

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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**February 4, 2008**

**7:00 P.M.**

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP FIRE HALL**

**MINUTES**

Chairman Michael Prokopchak called the scheduled budget meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Supervisors to order on Monday, February 4, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., in the Franklin Township Fire Hall.

Chairman Prokopchak led the Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisors:	Present:	Michael Prokopchak, Chair Ted Dymond, Vice-Chairman Lance Baseski, Supervisor
	Others:	Richard A. Melvin, Secretary/Treasurer Art Owens, Roadmaster Vito DeLuca, Solicitor Ryan Doughton, Trumbower & Associates Eleven visitors

Motion was made by Mr. Dymond, seconded by Mr. Baseski to waive the reading of the minutes of the January 7, 2008 Reorganization Meeting and the January 7, 2008 Regular Meeting and to accept the minutes as posted. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Melvin gave the Treasurers report for the township. All balances were as of January 31, 2008. Mr. Dymond, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak, made a motion to accept the Treasurers report. The motion carried unanimously.

**MEETING OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.**

There was no public comment on any agenda items.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Melvin read the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company report for January 2008 and the Franklin & Northmoreland Township Ambulance Association report for January 2008.

Letter from Abrahams Creek Watershed Association comprised of several surrounding municipalities asking for our participation in their endeavors. The letter was forwarded to the supervisors for their comment.

Received an invitation from the H&K Group for a seminar and breakfast to be held February 19<sup>th</sup> at the Sweet Valley Fire Company for the purpose of updating local municipalities about road materials.

Letter from Comcast alerting the township about eight new high definition channels now available on their cable television system beginning February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Letter from NEPA Business alliance about programs we could participate in and yearly dues of \$250.00. The supervisors have declined to participate.

Letter from Office of Community Development regarding the requirement to update the income survey for Lewis Road for eligibility to use 2008 OCD funds for improvement to Lewis Road. The Secretary obtained permission from Luzerne County to conduct the survey and has already mailed out survey forms to all township households on Lewis Road. The township was notified by the county that OCD funds for 2008 would be approximately \$100,000, which could change if the county has extra funds in this program.

Solicitor DeLuca gave an update on the recreation grant contract that he is attempting to change for the benefit of the township. DeLuca has been in contact several times with the County Solicitor but has been unable to revise the contract as of this time.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Mr. Prokopchak made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dymond, to pass Resolution 03-2008, authorizing the Secretary/Treasurer to release operating disbursements retro active to January 1, 2008. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Mr. Dymond made a motion seconded by Mr. Prokopchak to pass Resolution 04-2008 fixing the property tax rate for 2008 retroactive to January 1, 2008. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Mr. Dymond made a motion, seconded by Mr. Baseski, to pass Resolution 05-2008 fixing township taxes for 2008 retroactive to January 1, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.
4. Mr. Dymond made a motion, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak to authorize attendance to the PSATS Annual Convention. The township will pay convention expenses for the three Supervisors and the township Secretary/Treasurer. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Mr. Prokopchak made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dymond, to close the PNC State Fund account. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Mr. Dymond made a motion, seconded by Mr. Baseski, to approve a driveway permit at 905 Lockville Road. The motion passed unanimously.
7. Mr. Prokopchak made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dymond, to participate in the Bi-County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Mr. Prokopchak made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dymond, to appoint Trumbower & Associates, as Franklin Township's representative to the Bi-County Hazard Mitigation planning process. The motion passed unanimously
9. Mr. Prokopchak initiated a discussion regarding a property on Coon Road & Eighth St. that was the subject of a fire school training exercise. Art Owen will review with Solicitor DeLuca any necessary additional cleanup of the property that will be required.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Mr. Prokopchak made a motion, seconded by Mr. Baseski. to authorize Trumbower & Associates to prepare a bid package and advertise for bids for the Municipal Building Roof replacement. Mr. Prokopchak informed the meeting the grant program ends on June 30, 2008 and the process must be expedited. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Mr. Dymond made a motion, seconded by Mr. Baseski, to hire EIO Waste Solutions for refuse removal at the Spring Cleanup being held on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at a cost of \$195.00 per pull and \$63.00 per ton. The cost for metal will be \$200.00 per pull and no cost for tonnage. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Mr. Prokopchak made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dymond, to charge residents \$20.00 for their first pickup truck full and \$25.00 for additional pickup truck loads. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Mr. Dymond made a motion, seconded by Mr. Baseski; to charge residents \$5.00 per appliance as long as they are tagged for removal of Freon and any doors are removed. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Discussion of the disposition of the Gradall vehicle perhaps trading it on a skid steer vehicle. The Secretary will inquire about prices.
6. Road Report- Art Owen, Roadmaster discussed upgrading stop signs throughout the township including larger signs where a township road intersects with a state road. All signs must be the new high reflective type. Municipal Road was reviewed by Roadmaster Owen and Ryan Doughton from Trumbower & Associates and they recommended having the road surveyed to determine where utility cables are buried and where rights of way exist.

### **THE MEETING WAS OPENED TO GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **MEETING WAS ADJOURNED @ 7:58 PM**

Respectfully Submitted.  
Richard A. Melvin, Secretary/Treasurer