

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES**

**February 7, 2019  
7:00 P.M.  
CAMP ORCHARD HILL**

Chairman Dymond called the Regular Meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Supervisors to order on Monday, February 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., at Camp Orchard Hill.

Supervisors:            Present:     Ted Dymond, Chairman  
   Eric Williams, Vice Chairman  
   William Miller, Supervisor  
Others:                             Richard A. Melvin, Secretary/Treasurer  
   Vito DeLuca, Solicitor  
   Art Owen Jr., Roadmaster  
   Seventeen visitors

Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Dymond to waive the reading of the minutes of the January 7, 2019 Reorganization Meeting, and the January 7, 2019 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 January 31, 2019 totaled \$201,652.89. Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dymond to approve the January 2019 Treasurers report, to approve payment of expenses totaling \$14,932.29 and to approve payrolls and payroll taxes in the amount of \$ 12,776.93. The motion passed unanimously.

**MEETING OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.**

There was no public comment on agenda items.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Franklin & Northmoreland Township Ambulance Report for January 2019 was read by Mr. Melvin. Northmoreland Fire Company submitted their January monthly report and it was read by Mr. Melvin. The Franklin Township Fire Department submitted a monthly report for January 2019. A letter was received from Luzerne County regarding the 911 radio project update.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Mr. Melvin read a letter about an upcoming Back Mountain Garden Tour that will have a stop in the township.
2. Mr. Melvin participated in a seminar about two different pension plans under consideration by the township on behalf of their employees.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

3. Mr. Melvin reviewed an explanation by the township engineer about the MS4 stormwater program and its effect, if any, on the township.

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

Mr. Williams asked Mr. Melvin to contact Senator Baker and Representative Boback about the current proposal by the Governor to charge a per capita tax on municipalities for State Police protection. A motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Miller to send letters for response on their respective positions on this matter and also whether they were aware of a possible closure of the local State Police barracks in Wyoming. The motion passed unanimously.

Ken Edwards, 229 Hill Drive acknowledged and thanks Northmoreland fire and the Supervisors for alleviating a possible flooding condition that threatened his home. He also thanked the road department for their efforts on maintaining the roads.

Bob Kile Sr. asked to swear in a new fire police. Mr. DeLuca stated the township cannot swear an oath of office and recommended where such oath can be obtained. Mr. Kile also submitted his annual financial compilation.

Marty Murray reported that damage to Hill Drive occurred when water was pumped from the Edwards property and stated the road crew had no signage.

Conrad Baut, 3 Mapleleaf Drive, Trucksville spoke about a recovery and restoration project for a trolley location the township and asked if the township would assist in the future to sponsor a grant application for the project.

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

Richard A. Melvin, Secretary/Treasurer