

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES**

**May 2, 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, May 2, 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 Eight visitors

Motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak to waive the reading of the minutes of the April 4, 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 April 30, 2011 totaled \$244,622.91. Mr. Prokopchak made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the April 2011 Treasurers report, to approve payment of bills totaling \$10,812.03 and to approve payrolls and payroll taxes in the amount of \$ 9,049.91. 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. Franklin Township received notice From DGK Insurance explaining some details of the PA Workers Compensation Act. The highlight being the necessity of the volunteer fire department to create a roster within the bylaws to secure workers compensation coverage for volunteer fire and EMS personnel in case of injury in the performance of appropriate activities as a volunteer.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Art Owen Jr. reported patching of roads and cleaning of ditches was taking much of their time due to the recent heavy rains. Drains on Municipal Road were blocked again and Barna Trucking had to be hired to suck out the accumulated gravel and other debris to clear the drains. Mr. Owen also would like the supervisors to address his concerns regarding paving in the township. Mr. Owen also informed the board about the sweeper broom being broke beyond repair and asked the board to purchase a broom from Wengers

- of Myerstown at a cost of \$3000.00. Mr. Dymond made a motion, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak to purchase the broom immediately. The motion passed unanimously.
2. A motion was made by Mr. Dymond, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak, to have 6 township officials attend the Luzerne County Township Supervisors Convention to be held August 11, 2011 at a cost of \$12.00 each. The motion passed unanimously.
  3. A motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mr. Miller to change the township website host to Frontier at a cost of \$19.99 per month for a period of 2 years. The motion passed unanimously.
  4. Cumming Road will be cut at the point of intersection with the proposed Williams gas pipeline. Originally the Williams intended to bore underneath the road but after they determined the road was not paved, they informed the township of their intentions to cut the road to accommodate the laying of the pipeline. There will be a Road Bond in the amount of \$600.00 required to be deposited with the township prior to work beginning. The bond will be returned after a suitable period of settling and the Roadmaster is satisfied with the road remediation.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

5. Spring Cleanup will be held at the Municipal Building on Friday, May 6 from (:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and Saturday May 7, from 8:00 A. M. to 3:00 P.M.
6. Nuisance properties – Lake Louise property, haven't received any information from the constable, so it is assumed the owner has not been tracked down yet. Cummings Road hearing will be held on May 18. Chase Mortgage will be contacted for an update on their repossession of the property. Melody Lane will have to have a zoning hearing set up.

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

There was no public general comment on any other issues.

### **THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:47 P.M.**

Richard A. Melvin, Secretary/Treasurer