

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES**

**September 4, 2025  
6:00 P.M.  
CAMP ORCHARD HILL**

Vice Chairman Pitcavage called the Regular Meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Supervisors to order on Thursday, August 1, 2024.

Supervisors: Present: Rick Pitcavage Vice Chairman  
Art Owen Jr., Chairman  
Bill Hodakowski, Supervisor

Others: Richard A. Melvin, Secretary/Treasurer  
Vito DeLuca, Solicitor  
Nine attendees

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

There were no public comments.

Motion was made by Mr. Owen, seconded by Pitcavage to waive the reading of the minutes of the July 3, 2025 Regular Meeting and to accept the minutes as posted. The motion carried unanimously.

**THERE WAS NO AUGUST 2025 REGULAR MEETING DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM.**

Mr. Melvin gave the Treasurers report reciting the combined balances for all funds as of July 31, 2025 totaling \$916,596.59. Mr. Owen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pitcavage to approve the July 2025 Treasurers report, to approve payment of expenses totaling \$51,253.40 and to approve payroll and payroll taxes in the amount of \$17,794.06. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Melvin gave the Treasurers report reciting the combined balances for all funds as of August 31, 2025 totaling \$924,127.57. Mr. Owen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pitcavage to approve the August 2025 Treasurers report, to approve payment of expenses totaling \$58,289.86 and to approve payroll and payroll taxes in the amount of \$15,479.47. The motion passed unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Northmoreland Volunteer Fire submitted their August report which was read by Mr. Melvin.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Motion was made by Mr. Pitcavage, seconded by Mr. Hodakowski to ratify payment of \$10,320.00 to B&J Paving Contractors LLC for repairs to Abbey Lane. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Motion was made by Mr. Pitcavage, seconded by Mr. Hodakowski to ratify payment of \$9,580.00 to B&J Paving Contractors LLC for repair work on Coon Road swale. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Motion was made by Mr. Pitcavage, seconded by Mr. Hodakowski to ratify payment of \$5,280.00 to B&J Paving Contractors LLC for roadway repair on Coon Road. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Motion was made by Mr. Owen, seconded by Pitcavage to adopt a Cooperation Agreement between member municipalities of the Back Mountain Community Partnership for 2024 LSA Equipment Grant. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Motion was made by Mr. Owen, seconded by Pitcavage to ratify the intergovernmental cooperation agreement for the renting of tar and chip equipment among six municipalities in the Back Mountain. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Motion was made by Mr. Owen, seconded by Pitcavage to approve payment in the amount of \$167,475.65 to Asphalt Maintenance Solutions LLC for oil, equipment and labor for township road chip sealing. The motion passed unanimously.
7. Motion was made by Mr. Owen, seconded by Pitcavage to approve payment in the amount of \$26,244.15 to American Asphalt for stone applied during chip seal project. The motion passed unanimously.
8. Motion was made by Mr. Owen, seconded by Pitcavage to approve Resolution #08-2025 Luzerne County 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan update. The motion passed unanimously.
9. Motion was made by Mr. Owen, seconded by Pitcavage to approve Resolution #09-2025 BMCP Grant application for Volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance Services Equipment Project. The motion passed unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business presented or discussed.

## **PUBLIC GENERAL COMMENTS**

Marty Murray, Crown Drive asked about getting lines painted on recently chipped roads, status of new truck purchase and Ag Security progress.

Pat Perry, Ransom Road, inquired about the remaining issues on the rerouting of Flatrock Road.

Christian Hilstolsky, Coon Road, informed about chickens wandering onto the public roadway at Coon and Sickler Roads.

Jessica Miller, Lockville Road asked about stone being placed on the shoulder of the road by the road department.

## **THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:28 P.M.**

Richard A. Melvin, Secretary/Treasurer