

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

**August 3, 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, August 3, 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
	Others:	Richard A. Melvin, Secretary/Treasurer Art Owen, Roadmaster Ryan Doughton, Engineer Vito DeLuca, Solicitor
	Absent:	Lance Baseski, Supervisor Seven visitors

Motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mr. Dymond to waive the reading of the minutes of the July 6, 2009 regular meeting and to accept the minutes as posted. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Melvin gave the July Treasurers report reciting the combined balances for all funds as of July 31, 2009 totaled \$222,799.69, July 2009 payrolls totaled \$7,560.50 and July 2009 expenses including payroll taxes totaled \$11,822.06. Mr. Prokopchak made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dymond to approve the July 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 July 2009 report for the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company and the Franklin/Northmoreland Township Ambulance report for the month of July 2009. Franklin/Northmoreland Township Ambulance 535 is requesting permission to provide emergency ambulance coverage at the Wyoming County Fair August 26, 2009 and the Luzerne County Fair September 6 so that any crew member providing assistance will be covered under the township's Workman's Compensation Insurance. A letter received from PSATS about the current state budget impasse. A letter received complaining about the use of propane cannons used by area farms for bird control.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mr. Owen gave his monthly spoke about road repairs being done due to heavy rains recently. Wysocki residence from Parrish Lane received an additional two weeks from the magistrate to remove abandoned vehicles and clean up his property. Mr. Owen also spoke about junk vehicles, excessive radio noise and large amounts of odiferous mulch accumulating on a property adjacent to the Danishanko property on Lewis Road. After receiving quotes from 3 vendors with similar machines, Mr. Owen recommended purchase of a used tractor with a side flail mower from Penn Hazle.
2. A motion was made by Mr. Dymond, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak, to purchase a used Ford tractor with a side flail mower from Penn Hazle at a price of \$9,500.00. Mr. Owen was also directed to get a 30 warranty from Penn Hazle before agreeing to purchase and take delivery. The motion passed unanimously.
3. A motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mr. Dymond to approve and execute a sewage planning module for the Eshelman Minor Subdivision on Bodle Road. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Resident at 2217 West Eighth Street wished to have a "hidden driveway" sign place near the residence. Since Eighth Street is a state road, and required a state driveway permit before construction, the supervisors recommended the homeowner contact PennDOT to inquire about placing such a sign.
5. A motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mr. Dymond, to approve Resolution 08-2009 appointing delegates to the Luzerne County Tax Collection Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

1. A motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mr. Dymond to appoint Mr. Dymond as the second alternate to the Back Mountain Community Partnership. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Mr. Owen spoke about the tree on Coon Road pending removal as soon as the appointed company could free up some time by the end of next week.
3. Proposed deed of dedication for the Tall Pines Subdivision was reviewed and approved by Ryan Doughton from Trumbower and Associates, Solicitor DeLuca, and Attorney McNealis on behalf of the Tall Pines Homeowners Association. Solicitor DeLuca recommended acceptance of the deed of dedication. Mr. Bullock will assume the costs of recording the deed. All expenses for review have been paid by Mr. Bullock. Mr. Dymond made a motion, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak to accept the deed of dedication. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Melvin will contact Chris Goetz of PennDOT to have Pine Drive measured as soon as possible for inclusion it in the calculation for the 2010 liquid fuels grant.
4. Mr. Melvin spoke about the RFP's to update the zoning ordinance and SALDO and for development of a comprehensive plan. Since only two RFP's were received, Mr. Melvin will be meeting with several engineering firms at the county supervisor's annual meeting to solicit additional interest in these proposals. This will give the supervisors a larger pool of interested firms to negotiate with for these projects.

5. All cell tower zoning and building permits have been issued. Construction of the tower could begin as early as August 24.
6. The status of the paving project at Brace and Lockville Roads was discussed. The contract called for penalties in the amount of one thousand dollars per day if all work was not completed prior to August 17, 2009. Roadmaster Owen had no indication of when the project might begin.

OPEN THE MEETING TO PUBLIC GENERAL COMMENTS

There were no public general comments.

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

Richard A. Melvin, Secretary/Treasurer