

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES**

**February 7, 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, February 7, 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
	Others:	Art Owen Jr., Roadmaster Vito DeLuca, Solicitor Eight visitors

Motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak to waive the reading of the minutes of the January 3, 2011 Reorganization Meeting and the January 3, 2011 Special 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 January 31, 2011 totaled \$129,900.49. Mr. Prokopchak made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the January 2011 Treasurers report, to approve payment of bills totaling \$17,192.63 and to approve payrolls and payroll taxes in the amount of \$ 13,616.78. 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 January 2011 monthly report for the Franklin & Northmoreland Township Ambulance Association. A letter was received from the Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority updating us on the FEMA Map Modernization Program. Franklin Township will update their ordinance and maps once final determination has been made by the County. Penn State is sponsoring a course in Community Planning with a Natural Gas Development exercise, designed for township officials.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Mr. Owen reported about the current winter conditions of snow and ice buildup which has blocked drains and has caused much heaving in townships roads. Spring Cleanup has been scheduled for Friday, May 6, 2011 and Saturday May 7, 2011.
2. A motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mr. Dymond to accept EIO Waste Solutions quote as the trash haulers for the 2011 Spring Cleanup. The motion passed unanimously.

3. A motion was made by Mr. Dymond, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak to acknowledge the change of Assignment of the BLS/ALS Agreement for Franklin Township. This assignment changes the company responsible for ambulance service in the township. The motion passed unanimously.
4. A motion was made by Mr. Dymond, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak to validate a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Back Mountain Volunteer Fireman's Association. The motion passed unanimously.
5. A motion was made by Mr. Dymond, seconded by Mr. Miller to authorize the attendance by Frank Hilstolsky and Pat Perry, members of the Planning Commission, to attend a Zoning Administration Seminar at a cost of \$95.00 per person. The motion passed unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

6. Nuisance properties – Lake Louise property, the owner moved and the citation has to be resent once the owner's new address has been determined. Cummings Road, there is a warrant issued for the property owner. In addition, a hearing is scheduled on a Petition to Enforce for February 22 at 9:30 A.M. in the County Courthouse. Melody Lane subdivision violation, a warrant has been issued and a Constable will deliver it.
7. Mr. Melvin had a copy of the draft Comprehensive Plan printed to pass around to the township supervisors for their comments before we enter into a 45 day public comment period.
8. Supervisors asked Solicitor DeLuca to review the Stormwater Management Ordinance with engineer representative Ryan Doughton. This ordinance must be passed at the March regular supervisors meeting.
9. Mr. Melvin asked the supervisors to meet Carson Helfrich to begin discussing updating the current Zoning Ordinance. The meeting was scheduled for 10:00 A.M., February 23, at the township municipal building.
10. Mr. Melvin asked if the supervisors would like a free review of the township electric bill to determine if any savings could be obtained. The supervisors agreed to allow this.

### **OPEN THE MEETING TO PUBLIC GENERAL COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the public.

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

Richard A. Melvin, Secretary/Treasurer