



**RANSOM TOWNSHIP
LACKAWANNA COUNTY**

May 12, 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: Pam Bird, Susan Berkoski, Angelika Mercado, Pat Myers, Bob Lukasiewicz, Cheryl Macheska, Jim & Jodi Kashuba, Paula Noto, Louis Borgia, Marie Pasternak, John Padula, Charles Samsok, Amanda Pantano, John Henry, Chief Jeff LaCoe and Officer Bryan.

Minutes of the April 7, 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: Officer Brian reported 65 Taylor police responses in Ransom Township including 5 wellness checks, 19 building checks, 1 dog complaint, 3 road hazards, 8 traffic stops, 1 burglary, 1 criminal mischief, 4 suspicious vehicles, 1 motor assist, 1 vehicle fire and 1 unauthorized use.

FIRE REPORT: Chief LaCoe reported 4 responses in Ransom Township – 3 Fire and 1 EMS. The individual suspected of and charged with setting the fires is now in police custody thanks to a cooperative effort of law enforcement and our local first response agencies.

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS: Chairman Bird met some potential contacts for the creek issues at conference in Hershey and is following up with them. Representative Bresnahan office said that flood funding is not out there at this time on the federal level.

SOLICITOR: No report

SUPERVISORS: No report

ZONING: No report.

STAFF REPORT: Chairman Bird reported on the following:

1. Treasury Report:
 - General Fund: \$2,137,902.44
 - Liquid Fuels: \$1,605,000.20
 - Revenues: \$293,318.52
 - Expenditure: \$342,141.37
- 2 Recycling for April was 4.97. This month's recycling date will be May 23.

Next Planning Commission Meeting will be Monday May 19, 2025 @ 6:30 pm at the Township Building. Next Supervisor's Meeting will be Monday, June 2 @ 6:00 pm at Mt Dewey.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public discussion was focused on Gardner Creek. The residents want the creek fixed. Grants usually have matches, require engineering and are currently hard to find. Creeks tie locations together as they run for miles. The water comes down off the mountain and can also create issues along the way. Some parts are owned by the township and others are private property.

The following question was posed: Could the residents organize a community day to clean Gardner Creek?

Jim Kashuba advanced the concern that knowing what we know about the past, do we have a plan for a future flooding episode?

Having no further business or comments, Chairman Bird made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Supervisor Wells all in favor, meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Julie Kelly
Secretary