

November 10, 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, Vice Chairman Wells and Supervisor Scott - present – Quorum declared

In attendance: Donna Urbaniak, Bob Lukasiewicz, Helen Doty, Jerry Blackwell, Lenay Blackwell, Jennifer Wells, Charles Samsock and Chief LaCoe, NRVFC.

Minutes from the October 6, 2025, meeting were read by Secretary – Vice-Chairman Wells made a motion to accept the minutes as read – 2nd by Supervisor Scott– all in favor –motion carried

POLICE REPORT: Taylor Borough officers responded to 87 calls for service. Building checks, welfare checks, dog complaints, 2 accidents, 4 traffic stops among the responses. Of note, Ransom residents are very happy with Taylor police and Taylor Police appreciate the opportunity to serve in Ransom.

FIRE REPORT: The NRVFC responded to 1 Fire/EMS, 1 Fire, 4 EMS. Chief LaCoe shared that ISO score is under review. He is hoping that the steps they have been taking will bring it back down to a 9.

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS: Chairman Bird shared their intentions to review the existing ordinance updating them as needed. He also spoke of the Lackawanna County initiative to educate residents about fraud protection to protect their home from current schemes.

SOLICITOR: Solicitor Conaboy had prepared an amended resolution for the Cascades property tax assessment as the initial figure was off by \$6.23. Vice Chairman Wells made a motion to adopt the amendment, seconded by Supervisor Scott. All in favor – motion carried. The solar and gun range are still in the courts, and it could be a while. There are now 3 county assessment appeals – a homeowner, a corporation and the landfill.

SUPERVISORS: Supervisor Wells congratulated Chairman Bird on his solid win in the recent election. Mrs. Wells provided homemade cupcakes to be enjoyed by all to celebrate the victory. Supervisor Scott shared that the roadwork was done and he is now getting things ready for winter.

ZONING: No report.

STAFF REPORT: Chairman Bird reported on the following:

1. Treasury Report:
 - General Fund: \$2,126,778.38
 - Liquid Fuels: \$1,594,274.08
 - Revenues: \$452,554.89
 - Expenditure: \$433,382.20
- 2 Recycling for October was 5.17 tons. This month's recycling date will be November 21.

Next Planning Commission Meeting will be Monday November 17, 2025 @ 6:30 pm at the Township Building. Next Supervisor's Meeting will be Monday, December 1, 2025 @ 6:00 pm at 2435 Hickory Lane.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Charles Samscock inquired on behalf of a friend who was not at the meeting if there was a way to inform residents of current projects and township undertakings. Mr. Samscock also asked about a PA system for the meeting room to amplify volume, thus making it easier to hear the Supervisors. The landlines are currently down in the Main Street area due to the recent high winds and oppressive weather.

Having no further business, Supervisor Wells motioned to adjourn the meeting and Supervisor Scott seconded it. All in favor – Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Julie Kelly

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "K".

Secretary