

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

**January 5, 2009
7:00 P.M.**

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP FIRE HALL

Chairman Michael Prokopchak called the regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Supervisors to order on Monday, January 5, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., in the Franklin Township Fire Hall.

Chairman Prokopchak led the Pledge of Allegiance

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

Motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mr. Baseski to waive the reading of the minutes of the December 8, 2008 regular meeting and the December 29, 2008 special meeting to accept the minutes as posted. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Melvin gave the December Treasurers report reciting the combined balances for all funds as of December 31, 2008 totaled \$168,003.84. December payrolls totaled \$12,117.09 and December expenses including payroll taxes totaled \$15,578.39. Mr. Prokopchak made a motion, seconded by Mr. Baseski to approve the December Treasurers report. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Dymond swore in Harry Schweppenheiser as a Fire/Police.

MEETING OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

There was no public comment on any agenda items.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Melvin gave the December 2008 report for the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company. The Fire Company also reported the \$2,500.00 donation received from the Board of Supervisors was used to help defer the costs of the fire company commercial liability policy. Mr. Melvin gave the Franklin/Northmoreland Township Ambulance report for the month of December 2008. The association also acknowledged a \$2,000.00 donation from the Board of Supervisors to be used for a powered cot to be used to assist in lifting patients. A letter of invitation was received from the Commonwealth to attend a public Officials Day at the annual Farm Show in Harrisburg. A letter was received from Lisa Blazure of the Planning Commission to bring attention to several outdated items in the SALDO specifically Section 814.7 and 814.8 and also referenced some confusing wording in Section 814.11

Comcast sent a letter about new digital video packages available to residents who can contact Comcast directly for more information.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mr. Baseski to open the financial books for the year 2009 and pay bills. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Art Owen, Roadmaster gave his monthly report which involves winter maintenance on machinery, cutting brush when able and dealing with the freezing rain storms which have consumed large quantities of salt and anti skid materials. A letter should be sent to a resident of Valley View road to have bushes cut back that impede vision while traveling on that road. Still waiting for some decision from Medico Industries regarding the loader/backhoe.
3. Spring Cleanup will be held on Friday, May 1 and Saturday, May 2, 2009
4. A motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mr. Baseski, to obtain bids from trash haulers for the 2009 Spring Cleanup. The motion passed unanimously.
5. A motion was made by Mr. Baseski, Seconded by Mr. Prokopchak to fund the Petty Cash account with \$50.00. The motion passed unanimously.
6. A motion to adopt the Franklin Township Open Records Policy was tabled due to the proposed policy being outdated. Mr. Melvin will obtain the recently updated policy for consideration at the February regular meeting.
7. A motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mr. Baseski, to adopt the Franklin Township Record Retention Schedule. The motion passed unanimously.
8. The recreation grant previously approved by Luzerne County is still up in the air due to current fiscal problems at the county. Mr. Prokopchak questioned the one RFP we received has an emphasis on country clubs and no apparent experience for the type of comprehensive plan we are looking for in Franklin Township.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed.

OPEN THE MEETING TO GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Harry Schweppenheiser, 456 Village Road asked if the Street in Tall Pines Estates has been dedicated to the township. He was told it was not. He also asked if Melody Lane was accessible for emergency vehicles. He was told the landowner has still not complied with the directives of the approved subdivision. The township could file an action in court.

Art Owen, Zoning Officer addressed the board concerning 3 properties located in the township in condemnable condition, unfit for habitation. He will be forwarding the addresses to the board for further action.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:38 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard A. Melvin, Secretary/Treasurer