

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

**April 4, 2011
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 4, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., in the Franklin Township Fire Hall.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Dymond to waive the reading of the minutes of the March 7, 2011 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, 2011 totaled \$156,412.14. Mr. Prokopchak made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the March 2011 Treasurers report, to approve payment of bills totaling \$10,294.47 and to approve payrolls and payroll taxes in the amount of \$ 10,422.32. The motion passed unanimously.

MEETING OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

There was no comment on agenda items.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Melvin recited the March 2011 monthly report for the Franklin & Northmoreland Township Ambulance Association. Franklin Township received notice that it was granted an additional three years of eligibility in the Federal Surplus Property Program. A notice was received informing of upcoming seminars to explain the results of the recent census and how municipalities can use the information in their future planning.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mr. Owen was absent from the meeting due to current weather conditions. There was no monthly report for the Road Department.
2. A motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mr. Miller to execute a Request for Payment in the amount of \$1,356.10 to the Luzerne County Office of Community Development regarding approved project costs for the Comprehensive Plan. The motion passed unanimously

3. A motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mr. Dymond to authorize execution of a Regional Impact Notice Agreement. The purpose of this agreement is to notify members of the Back Mountain Community Partnership of zoning and planning submissions and proposals that may have a regional impact. The motion passed unanimously.
4. A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak to accept a quote for 2-two way radios intended to be installed in the backhoe and the grader. The quote was from Industrial Electronics in the amount of \$1,365.14 and includes installation. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

5. Spring Cleanup will be held at the Municipal Building, Friday May 6, from 9:00A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and Saturday May 7, from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
6. Nuisance properties – Lake Louise property, haven't received any information from the constable, so it is assumed the owner has not been tracked down yet. Cummings Road property is being cleaned out currently. The Zoning Officer spoke to the individuals cleaning the property. They have put a bid in to Chase Mortgage to clean the remaining rubbish on the exterior of the property but have not yet been given the order to proceed. A hearing is scheduled for Friday April 10, at Magistrate Tupper's office concerning the subdivision violation on Melody Lane.
7. Secretary Melvin sent edit recommendations to Carson Helfrich on the Comprehensive Plan after which Mr. Helfrich will distribute the draft plan to the county planning commission, the school district and surrounding municipalities for their review and comment.

OPEN THE MEETING TO PUBLIC GENERAL COMMENTS

Kenneth Edwards, 229 Hill Drive, commented about a severe water problem occurring on his and adjoining property. He claims storm water is running from Crown Drive because of lack of drainage facilities on Crown Drive. He asked to have a drainage ditch dug on an alleged easement that travels along his rear property line. The Supervisors will refer the issue to the Zoning Officer and to the township engineer.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:15 P.M.

Richard A. Melvin, Secretary/Treasurer