

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

**June 2, 2008
7:00 P.M.**

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP FIRE HALL

Chairman Michael Prokopchak called the regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Supervisors to order on Monday, June 2, 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
	Absent:	Lance Baseski, Supervisor
	Others:	Richard A. Melvin, Secretary/Treasurer Art Owen, Roadmaster Vito DeLuca, Solicitor Fifteen visitors

Motion was made by Mr. Dymond, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak to waive the reading of the minutes of the May 5, 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 May 31, 2008, and totaled \$214,390.45. 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

Correspondence from Solicitor DeLuca regarding Orchard Hill zoning ordinance amendment.
Correspondence from Solicitor DeLuca regarding emergency vehicle access on Melody Lane.
Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company May 2008 report was submitted by Maureen Oremus. Highlights included Assistant Chief Maureen Oremus being awarded the rank of Firefighter 1 and ambulance crew chief Richard Bartholomew being nominated for EMS Provider of the Year by Geisinger Wyoming Valley.
Richard Bartholomew from the Franklin/Northmoreland Township Ambulance Association submitted their May 2008 report.

Received a letter from the Luzerne County Department of Public Safety regarding an EMA public assistance seminar for county and municipal applicants attempting to apply for disaster assistance in the future.

Received a letter from Luzerne County Boroughs and Townships Association for a June 26 meeting. Topic of discussion is drinking water.

An invitation was received from the Wyoming County Commissioners to attend an open house for the new Wyoming County Emergency Operations Center.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Storm Water Runoff at Coon & Sickler Roads – Solicitor DeLuca has not heard from Mrs. Nemeck or Attorney Higgs on the matter.
2. Municipal Building roof/gutter repairs are scheduled to begin on Tuesday June 3 and should take approximately three days. A representative of Sobeck Roof Consulting will be on site to oversee the project.
3. Mr. Melvin updated the supervisors on the status of the OCD Grant from Luzerne County. Supervisors must decide on which roads to survey since all previous roads surveyed are ineligible. Mr. Melvin will attempt to survey Brace Road, Lower Lockville Road and Flatrock Road.
4. Solicitors DeLuca, Dingle and Terrana spoke about the benefits and procedures necessary to amend the wording of the ordinance to accommodate the activities at Camp Orchard Hill as permitted uses under the current ordinance. The Planning commission is concerned about how changing the text of the ordinance would affect other private landowners in the township and the activities that would be permitted for all landowners that could affect the safety and welfare of township residents. The solicitors were going to meet further to discuss proper wording in the ordinance to facilitate the request from Camp Orchard Hill.
5. Solicitor DeLuca commented on the progress with dealing with Ms. Faulls concerning the blocking of Melody Lane for emergency vehicles. Ms. Faulls currently has new legal representation so he is waiting to hear from him.
6. Status of County Recreation Grant. Solicitor DeLuca has received the contract that Mr. Prokopchak has signed. It will be delivered to the County the next day for processing and to get the money released. The amount is for \$25,000.00. Mr. Prokopchak recommended that the Recreation Board hold a public hearing to seek public comment as to how the money should be utilized.
7. Mr. Prokopchak solicited comments from members of the fire company and the ambulance association as well as other citizens regarding amending the burning ordinance in the township. No action will be taken due to Mr. Baseski's absence from the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion was made by Mr. Dymond, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak to advertise for bids to improve storm water runoff on Valley View Road. The motion carried unanimously.
2. Mr. Prokopchak made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dymond, to send a \$50.00 donation to the Back Mountain Memorial Library. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Art Owen gave the Road Report. Patched damaged softball field, commented that paved roads in the township were deteriorating and need to be serviced, Ridge Road was graded and must be brush cut soon to the Exeter Township border or the road would be impassable, also has much trash being thrown on the road. Has been applying dust control on roads when conditions are optimal. Will need to add the new portion of Race Road to the liquid fuels eligible list.
4. A motion to renew the contract with Berkheimer & Associates for collection of Earned Income Tax, Local Services Tax, and Per Capita tax was tabled until next month when it is expected the township will have a formal written contract available to review before signing.

OPEN THE MEETING TO GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Zoning Officer Owen commented about the recent property reassessments being affected by the zoning district in which they are situated and that many mistakes have been made throughout the township by the inspectors sent out by the appraisal company.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:01 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted.

Richard A. Melvin, Secretary/Treasurer