

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

**November 2, 2009
7:00 P.M.**

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP FIRE HALL

Chairman Ted Dymond called the regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Supervisors to order on Monday, November 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., in the Franklin Township Fire Hall.

Chairman Dymond led the Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisors:	Present:	Ted Dymond, Chairman Michael Prokopchak, Vice-Chairman Lance Baseski, Supervisor
	Others:	Art Owen, Roadmaster Richard A. Melvin, Secretary/Treasurer Vito DeLuca, Solicitor Eleven visitors

Motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mr. Dymond to waive the reading of the minutes of the October 5, 2009 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, 2009 totaled \$103,845.98, October 2009 payrolls totaled \$9,536.01 and October 2009 expenses including payroll taxes totaled \$121,899.30. Mr. Prokopchak made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dymond to approve the October 2009 Treasurers report. The motion passed unanimously.

MEETING OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Melvin gave the October 2009 report for the Franklin/Northmoreland Township Ambulance report for the month of October 2009. A letter was received from Luzerne County Solid Waste Management discussing an upcoming meeting to receive input about decisions related to solid waste and recycling issues.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mr. Owen informed the Board that Brace Road had been painted and informed the Board of a dip on Brace road at the county line that could potentially be dangerous for motorists and crews plowing the roads. Chris Goetz from PennDOT will be contacted for advice and/or repair of the road. Delivery of 300 tons of anti-skid and

- 25 tons of salt was completed, mixed and stored in the salt shed waiting for incimate weather. All vehicles have been prepared for the winter season.
2. The Township applied for a \$7,000.00 grant for Cummings Road through the Dirt and Gravel Road Pollution Prevention Program. The money would be used for drainage, ditch work and piping.
 3. With the passing of Mr. Joseph Stankus, a member of the Zoning Board, Chairman Dymond asked for a moment of silence and recalled the assistance Mr. Stankus gave during the township Spring Cleanup on a yearly basis.
 4. A motion was made by Chairman Dymond, seconded by Mr. Baseski to appoint Ryan Blazure, 11 Flatrock Road, to succeed Mr. Stankus on the Zoning Hearing Board. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The cell tower has been constructed and is in operation. A fence has been erected around the tower and related equipment. Shrubbery has not been planted. A Certificate of Occupancy and Certificate of Zoning Compliance will not be issued until all contingencies have been corrected.
2. Mr. Melvin reported receiving 30 RFP proposal's for the Recreation Master Plan and 7 RFP proposal's for the Comprehensive/Zoning Plan. The supervisors and others will review the RFP's and selected several to interview further. The interviews will be concluded by the end of the current week and decisions will be made and voted on at the December regular meeting.

OPEN THE MEETING TO PUBLIC GENERAL COMMENTS

Eugene Monahan – Coon Road discussed a drainage issue in front of his house and if weeds in a ditch adjacent to his house could be killed by spraying. He also talked about when a hole where an electrical distribution box was installed on Hill Drive would be filled in. Mr. Melvin informed the hole had been filled in within the last several days.

Joe Yonchik – Coon Road spoke about the method of compaction used by the contractor on Hill Drive to compact the road where a ditch was dug to supply electric service to the new house construction. He was also concerned the trench was not dug to a sufficient depth. Mr. Prokopchak will call UGI and BIU to inquire about their inspection of the work. Mr. Yonchik also asked why the sand mound at the new construction sit was not seeded and was concerned about possible erosion. The township secretary will contact the Sewage Enforcement Officer. Mr. Prokopchak asked Solicitor DeLuca if there was an existing lawsuit of the township against Luzerne County. The solicitor was informed there was never a resolution to the lawsuit concerning road material for the Crown Hill Development. A discussion ensued and it was recommended that Attorney Dingle be contacted to pursue the issue. Mr. Prokopchak will contact Commissioner Urban to discuss the matter.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:43 P.M.

Richard A. Melvin, Secretary/Treasurer