

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

**September 1, 2009
7:00 P.M.**

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP FIRE HALL

Chairman Ted Dymond called the regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Supervisors to order on Monday, September 1, 2009 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
	Absent:	Lance Baseski, Supervisor Vito DeLuca, Solicitor
	Others:	Richard A. Melvin, Secretary/Treasurer Art Owen, Roadmaster Engineer, Ryan Doughton Five visitors

Motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mr. Dymond to waive the reading of the minutes of the August 3, 2009 regular meeting and to accept the minutes as posted. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Melvin gave the August Treasurers report reciting the combined balances for all funds as of August 31, 2009 totaled \$204,400.32, August 2009 payrolls totaled \$10,595.89 and August 2009 expenses including payroll taxes totaled \$21,832.49. Mr. Prokopchak made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dymond to approve the August 2009 Treasurers report. The motion passed 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 gave the August 2009 report for the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company and the Franklin/Northmoreland Township Ambulance report for the month of August 2009. Pa Auditor General sent the results of an audit of the Fireman's Relief Association from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2007. A letter from the Solid Waste Management of Luzerne county informing of the annual tire recycling events taking place in October.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mr. Owen gave his monthly report, speaking about finishing the mowing along township roads using the recently purchased tractor with flail mower. Mr. Owen asked about the salt contract because he will be ordering salt very soon. Vegetation at Sutton Creek and Eighth Sts. has become a dangerous visibility problem. Mr. Owen and Mr. Melvin called Penn DOT. Mr. Prokopchak will call Senator Baker's office to register a complaint.
2. A motion was made by Mr. Dymond, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak, to schedule and advertise a 2010 budget work session for October 28, 2009 at 12:00 PM at the Municipal Building. The motion passed unanimously.
3. A motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mr. Dymond to advertise a Request For Proposal for a Recreation Master Plan. The motion passed unanimously.
4. A motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mr. Dymond, to advertise a Request For Proposal for developing a Comprehensive Plan and to update the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance and the Zoning Ordinance. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Mr. Owen spoke about the tree on Coon Road that was removed an additional tree on Farmview Drive that must be removed.
2. A motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mr. Dymond to approve Resolution # 09-2009 to accept the Deed of Dedication for Pine Drive in the Tall Pines Subdivision. The motion passed unanimously.
3. The construction of the cell tower has begun. Crews started digging for the foundation, setting rebar and preparing to pour concrete.
4. The paving project at Brace and Lockville Roads was completed. The final payment has not been certified. Mr. Prokopchak suggested that this issue should be tabled until the next regular meeting. Mr. Dymond agreed and the issue was tabled.
5. A motion was made by Mr. Dymond, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak, to approve a Sewage Planning Module for the Ambrose Subdivision. The module was approved at the Planning Commission meeting held August 31, 2009, and will be forwarded to the Department of Environmental Protection in Wilkes-Barre for their approval. The motion passed unanimously.

OPEN THE MEETING TO PUBLIC GENERAL COMMENTS

Harry Schweppenheiser, Fire Chief, asked for permission to send an engine to the Luzerne County Fair on September 12, 2009 from 12:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. Permission was granted by the present supervisors.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:25 P.M.

Richard A. Melvin, Secretary/Treasurer