



**RANSOM TOWNSHIP
LACKAWANNA COUNTY**

March 6, 2023
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 – Quarum declared

Attendance: Helen Doty, Bob Lukasiewicz, Lenay Blackwell, Jerry Blackwell, Paula Noto, Ben Freda, Nancy Weinhardt, Eddie Johnson, John Henry and Chief Jeff LaCoe

Minutes of the February 6, 2023 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: No officer present – Logged in 55.45 hours – 1 call sent to PSP

FIRE REPORT: Chief LaCoe reported 6 calls in Ransom – 4 EMS / 2 Fire; Chief LaCoe thanked Gerry Scott for his ongoing assistance with the fire company – Chief also announced that they will be having a Mother's Day Breakfast

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SOLICITOR SCACCHITTI: Nothing to report

SUPERVISORS: Nothing to report

ZONING: Not present - nothing new to report

STAFF REPORT: Chairman Bird reported on the following:

1. Treasury Report:
 - General Fund: \$1,914,524.54
 - Liquid Fuels: \$781,668.94
 - Revenues: \$33,698.80
 - Expenditures: \$52,456.25
2. Recycling for February was 4.4 tons; this month's recycling date will be March 24

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Name, address/4 minute limit)

John Henry had questions regarding the recent condemnation notice placed on David LaRue's residence at 2 Sutter Lane. He was informed that the property is in serious need of repairs due to the potential safety hazard, and numerous ongoing complaints of residents. Solicitor Scacchitti explained to Mr. Henry that if the Supervisors agreed with a repair plan, that the condemnation would be extended an additional 30 days. He also stated that Mr. Henry would be provided with a list of repairs recommended by Supervisor Wells and BCO Dennis Macheska after an inspection. Mr. Henry agreed to provide entrance to the property at a convenient time for Wells and Macheska to enter the property. In addition, John Henry indicated that he would be doing the

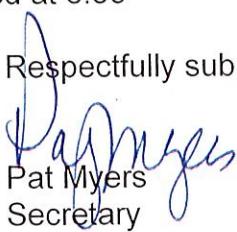
necessary repairs, and Solicitor Scachitti informed him that he would have to agree to and sign an indemnification agreement to protect the Township from any liability. With these assurances Supervisor Scott made a motion to extend the matter for additional time, 2nd by Supervisor Wells – all in favor and the motion was carried.

Lenay Blackwell stated that she wished there was more police coverage. Her concerns were recent incidents in the township, trash/cans being discarded on roadways, etc. Supervisor Scott related that he speaks with cops regularly regarding the township coverage.

Helen Doty commented about the “Milwaukee” sign on 307 being removed. Supervisor Bird informed her that 307 is a PennDOT road, and they would be in charge of placing/removing signs on the roadway.

Having no further business or comments, Supervisor Wells made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Supervisor Scott all in favor, meeting adjourned at 6:35

Respectfully submitted:


Pat Myers
Secretary