



**RANSOM TOWNSHIP  
LACKAWANNA COUNTY**

January 5, 2026  
Supervisors' Monthly Meeting

Chairman Bird called the Re-Organizational 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: Charles Axtman, Jeremy Wentz, Robert Lukasiewicz, Lenay Blackwell, Jerry Blackwell, Charles Samsock, Cheryl Macheska, David Kostiak, Nancy Weinhardt, Jennifer Wells, Sergeant Nick Snyder and Chief Tom Summerhill Sr.

The Boards Administrative Actions:

Supervisor Wells made a motion to adopt the Re-Organization Resolution 01-2026; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Scott – all in favor – motion carried

Supervisor Wells made a motion to adopt Resolution 2-2026, Revenues/Expenditures 2026: 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Scotts-all in favor- motion carried

Supervisor Wells made a resolution to adopt Resolution 3-2026, Setting new Tax Millage at

.518 Mills; 2nd by Supervisor Scott – all in favor – motion carried

Supervisor Wells made a motion to appoint David Bird as Chairman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Scott – all in favor – motion carried

Chairman Bird made a motion to appoint Robert Wells as Vice Chairman; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Scott – all in favor – motion carried

Supervisor Scott made a motion to adjourn Re-Organization Meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chairman Wells – all in favor – motion carried – Re-Organization meeting adjourned at 6:04

Chairman Bird then called the Supervisors' Monthly Meeting to order

**POLICE REPORT:** Sergeant Nick Snyder – reported responding to 162 incidents – including building checks, traffic stops, investigations and suspicious vehicle calls.

**FIRE REPORT:** Chief Summerhill, our new fire chief, responded to 24 calls and they will be meeting with the ISO on the 12<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>. They are hoping to go from a 10 to a 9.

**SOLICITOR CONABOY:** Announced Zoning and Planning Solicitor Pat Walsh resigned. Chairman Bird made a motion to accept the resignation, Supervisor Scott 2<sup>nd</sup> it, motion carried. Solicitor Conaboy facilitated the appointment of Shrive Law as the new Planning and Zoning Solicitor with Resolution-4, 2026. Vice chairman Wells made a motion to approve the appointment, seconded by Supervisor Scott-motion carried.

**SUPERVISORS:** No Report

**ZONING:** No Report

**TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS:** There will be a special Planning Commission on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026, to review the data center. There will also be a special meeting on January 15, 2026, at 6pm to hear the request for the Zoning overlay to allow for a data center. The annual PSATS conference will be in April this year.

**SUPERVISORS:** Approved Wentz winery documents

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

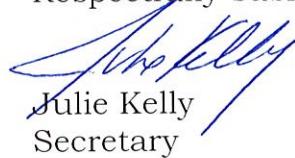
1. Treasury Report:
  - General Fund: \$2,075,069.02
  - Liquid Fuels: \$1,238,185.40
  - Revenue: \$64,512.08
  - Expenditure: \$63,751.86
2. Recycling for December was 4.34 tons. This month's recycling date is January 23.

The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting will be held on January 19, 2026. The next Supervisors' Meeting will be on Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 @ 6:00pm at the Township Building.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There was no public comment.

Respectfully submitted,



Julie Kelly  
Secretary