

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

**July 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, June 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., in the Franklin Township Fire Hall.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mr. Dymond to waive the reading of the minutes of the June 6, 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 June 30, 2011 totaled \$231,273.68. Mr. Dymond made a motion, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak to approve the June 2011 Treasurers report, to approve payment of bills totaling \$18,671.29 and to approve payrolls and payroll taxes in the amount of \$ 9,206.27. 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 June 2011 monthly report for the Franklin & Northmoreland Township Ambulance Association. A letter was received from the Luzerne County Planning Commission having reviewed a draft of our Comprehensive Plan and making no comment.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Art Owen Jr. reported saw cutting and blacktop patching of township roads would be the main focus over the next 2 weeks. Roads to be cut and patched include Brace, Lockville and Valley View Roads.
2. A motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mr. Dymond to pass Resolution #06-2011 – change of General Fund Checking depository. The motion passed unanimously.
3. A motion was made by Mr. Dymond, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak to pass Resolution #07-2011 – Comprehensive Plan Adoption. The motion passed unanimously.

4. A motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mr. Dymond to approve a driveway application located at 579 Valley View Road. The application was reviewed favorably by the Roadmaster. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

5. Nuisance properties – Cummings Road property owners were found guilty at the June 30th hearing and have 30 days to appeal the verdict. The Melody subdivision violation must follow the proper process. An enforcement order must be issued by the zoning officer. Received a complaint regarding the property at 856 Demunds Road as a nuisance due to its unkempt condition. The zoning officer will investigate.

OPEN THE MEETING TO PUBLIC GENERAL COMMENTS

Kenneth Edwards, 229 Hill Drive, updated the Board on the storm water drainage issue on his and an adjoining property. He submitted a drawing of proposed work to be done to alleviate flooding and ponding on his property and an adjoining property. The township engineer will review the drawing.

Frank Taylor, an employee of the Nesbitt family inquired about Old Griffen Road (Nature's Way). A gate has been installed on Nesbitt land to discourage trespassing and garbage dumping. Dallas Township has vacated their portion of this right of way. Mr. Taylor asked if Franklin Township intended to vacate their portion or should the gate be removed from the Franklin Township right of way.

Art Owen Sr. recommended calling Northmoreland Township regarding signage for Nature's Way and a "dead end" sign.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:30 P.M.

Richard A. Melvin, Secretary/Treasurer