



**RANSOM TOWNSHIP  
LACKAWANNA COUNTY**

February 3, 2025  
Supervisors' Monthly Meeting

Chairman Bird called the 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, Cheryl Macheska, Bob Lukasiewicz, Paula Noto, Susan Berkoski, Jim Kashuba, Amber Wells, Elaine Bartholme, Donna Urbaniak, Beverly Pellegrino, Charles Samsok, Karen Baranowski, Jim Baranowski, Thomas Macheska, Sergeant Nick Snyder and Chief Jeff LaCoe

Minutes of the January 6, 2025 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

**POLICE REPORT:** There were 42 incidents including 5 building checks, 4 traffic stops, accident responses, animal calls and welfare checks.

**FIRE REPORT:** Chief LaCoe will have the fire data for next month. If there is a solar meeting, he will attend to see what provisions would be needed in the event of a fire.

**TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS:** Appointments made: Supervisor Scott made a motion to appoint Julie Kelly as Secretary/Treasurer. Supervisor Wells seconded it – motion carried. Supervisor Wells made a motion to appoint the law firm of Abrahamsen Conaboy & Abrahamsen, P.C. as Ransom Township Solicitor, seconded by Jerry Scott – motion carried. Supervisor Wells made a motion to appoint Pat Walsh as Zoning and Planning Solicitor. Supervisor Scott second the motion – motion carried.

**SOLICITOR CONABOY:** Relayed that with regard to the shooting range, an appeal has been filed for a hearing to be held in Court or before the Zoning Board. With regard to Solar Conditional Use application, Pivot energy granted a 90 day extension of time. The township will need to schedule a for mid to late April or early May. Chairman Bird made a motion to appoint Kevin Conaboy hearing officer. Supervisor Wells seconded the motion – motion carried.

**SUPERVISORS:** No report

**ZONING:** No report.

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

1. Treasury Report:

- General Fund: \$2,034,081.15
- Liquid Fuels: \$749,961.01
- Revenues: \$4530.23
- Expenditures: \$122,094.30

2 Recycling for January was 4.87 tons; this month's recycling date will be February 21

Next Planning Commission Meeting will be February 17, 2025 @ 6:30 pm at the Township Building

Next Supervisor's Meeting will be March 3, 2025 @ 6:00 pm at the Township Building.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** (Name, address/4-minute limit)

Elaine Bartholme raised concern about the open gate on Coxton Road that goes to Falls, citing prior occurrences of toxic waste dumping. Supervisor Scott stated that Penn Dot controls the gate and may not care about it. Cheryl Macheska questioned if the DEP could get involved due to the toxic waste dumping.

Bob Lukasiewicz thanked the board for being under control during times of turmoil. He praised them for their professionalism.

Paula Noto discussed the solar farm and the processes they had already undergone to modify their plans to bring the proposed farm 500 feet away from her property. With the revelation that the church is a historic property, she wondered if they would revert to their original plans that would more adversely affect her property.

Donna Urbaniak asked if residents could get a copy of Pivot's conditional use application and questioned if they planned to drill wells to test water quality.

Having no further business or comments, Supervisor Wells made a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Scott all in favor, meeting adjourned at 6:33pm

Respectfully submitted:



Julie Kelly  
Secretary