favor – motion carried

Supervisor Wells announced the re-appointment of Edmund Scacchitti, Esquire as Township Solicitor

Chairman Bird announced the re-appointment of Donna DeVita, Esquire as the Planning/Zoning Solicitor.

Supervisor Wells made a motion to adjourn Re-Organization Meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Scott – all in favor – motion carried – Re-Organization meeting adjourned at 6:05

Chairman Bird then called the Supervisors' Monthly Meeting to order

Minutes of the December 4, 2023 Supervisors Meeting – Supervisor Wells made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Scott – all in favor – motion approved

**POLICE REPORT:** No officer present – reported 63.30 hours – 5 calls, 1 domestic, 3 fire

**FIRE REPORT:** Chief LaCoe reported 15 calls in Ransom – 3 fire / 12 EMS

**TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS**

**SOLICITOR SCACCHITTI:** Reported that the acting solicitor for Clarks Summit Borough has drafted a police contract that will be reviewed by the board.

**SUPERVISORS** Nothing to report

**ZONING:** Donnie Wells not present, but had nothing new to report

**STAFF REPORT:** Chairman Bird reported on the following

1. Treasury Report:

- General Fund:\$1,848,623.64
- Liquid Fuels: \$790,163.83
- Revenues:\$47,828.10
- Expenditures: \$141,236.57

**Recycling for December was 4.01 tons; this month's recycling date will be January 19**

**OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**

- Supervisor Wells made a motion to adopt Re-Organization Resolution 01-2024, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Scott – all in favor – motion carried
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- Supervisor Scott made a motion to adopt Resolution 02-2024 Adopt Budget-Revenues/Expenditures for 2024, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Wells – all in favor – motion carried
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- Supervisor Bird made a motion to adopt Resolution 03-2024 Tax Millage to remain at 7 mills, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Wells – all in favor – motion carried

**Chairman Bird announced that copies of the 2024 are available to attendees and will also be placed on the Website:**

**Next Planning Commission Meeting January 15, 2024 @ 6:30 pm  
Next Township Meeting February 5 @ 6:00 pm**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (Name, address/4 minute limit)**

Angelika Mercado asked for an update on FEMA. No updates to report.

Bob Lukasiewicz asked about the proposed contract with Clarks Summit Police. Solicitor Scacchitti explained that the contract will consist of a dedicated police officer for 40 hours/week along with a dedicated police car and the officer will have an office in the township building.

Dave Kostiak wanted to inform the township and residents that mail has been stolen on Dark Regions Rd. and the State Police are looking into it.

Having no further business or comments, Supervisor Bird made a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Wells all in favor, meeting adjourned at 6:22

Respectfully submitted:



Jen Kwiatkowski  
Secretary