

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

**March 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, March 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
	Absent:	Art Owen Jr., Roadmaster Vito DeLuca, Solicitor
	Others:	Four visitors

Motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mr. Miller to waive the reading of the minutes of the February 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 February 28, 2011 totaled \$130,068.13. Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak to approve the February 2011 Treasurers report, to approve payment of bills totaling \$7,564.65 and to approve payrolls and payroll taxes in the amount of \$ 10,992.60. 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 February 2011 monthly report for the Franklin & Northmoreland Township Ambulance Association.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mr. Owen was absent from the meeting due to current weather conditions. There was no monthly report for the Road Department.
2. A motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve Ordinance 2011-001 – Stormwater Management Ordinance, and to accept and authorize the Luzerne County Act 167 Phase 2 Stormwater Management Plan. The motion passed unanimously.

3. A motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mr. Dymond to authorize and pay the 2011 dues for the Back Mountain Community Partnership in the amount of \$300.00. The motion passed unanimously.
4. National Incident Management System (NIMS) training will occur at 8:30 AM on March 29, 2011 at the Kingston Township Municipal Building. This training is required for all township employees.
5. Fire Chief Sweppenheiser spoke about Hazardous Material training requirements for fire department members and for all township employees. Mr. Prokopchak was going to check with other townships too determine if they are doing any training.

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, the property has been foreclosed on by Chase Mortgage. Mr. Rogers from DEP has been in contact with the mortgage company but has yet to hear from a local representative. DEP's position is to wait for the possession of the property to be transferred to Chase Mortgage, to pursue them to clean it up. Mr. Melvin was going to attempt to get the local representative's name from Mr. Rogers, to send them a letter regarding the property. 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.

OPEN THE MEETING TO PUBLIC GENERAL COMMENTS

Eric Williams, 236 Hill Drive, commented that a township truck dug up a portion of his yard while plowing during a recent storm. He asked if the damage could be repaired when the weather turned favorable. The supervisors agreed to repair the damage when conditions warrant.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:29 P.M.

Richard A. Melvin, Secretary/Treasurer