



**RANSOM TOWNSHIP  
LACKAWANNA COUNTY**

January 6, 2025  
Supervisors' Monthly Meeting

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

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

Attendance: Helen Doty, Bob Lukasiewicz, Lenay Blackwell, Jerry Blackwell, Donna Urbaniak, Ruth Lefchak, Paula Noto, Artie and Angelika Mercado, Bill Auriemma, James Kashuba, Beverly Pellegrino, Susan Berkoski, James Murphy, Kevin McHale, Cheryl Macheska, Bob Rowinski, Charles Samsock, Elaine Bartholme, Amber Wells, Kelly Cardone, Sergeant Nick Snyder and Chief Jeff LaCoe

Minutes of the December 17 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 01-2025; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Scott – all in favor – motion carried

Supervisor Scott made a motion to adopt Resolution 2-2025, Revenues/Expenditures 2025: 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Wells-all in favor- motion carried

Supervisor Wells made a resolution to adopt Resolution 3-2025, Retain Tax Millage at 7 Mills; 2nd by Supervisor Scott – all in favor – motion carried

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

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

Supervisor Wells made a motion to adjourn Re-Organization Meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chairman Bird – all in favor – motion carried – Re-Organization meeting adjourned at 6:04

Chairman Bird then called the Supervisors' Monthly Meeting to order

Minutes of the December 2nd, 2024 Supervisors Meeting were read by Secretary – Supervisor Wells made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Scott – all in favor – motion carried

**POLICE REPORT:** Sergeant Nick Snyder – reported responding to 3 calls – 1 domestic, 1 suspicious activity and 1 hit and run vehicle.

**FIRE REPORT:** Chief LaCoe reported 9 calls in Ransom – 1 fire / 8 EMS. With regard to Homeowner's Insurance, Chief Lacoce advised getting in touch with him if any issues arise and he will help with providing the necessary information.

**SOLICITOR SCACCHITTI:** Motion to reappoint Solicitor with the stipulation that he can hire special counsel to assist him if the need arises, for example, a zoning specialist.

**SUPERVISORS:** No Report

**ZONING:** No Report

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

1. Treasury Report:
  - General Fund:\$1,861,932.71
  - Liquid Fuels: \$701,940.22
  - Revenues:\$3,372.30
  - Expenditures: \$63,751.86
- 2 Recycling for December was 4.93 tons. This month's recycling date is January 24

#### **OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Bird announced that copies of the 2025 Resolutions are available:

- 1) Re-Organization Resolution 01-2023
- 2) Resolution 02-2023 Adopt Budget-Revenues/Expenditures for 2023
- 3) Resolution 03-2023 Tax Millage to remain at 7 mills

Next Planning Commission Meeting January 20, 2025 @ 6:30 pm

Next Township Meeting February 3, 2025 @ 6:00 pm

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Solicitor Scacchitti – Funds invested in a CD by a Township has no limit. The amount should not exceed the FDIC backed amount. We can deal with more than one bank.

Paula Noto – Concerned about the solar farm. A public meeting that is advertised needs to be scheduled by early February.

Angelika Mercado – Supervisors, please take into consideration the concerns being expressed by the residents with regard to the solar farm.

Cheryl Macheska – Raised the point that a township must allow for every type of business activity.

Elaine Bartholome –What can be done when a neighbor's yard fills with collectibles to the point that it negatively impacts the rights of neighboring residents that are inherent with home ownership?

Donna Urbaniak – Should the zoning officer act independently pre-complaint?



Respectfully submitted  
Julie Kelly  
Secretary