



**RANSOM TOWNSHIP
LACKAWANNA COUNTY**

February 2, 2026
Supervisors' Monthly Meeting

Chairman Bird called the Meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Chairman Bird- present, Vice Chairman Wells -present, and Supervisor Scott - present – Quorum declared

In attendance: Joseph Harris, Carrie Harris, Bob Lukasiewicz, Shawn Gorg, Paula Noto, Marc and Bonnie Bozzacco, Dean P Johnson, Lenay Blackwell, Jerry Blackwell, Rion Stann, Amy McCracken, Bryan McCracken, David Kostiak, Donna Milo, James Kashuba, James Murphy, Charles Samsok, Cheryl Macheska, Tyler Milo, Fire Chief Summerhill and Sergeant Snyder.

Minutes from the January 5, 2026, meeting are available– Chairman Bird made a motion to accept the minutes – 2nd by Vice Chairman Wells– all in favor –motion carried

POLICE REPORT: Sergeant Snyder reported that Taylor police had responded to 120 incidents including building checks, patrols, investigations and traffic stops.

FIRE REPORT: Chief Summerhill gave the fire report citing 6 responses in Ransom: 5 EMS and 1 Fire/EMS. He asked if their fuel was frozen, could Ransom help with that? Solicitor Conaboy said that was possible with the condition they figure out reimbursement.

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS: The Supervisors appointed New Planning Commissioners: Tyler Milo, Joseph Harris, Marc Bozzacco, and Ryan Stan (Alternate). Chairman Bird also shared that we are Celebrating our nation's 250th Birthday with Lackawanna County offering grant funding with which we will buy a commemorative bench.

SOLICITOR: Solicitor Conaboy gave an update on the solar farm: arguments are to be made March 31st before Judge Nealon. A written decision will be out soon on the data center. The shooting range is in front of a judge who may decide the issue or send it back to the Ransom Township Zoning Hearing Board.

SUPERVISORS: No report.

ZONING: No report.

STAFF REPORT: Chairman Bird reported on the following:

1. Treasury Report:
 - General Fund: \$2,127,578.89
 - Liquid Fuels: \$1,221,550.84
 - Revenues: \$367,007.00
 - Expenditure: \$288,446.86
- 2 Recycling for January was 5.27 tons. This month's recycling date will be February 20.

Next Planning Commission Meeting will be Monday February 16, 2026 @ 6:30 pm at the Township Building. Next Supervisor's Meeting will be Monday, March 2, 2026 @ 6:00 pm at 2435 Hickory Lane

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cheryl Macheska advocated for updates to the ordinances, updating requirements and restrictions to protect the residents of Ransom.

Ryan Stann thanked the team for doing an outstanding job with snow removal during the last heavy accumulation storm. Others expressed appreciation as well.

Lenay alerted everyone to a potential scam. A couple had visited her friend at 8pm claiming to be from Xfinity. Her friend did not let them in and they did go away, but that activity was suspicious. No one has been granted permission to peddle in the township at this time.

Discussion also ensued about a time frame for the new ordinances and a comprehensive plan for the township.

Joe Harris thanked the Board and is ready to serve the community as a Planning Commissioner.

Having no further business, Chairman Bird motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Vice Chairman Wells seconded it – all in favor – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:18pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Julie Kelly
Secretary