



**RANSOM TOWNSHIP
LACKAWANNA COUNTY**

June 2, 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 Vice Chairman Wells and Supervisor Scott - present – Quorum declared

In attendance: Cheryl Macheska, Pam Bird, Jerry Blackwell, Lenay Blackwell, Paula Noto, Pat Myers, Ron Witushynsky, Richard Lukasiewicz, Ron Moschorak, Charles Samsok, Fred Banks, Dawn Krushinsky, Artie and Angelika Mercado, and Bonnie and Marc Bozzallo, Office Kuwanick and Sergeant Snyder.

Minutes from the May 12, 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 reported 56 incidents in Ransom Township including 2 criminal arrests, 10 traffic stops, 14 building checks and other various calls.

FIRE REPORT: None presented.

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS: Chairman Bird announced that the Rotary Fireworks will be held on July 3rd this year and there is not a current rain date planned. He also shared that residents could find Ransom Township's new email on the June meeting agenda.

SOLICITOR: Solicitor Conaboy relayed the news that the Supervisor's had made a decision on the solar farm. The Board voted to deny it. Parties wishing to appeal the denial have 30 days to do so in court.

SUPERVISORS: Vice Chairman Wells offered congratulations to Chairman Bird for his recent landslide victory in the primary election receiving both the Democrat and Republican nominations.

ZONING: No report.

STAFF REPORT: Chairman Bird reported on the following:

1. Treasury Report:
 - General Fund: \$2,016,476.78
 - Liquid Fuels: \$1,600,401.20
 - Revenues: \$63,542.08
 - Expenditure: \$66,480.25
- 2 Recycling for April was 3.62 tons. This month's recycling date will be June 20

Next Planning Commission Meeting will be Monday June 16, 2025 @ 6:30 pm at the Township Building. Next Supervisor's Meeting will be Monday, July 7, 2025 @ 6:00 pm at 2435 Hickory Lane.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Charles Samsok had observed big piles in the freshly cut grass. Jerry advised him that the clumps had occurred due to how wet the grass was when cut and said he would fix it tomorrow.

Eugene Jones raised the issue of flooding on Lookout Drive. Would running a pipe there be a good solution? He also touched on the requirements for a private road to become a public road. Discussion ensued confirming road width matters as it needs to accommodate EMS vehicles, and it would also need a cul-de-sac to promote easy egress

Angelika Mercado voiced her concerns about recurring flooding when it rains, land erosion, and property damage due to excessive water accumulation from Gardner Creek.

Ron Witushynsky would like to see the trees trimmed on Beacon Drive as he believes they limit visibility creating a dangerous intersection for the bus stop, motorcycles, and motor vehicles.

Mark Bozzallo shared information regarding the siting of and possible residence of the blackpoll warbler, a bird on the endangered species list, at the very site on Main Street that they want to build the solar farm. If empirical evidence were to be gathered to support this claim, it could negate solar farm development.

Having no further business or comments, Chairman Bird made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Vice Chairman Wells all in favor, meeting adjourned at 6:42pm.

Respectfully submitted:


Julie Kelly
Secretary