

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

**November 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, November 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 Vito DeLuca, Solicitor Richard A. Melvin, Secretary/Treasurer
	Absent:	Art Owen Jr., Roadmaster
	Others:	Fifteen visitors

Motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mr. Miller to waive the reading of the minutes of the October 3, 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 October 31, 2011 totaled \$223,649.22. Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak to approve the October 2011 Treasurers report, to approve payment of expenses totaling \$29,507.20 and to approve payrolls and payroll taxes in the amount of \$ 13,244.39. 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 October 2011 monthly report for the Franklin & Northmoreland Township Ambulance Association and the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company. Mr. Melvin read a letter of complaint from a resident concerning the accumulation of debris being thrown onto Maria Drive by the residents. Mr. Melvin summarized a letter from PA DEP in regards to the township getting reimbursed for 2009 expenses enforcing the Sewage Facilities Act. A letter was received from Attorney Piccone regarding controlling access to the Nesbitt property via Natures Way Lane – a township right of way. A letter was received from SM Design Group LLC itemizing their rates for engineering services for projects associated with Gas Industry Gathering Lines/Metering Stations.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Art Owen Jr. reported he had gathered data required to submit paperwork for reimbursement of storm related damage from FEMA. The first shipment of road salt was received. Mr. Owen was going to ask for permission to enter onto property adjacent to 373 Municipal Road to remove debris from Sutton Creek that washed into the field and clean the ditches. Mr. Owen stated that all flood repair work on roads was complete.

2. A work session was attended by the Supervisors to draft a tentative budget for 2012.
3. A motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mr. Dymond to pass Resolution #09-2011 – BMCP EMA Building and Emergency Equipment to support the grant application that would finance this project. The motion passed unanimously.
4. A motion was made by Mr. Dymond, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak to execute a Request for Payment in the amount of \$7,400.22 to the Luzerne County Office of Community Development regarding approved project costs for the Zoning/SALDO Ordinance update. The motion passed unanimously.
5. A motion was made by Mr. Dymond, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak to designate Trumbower & Associates as Agent for FEMA/PEMA reimbursement. The motion passed unanimously.
6. A motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mr. Dymond to approve an application for a minimum use driveway on Jakemoore Road. The motion passed unanimously.
7. A motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mr. Dymond to grant a stipend of \$250.00 to Kathy Ford for her efforts as the township webmaster. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

8. Nuisance properties – Cummings Road property – estimates for cleanup from three companies resulted in quotes of \$20,300, \$22,900, and \$27,700. A complaint was filed at the magistrate's office and another hearing will be scheduled for the Melody Lane subdivision violation.

OPEN THE MEETING TO PUBLIC GENERAL COMMENTS

Maureen Purcell, 7 Edgewater Lane – was pleased about the Comprehensive Plan and the Park Feasibility Study and suggested putting them on the website, commended the fire chief and volunteers during the recent hurricane and tropical storm. She also asked about any discussion with UGI regarding the proposed pipeline.

Ray Rybka, 1269 Sutton Creek Road – had an issue with the burning ordinance and burning occurring near his residence. He claimed the individual burning was burning plastics and other materials creating a stench and was not managing the fire.

Harry Sweppenheiser, Fire Chief reported a resident bringing in pallets to burn on Cummings Road and burning them unattended. He also asked about rumors of more pipelines coming into the township besides Williams and UGI.

William Hartman, 2205 West Eighth Street – Sutton Creek across from his house is jammed up with storm related debris causing stream bank erosion. Township officials will discuss this with Trumbower and Associates.

Don Roskos, 53 Edgewater Lane asked about an update on the Kester property.

Maureen Oremus, 406 Bodle Road – asked about the property located at Bodle and Perry Roads and how much longer it will take to complete the razing of this structure. The zoning officer will contact the property owner.

Mrs. May, 614 Lake Louise Road – asked about what procedures would be used to inform the public if gas compressor or metering stations would be planned to be constructed in the township.

Chris Oremus, 406 Bodle Road – asked how prepared Franklin Township is in dealing with the development of compressor/metering stations in the township.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:54 P.M.

Richard A. Melvin, Secretary/Treasurer