

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

**August 1, 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, August 1, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., in the Franklin Township Fire Hall.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mr. Miller to waive the reading of the minutes of the July 5, 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 July 31, 2011 totaled \$222,858.97. Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak to approve the July 2011 Treasurers report, to approve payment of bills totaling \$16,570.81 and to approve payrolls and payroll taxes in the amount of \$ 10,838.04. 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 July 2011 monthly report for the Franklin & Northmoreland Township Ambulance Association and asking permission to provide emergency medical ambulance service at the Wyoming County Fair on August 31 and the Luzerne County Fair on September 10. Mr. Dymond made a motion, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak to approve the request. The motion passed unanimously.

The Franklin Township Planning Commission sent a letter requesting the Supervisors allow the current provision of a 2.5 acre minimum lot size in an agricultural zone to remain unchanged in the zoning ordinance currently being updated.

The Luzerne Conservation District sent a letter of reminder to municipalities concerning roadside drainage and swale construction and maintenance.

North Branch Land Trust sent an invitation to attend a regional assembly to discuss issues regarding the allocation of State and Federal transportation and infrastructure dollars.

Mr. Dymond acknowledged and commended the Ambulance Association on responding to over 280 calls over the last 12 month period.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Art Owen Sr. reported that patching/paving of various roads has been completed. Traffic signs have been stolen again at several place in the township and must be replace

OLD BUSINESS

2. Nuisance properties – Cummings Road property owners have appealed their guilty verdict and a hearing has been set for Luzerne County Courthouse on August 24th. The solicitor believes the owner will not have the resources to clean the property no matter what the verdict is at the hearing. The Melody subdivision violation must follow the proper process. An enforcement order must be issued by the zoning officer. Demunds Road property has been turned over to the bank holding the mortgage. The zoning officer inspected the property and reported there is no maintenance being done on the property. Bodle/Perry Road property was taken down but has not been cleaned up. Zoning Officer will contact to continue to clean up all debris currently piled there. Kester property hearing is scheduled for August 15. Supervisors would like the roof repaired, the building secured and the grounds cleaned.

OPEN THE MEETING TO PUBLIC GENERAL COMMENTS

Maureen Oremus, 406 Bodle Road – property at 408 Bodle Road is in state of disrepair, with garbage about the property and no maintenance being done. Property at Bodle/Perry Road has been knocked down but the debris has not been removed creating a hazard and eyesore for surrounding residents.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:24 P.M.

Richard A. Melvin, Secretary/Treasurer