



**RANSOM TOWNSHIP  
LACKAWANNA COUNTY**

May 1, 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 – Quorum declared

Attendance: Helen Doty, Eddie Johnston, Bob Lukasewicz, Louis Borgia, Lenay Blackwell, Jerry Blackwell, Chief Jeff LaCoe Jackie/Lenny Gaetano, Donald Wells

Minutes of the April 3, 2023 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:** No officer present – Logged in 57 hours; 3 traffic citations / 1 stolen property / 2 suspicious activity / 4 to PSP

**FIRE REPORT:** Chief LaCoe reported 8 calls in Ransom – 3 EMS / 5 Fire; Chief LaCoe reminded the group about the Mother's Day Breakfast on May 14; also if anyone would like to donate baked goods to be sold, they should let Chief know and he will have Colleen reach out. He commented on the termination of the burn ban

**TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS**

**SOLICITOR SCACCHITTI:** Nothing to report

**SUPERVISORS :** Supervisor Bob Wells announced that bids were out for paving N. Sekol and Division Streets; and also patching on various roads – bid award will be announced at next supervisors' meeting on June 5 @ Mt. Dewey

**ZONING:** Don Wells reported receiving a complaint regarding junk on N. Sekol – he inspected the property and found no violation – provided picture of cement mixer, trailer – both needing a tire; also scaffolding – not junk – used equipment

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

1. Treasury Report:

- General Fund:\$2,154, 612.98
- Liquid Fuels: \$783,355.04
- Revenues:\$371,822.15
- Expenditures: \$56,017.25

2 Recycling for April was 3.87 tons; this month's recycling date will be May 19<sup>th</sup>

Next Planning Commission scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm

Next Supervisors' Meeting will be June 5 @ 6 pm @ Mt. Dewey Community Hall

## OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

- Spring Clean-up May 12/13
- Election Day May 16
- Bob Wells made a motion to send letter to Ransom Auditors requesting an increase of Gerald Scott wages to \$28/hour. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chairman Bird – all in favor, motion carried

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

Ed Johnson relayed a story about a bear citing by some kids in Sunset Trailer Park last Friday – he called the Game Commission and they came on Saturday, but the bear was gone – doesn't know what happened to the bear.

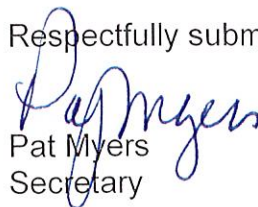
Jackie Gaetano thanks Supervisor Wells regarding an incident at the pavilion last weekend. Someone drug the port o lav down Ransom Road – he was able to get a license plate and is looking into the incident. He also commented that the Township is looking to have security cameras installed due to the ongoing vandalism in that area – Chairman Bird commented that just one arrest of a person or persons committing these acts of vandalism might deter others.

Lou Borgia asked about cell towers – he wanted to know who made the initial inquiry – was it the supervisors or an company – Chairman Bird said that it was the supervisors who reached out to the cell companies, but found no interest in this type of project from the companies.

Lenay Blackwell inquired into the status of the condemned property on Main Street – she was advised by Chairman Bird and Solicitor Scacchitti that some progress has been made, and another inspection will be taking place shortly to assess the progress and perhaps John Henry would be given additional time. Chairman Bird said that the process required to get the property classified as “blighted” is a very long and arduous procedure and that local townships do not usually get involved in those types of matter. Attorney Scacchitti stated that in this case, the township became involved due to the property posing a health hazard to its residents/neighbors

Having no further business or comments, Supervisor Wells made a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chairman Bird, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 6:17

Respectfully submitted:



Pat Myers  
Secretary