

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES**

**June 6, 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 William Miller, Supervisor Richard A. Melvin, Secretary/Treasurer
	Absent:	Vito DeLuca, Solicitor
	Others:	Art Owen Jr., Roadmaster Twelve visitors

Motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mr. Miller to waive the reading of the minutes of the May 2, 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 May 31, 2011 totaled \$242,508.11. Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak to approve the May 2011 Treasurers report, to approve payment of bills totaling \$19,902.42 and to approve payrolls and payroll taxes in the amount of \$ 14,172.78. 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 April 2011 monthly report for the Franklin & Northmoreland Township Ambulance Association. A letter was received from the Monroe Township Supervisors having reviewed a draft of our Comprehensive Plan and commenting favorably.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Art Owen Jr. reported patching and grading of roads and spreading of calcium in needed areas. Mowing along township roads was begun to increase visibility.
2. A creek pipe replacement on Lewis Road was discussed. The pipe is collapsing causing a hazardous roadway condition in that area. The township engineer will be notified for advice before proceeding.
3. A motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mr. Dymond to execute a Request for Payment in the amount of \$2,948.70 to the Luzerne County Office of Community Development regarding approved project costs for the Comprehensive Plan and updated Zoning Ordinance. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Mr. Melvin asked the Board to consider changing the depository for the Township's General Fund checking account from PNC Bank to Landmark Community Bank. Mr. Melvin noted the current interest rate credited to township funds would increase by approximately 300 % and also explained Landmark's community oriented philosophy and local decision making could serve the township well in the future. A motion was made by Mr. Dymond, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak to appoint Landmark Community Bank as the township depository for the General Fund checking account. All other accounts will remain the same at the present time.
5. A motion was made by Mr. Dymond, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak to advertise for a public hearing prior to the June 27, 2011 Planning Commission meeting and prior to the July 5, 2011 Board of Supervisors meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

6. Nuisance properties – Cummings Road property owners have 45 days to remove debris and another hearing is scheduled for June 30<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 to access any progress. The Melody subdivision violation must be researched further to determine the proper course of action since Magistrate Tupper claimed that the matter was not under his jurisdiction to make a ruling.

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

Jennifer Hilstolsky asked if PennDOT could be notified to cut high grass impeding visibility at the intersection of Eighth Street and Ransom/Sutton Creek Roads. Joe Yonchik, Coon Road, informed the board of his intentions to build a roof extension and will obtain the required permits. Kenneth Edwards, Hill Drive, updated the Board on the storm water drainage issue on his and an adjoining property. He proposed to dig a ditch on his property and the neighboring property and sought permission to allow this new ditch to drain into an existing Right of Way drainage located on a neighboring property.

### **THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:45 P.M.**

Richard A. Melvin, Secretary/Treasurer