

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

**October 3, 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, October 3, 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
	Others:	Ryan Doughton, Trumbower & Associates Art Owen Jr., Roadmaster Seven visitors

Motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak to waive the reading of the minutes of the September 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 September 30, 2011 totaled \$233,849.12. Mr. Prokopchak made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the September 2011 Treasurers report, to approve payment of expenses totaling \$17,216.85 and to approve payrolls and payroll taxes in the amount of \$ 9,972.49. 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 September 2011 monthly report for the Franklin & Northmoreland Township Ambulance Association and the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company. Mr. Melvin announced a special Planning Commission meeting on October 16 at 6:30 PM, at the Fire Hall. Mr. Melvin summarized a letter from Trumbower & Associates concerning potential conflicts between themselves and Franklin Township involving natural gas development companies. Trumbower & Associates recommended an alternate engineer be appointed for any proposed natural gas development activities. Mr. Melvin summarizes two letters from PennDOT informing of an upcoming seminar on winter road maintenance and traffic sign selection, placement, installation and maintenance. A letter was received from the Back Mountain Memorial Library Association asking for a donation. A letter was received from DCED about a meeting to discuss Luzerne County Local Share Account funding. A letter was received from Cecelia Vincelli, 2217 West Eight St. in regards to water drainage from a property on Municipal Road onto her property.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Art Owen Jr. continued to report extensive damage from Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee on township roads. Currently surveying damage with township engineer. Informed of large tractor trailers now using Lewis, Village and Cider Run Roads due to normal traffic routes being washed out.
2. A motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mr. Miller to appoint SM Design Group LLC to represent Franklin Township in matters involving natural gas development at a rate of \$90.00 per hour for a professional engineer, and \$66.00 per hour for a Civil Designer. The motion passed unanimously.
3. A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak to schedule and advertise a budget work session for 6:00 P.M. on October 27, at the Municipal Building.
4. A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak to make a contribution of \$625.00 for the 20100-2012 DARE program in the Dallas School District. The motion passed unanimously.
5. A motion was made by Mr. Dymond, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve applications for minimum use driveways at Valley View Road and Coon Road. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

6. Nuisance properties – Cummings Road property – estimates for cleanup will be solicited. The Melody subdivision violation property owners were sent a notice to comply with the approved subdivision. A complaint will be filed at the magistrate's office if the owners fail to comply. Bodle/Perry Road property is slowly being cleaned up.

OPEN THE MEETING TO PUBLIC GENERAL COMMENTS

Ryan Doughton from Trumbower & Associates spoke about possible storm damage not fixable by the road department. He also asked the road department to assemble an itemized list of roads damaged and the work completed. He has been in contact with the county EMA concerning FEMA reimbursement and has been informed the funding is available for damages as a result of Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. He recommended developing a road maintenance agreement rather than the posting and bonding of each road.

Township supervisors directed the zoning officer to solicit estimates for the cleanup of the Cummings Road property if the township chooses to pay for a cleanup. Mr. Owen will have some figures for the November regular meeting.

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

Richard A. Melvin, Secretary/Treasurer