

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES**

**March 1, 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, March 1, 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 Five visitors

Motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mr. Miller to waive the reading of the minutes of the February 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 February 28, 2010 totaled \$77,070.74. Mr. Prokopchak made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the February 2010 Treasurers report and to pay all the bills due. 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**

Franklin Township Planning Commission submitted their 2009 annual report listing Minor Land Developments, Minor subdivisions, and Major Subdivisions approved. They are not recommending any ordinances at this time. Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company monthly report was given and included announcements for the Ladies Auxiliary Roast Beef Dinner to be held on March 20<sup>th</sup>, and the Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Party to be held March 28<sup>th</sup>. Franklin/Northmoreland Township Ambulance Association monthly report was submitted and read by Mr. Melvin. Letter received from Penn State about an upcoming Marcellus Shale seminar on March 18<sup>th</sup>. A letter was received from NEPA about the benefits of becoming a member. A letter was received from the Luzerne County Planning Commission about adopting the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mr. Prokopchak questioned Mr. Hilstolsky about whether planning commission members were regularly attending meetings, especially in light of the upcoming Comprehensive Plan review process.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Roadmaster Owen gave his monthly report. Several snow and freezing rain storms have used a large quantity of salt and antiskid. He must order another load of salt but has sufficient amount of antiskid stockpiled. There is much frost heaving on township dirt roads. Crew has spent time opening up storm drains in anticipation of any winter thaw. Mr. Owen also contacted Stell Enterprises for a quote for storm water improvements at the intersection of Lake Louise Road and Jake Moore Road.
2. Motion made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mr. Dymond to adopt Resolution # 06-2010 Bi-County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Motion made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mr. Miller to accept a quote on a 5 year loan from Pennstar Bank at a rate of 2.99% to borrow \$46,000.00 for the purchase of a 2010 Ford F 550 dump truck. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Motion made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mr. Dymond, to adopt Resolution #07-2010 \$46,000.00 General Obligation Note. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Motion was made by Mr. Dymond, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak, to appoint John Smith, 514 Orange Road, as an Alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Mr. Melvin spoke about questions the Supervisors may or may not want to appear on a survey being mailed to township residents as input for developing the Franklin Township Comprehensive Plan. The survey will also be available at the township office or may be completed online through a link on the township website. Mr. Prokopchak contacted College Misericordia to print, collate, fold, stuff, address, and mail approximately 800 pieces to all addresses of record in Franklin Township at a substantial cost savings. The mailing will also include the Spring Cleanup notice.
7. Motion was made by Mr. Dymond, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak to switch long distance telephone service from Excel LD to our current local carrier Frontier Communications. The motion passed unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

8. Mr. Melvin sent a certified letter to a property owner on Cummings Road to strongly encourage compliance with the Nuisance Ordinance. No progress has been observed. Mr. Melvin will send another certified letter along with a regular first class letter to encourage compliance with the ordinance or face penalties from the township.
9. The Luzerne County Capital Grant for the Recreational Facilities Master Plan has been extended six months by Luzerne County to September 18, 2010. The vendor under contract has been notified and assured the work will be complete by that date.

## **OPEN THE MEETING TO PUBLIC GENERAL COMMENTS**

There was no public comment

## **THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:35 P.M.**

Richard A. Melvin, Secretary/Treasurer