



**RANSOM TOWNSHIP
LACKAWANNA COUNTY**

March 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, Fred Banks, Bob Lukasiewicz, Nancy Weinhardt, Shawn Gorg, John Padula, Lenay Blackwell, Jerry Blackwell, Artie and Angelika Mercado, Cheryl Macheska, Paula Noto, Janet Clark, Dan Powell, Charles Samsock, Donna Urbaniak, Beverly Pellegrino, Linda Berkoski, Susan Berkoski, Heidi Smith, Ben Freda, Sergeant Nick Snyder and Chief Jeff LaCoe

Minutes of the February 3, 2025 meeting were read by Secretary – Supervisor Wells made a motion to accept the minutes as read – 2nd by Supervisor Scott – all in favor – motion carried

POLICE REPORT: Sergeant Snyder shared that Taylor police responded to 33 incidents involving EMS, animal complaints, investigations, wellness checks, traffic stops and accidents.

FIRE REPORT: Chief LaCoe reported 4 EMS calls for Ransom Township in February and 5 calls to report for January.

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS: Chairman Bird informed us that the new garbage containers are still in limbo. They are now hoping for mid-April. Bulk items can be brought to the Township building. Waste Management has plans to charge for bulk items picked up at residences. Supervisor Scott reminded everyone that there is a bridge out necessitating rerouting of the garbage pickup which will affect the time of day that garbage is collected.

SOLICITOR CONABOY: Solicitor Conaboy relayed that the solar farm conditional use permit is on track. Hearing dates are in the works and the meetings will be advertised as required.

SUPERVISORS: No report

ZONING: No report.

STAFF REPORT: Chairman Bird reported on the following:

1. Treasury Report:
 - General Fund: \$1,938,079.77
 - Liquid Fuels: \$750,616.86
 - Revenues: \$45,714.55
 - Expenditures: \$189,182.77

2. Recycling for January was not reported; this month's recycling date will be March 21
Next Planning Commission Meeting will be March 17, 2025 @ 6:30 pm at the Township Building
Next Supervisor's Meeting will be April 7, 2025 @ 6:00 pm at the Township Building.

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

Cheryl Macheska – shared that the gate to Upper Narrows Road is closed and locked. She made a call stating that DEP and Chesapeake Bay Foundation would be contacted if no action was taken and it was.

Angelika Mercado- fervently raised the issue of Gardner Creek and the threat of flooding if we have a particularly bad storm to residents who live near it. Many questions were raised including who should we contact and are funds still available. Some work has been done for homes within 50 feet of the waterway.

Having no further business or comments, Supervisor Wells made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Supervisor Scott all in favor, meeting adjourned at 6:25pm

Respectfully submitted:

Julie Kelly
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Secretary