

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

**April 5, 2010
7:00 P.M.**

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP FIRE HALL

Chairman Dymond called the regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Supervisors to order on Monday, April 5, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., in the Franklin Township Fire Hall.

Chairman Dymond led the Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisors:	Present:	Ted Dymond, Chairman Michael Prokopchak, Vice-Chairman William Miller, Supervisor
	Others:	Art Owen, Roadmaster Richard A. Melvin, Secretary/Treasurer Vito DeLuca, Solicitor Ryan Doughton, Engineer Six visitors

Motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak to waive the reading of the minutes of the March 1, 2010 regular meeting and to accept the minutes as posted. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Melvin gave the Treasurers report reciting the combined balances for all funds as of March 31, 2010 totaled \$145,854.73. Mr. Prokopchak made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the March 2010 Treasurers report, to approve payment of bills totaling \$48,155.67 and to approve payrolls and payroll taxes in the amount of \$11,933.59. The motion passed unanimously.

MEETING OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Melvin recited the March monthly report for the Franklin & Northmoreland Township Ambulance Association and the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Co. A letter was received from Jackson Township looking for support regarding the decision by the State Correctional Institute at Chase to close their guard towers. A letter was received from Gerald Siperko, 17 Oak Lane, informing of his resignation from the Planning Commission. A letter was received from their Luzerne County Planning Commission regarding the Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan meetings. A motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the resignation of Mr. Siperko from the Planning Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Roadmaster Owen gave his monthly report. Roads had been swept; however a recent snow accumulation required spreading of more anti-skid and must be redone. Work will begin on the dirt roads as a roller was rented from Medico Industries. Dust control materials are on order and expected to be delivered soon. Mr. Owen requested a letter sent to the property owner where a tree encroaching on Flatrock Road must be removed. Mr. Melvin will send a certified letter informing the property owner of the impending tree removal and requesting his response if the homeowner wishes to keep the cut wood. Motion was made by Mr. Dymond, seconded by Mr. Miller to remove the tree and send the property owner the required letter. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Owen supplied a list of paved road in the township and how long it had been since each was last paved. Supervisors are concerned since they don't know when they will be able to afford to resurface any of these roads.
2. Engineer Doughton spoke about the FEMA Flood Map program requirements that the township must complete over the next several months. He also spoke about Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan being drawn up by Luzerne County that will have to be adopted by Franklin Township which concerns development near township streams and creeks that may be subject to flooding.
3. Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Dymond to reimburse township officials for PSATS Convention expenses. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Motion made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve a Driveway Permit on Municipal Road for a residence being built by Joe Costello. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Motion was made by Mr. Dymond, seconded by Mr. Miller, to appoint Sandra Race, 118 Race Road, as a member of the Planning Commission. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Motion made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mr. Dymond to ratify an agreement with L.A.G. Auction Services, signed March 8, 2010 to sell the Township's Ford F550 truck at an upcoming auction. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

7. Mr. Prokopchak walked the site with 2 employees from DEP and the property owner. Several cars were removed. No building materials or rubbish has been removed yet. The property owner was encouraged to continue with cleanup. DEP will review again in 30 days and if not satisfied, they will proceed with enforcement.
8. Mr. Melvin stated the Comprehensive Planning questionnaire was mailed out to approximately 700 property owners of the township. In addition, the survey is available at the township website and may be submitted electronically, mailed to Carson Helfrich or dropped off at the municipal building. Responses will be accepted until May 31st. The information may be used as a basis for formulating provisions of the Comprehensive Plan over the next 12 months.
9. Mr. Melvin gave an update on the purchase of the new dump truck. The chassis has been paid in full at Hondru Ford. The chassis has been sent to Lancaster Truck Bodies for further upfitting and is expected to be finished and delivered by the end of the month.

OPEN THE MEETING TO PUBLIC GENERAL COMMENTS

There was no public comment

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:32 P.M.

Richard A. Melvin, Secretary/Treasurer