

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

**December 5, 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, December 5, 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
	Others:	Fifteen visitors

Motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak to waive the reading of the minutes of the November 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 November 30, 2011 totaled \$214,841.66. Mr. Prokopchak made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dymond to approve the November 2011 Treasurers report, to approve payment of expenses totaling \$22,119.91 and to approve payrolls and payroll taxes in the amount of \$ 8,752.14. 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 November 2011 monthly report for the Franklin & Northmoreland Township Ambulance Association and the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company. A letter of thanks was received from the Back Mountain Memorial Library Association thanking the Supervisors for their recent donation.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Art Owen Sr. reported the Ford dump truck has recently been inspected. FEMA paperwork for Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee damages has been completed and submitted. Mr. Owen received permission to enter onto property adjacent to 373 Municipal Road to remove debris from Sutton Creek that washed into the field and clean the ditches. The township will submit the necessary paperwork to FEMA for reimbursement of this work. Two projects on Lewis Road are not yet completed. Mr. Owen is seeking quotes for tree removal required to complete drainage work in 2012. The costs for the tree removal as well as the drainage work will be submitted to FEMA for reimbursement.

The township has accumulated scrap tires that are very difficult to dispose of. Mr. Miller will find a proper disposal site for these tires.

2. A motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mr. Dymond to approve the best quote for tree removal on Lewis Road and to authorize the cleanup of debris on the property adjacent to 373 Municipal Road as part of a drainage issue at that location. The motion passed unanimously.
3. A motion was made by Mr. Dymond, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak to approve a tentative budget for 2012 in the amount of \$288,625.00. The budget includes a Zoning Officer salary of \$3,500.00 plus twenty percent of the zoning application fees collected and \$500.00 across the board increases for two fulltime employees and one part time employee. The motion passed unanimously.
4. A motion was made by Mr. Dymond, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak to advertise a Special Meeting for December 27, 2011 for final 2012 budget approval. The motion passed unanimously.
5. A motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mr. Dymond to advertise the annual reorganization meeting and to approve and advertise the 2012 regular monthly meeting schedule of the Franklin Township Board of Supervisors and Franklin Township Planning Commission. The motion passed unanimously.
6. A motion was made by Mr. Dymond, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak to advertise the annual reorganization meeting of the Franklin Township Auditors. The motion passed unanimously.
7. A motion was made by Mr. Dymond, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak to designate Trumbower & Associates as Agent for FEMA/PEMA submissions due to Tropical Storm Lee. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

8. Nuisance properties – A hearing was scheduled on December 12 2011 at 9:30 A.M. for the Melody Lane subdivision violation.

OPEN THE MEETING TO PUBLIC GENERAL COMMENTS

Zoning Officer Owen asked that written complaints be submitted before the township pursues any complaints under the nuisance ordinance.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:20 P.M.

Richard A. Melvin, Secretary/Treasurer