



**RANSOM TOWNSHIP
LACKAWANNA COUNTY**

March 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: Rion Stann, Dean Johnson, Lenay Blackwell, Shawn Gory, Marc Bozzacco, Bonnie Bozzacco, Jerry Blackwell, Bob Lukasiewicz, Cheryl Macheska, Elizabeth Thompson, David Kostiak, Gary Martin, Jennifer Wells, Joe Harris, Heidi Smith, Fire Chief Summerhill and Sergeant Snyder.

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

POLICE REPORT: Sergeant Snyder reported that Taylor police had responded to 118 incidents including building checks, patrol assistance, wire down, civil responses, accidents and domestics.

FIRE REPORT: Chief Summerhill gave the fire report citing 8 fire and 2 fire/EMS responses in Ransom Township.

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS: Chairman Bird read a motion to direct the Planning Commission to draft a revision of the zoning ordinance allowing Data Centers in the M-1 and M-2 zones. He then invited public comments on the matter. Elizabeth Thompson, 3021 Main Street, advocated for the need for clearly defined data center requirements addressing the potential hazards of data centers, conducting studies to provide information to help mitigate damages. Chairman Bird then read a motion to direct the Planning Commission to draft a revision to the current ordinance to allow water treatment facilities in the M-1 and M-2 zones. He then invited public comments on the matter. Joe Harris questioned the ability of our emergency response teams to handle a catastrophe at a data center. Impact studies are crucial. The residents discussed the response required by the first responders with Chief Summerhill which would lead to a safety study. Vice Chairman Wells made a motion for the data center zoning revision seconded by Supervisor Scott – all in favor – motion carried. Vice Chairman Wells made a motion for the water treatment facility zoning revision seconded by Supervisor Scott -all in favor – motion carried.

SOLICITOR: No Solicitor/No Report

SUPERVISORS: Supervisor Scott shared that a temporary bridge and a temporary access road are going to be put in on Spring Drive May 15th He will update as the project progresses.

ZONING: No report.

STAFF REPORT: Chairman Bird reported on the following:

1. Treasury Report:
 - General Fund: \$2,041,822.53

- Liquid Fuels: \$1,196,153.78
 - Revenues: \$54,955.42
 - Expenditure: \$137,897.03
- 2 Recycling for February was 3.7 tons. This month's recycling date will be March 20.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marc Bozzacco inquired about the solar decision which is in the hands of our lawyers as the baton is being passed. He shared information about a motion to intervene with the hydroelectric plant and suggested the Supervisors task the Planning Commission to work on a Comprehensive Plan.


Elizabeth Thompson inquired about the data center decision as she is waiting for the decision from the hearing. She also raised the question of property tax increase. Secretary explained how the reassessed value affects individual taxpayers while the overall tax revenue for the township is the same as the prior year.

Jerry Blackwell asked about the gun range court case for which there is no new information.

Bonnie Bozzacco expounded upon the hydroelectric plant asking community members to weigh in online on the FERC website on the issue with regard to the perceived environmental impacts.

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 6:25pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Julie Kelly
Secretary