

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

**January 4, 2016
6:00 P.M.**

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP FIRE HALL

Chairman Dymond called the Regular Meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Supervisors to order on Monday, January 4, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., at the Franklin Township Fire Hall.

Supervisors:	Present:	Ted Dymond, Chairman William Miller, Vice Chairman Eric Williams, Supervisor
Others:		Richard A. Melvin, Secretary/Treasurer Sixteen visitors
Absent:		Vito DeLuca, Solicitor

Motion was made by Mr. Dymond, seconded by Mr. Miller to waive the reading of the minutes of the December 3, 2015 Regular Meeting, and December 30, 2015 Budget 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 December 31, 2015 totaled \$444,255.89. Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the December 2015 Treasurers report, to approve payment of expenses totaling \$50,571.17 and to approve payrolls and payroll taxes in the amount of \$ 9,760.16. The motion passed unanimously.

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

There was no comment.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Franklin Township Fire Department report was provided by Fire Chief Josh Hilstolsky. There was no other correspondence.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mr. Dymond issued the Fire Police Oath of Office to Robert Adams, Fred Risch and Sue Berlew.
2. Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams to fund the petty cash account in increments of \$50.00 as needed. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dymond to donate \$2500.00 to the fire company and ambulance association upon receipt of company independent financial reviews. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller to remit \$250.00 to the fire company for use of their hall for the township and planning commission monthly meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller to execute Resolution #06-2016 Hazard Mitigation Plan update. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Mr. Melvin spoke about EIO Enterprises beginning a recycling program for their customers in the township. A brochure is available at the township building.
7. Mr. Melvin spoke about the recently passed Luzerne County Extreme Weather Dog Ordinance.
8. A motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Dymond to send a letter to township residents regarding the Spring Cleanup (April 30, 2016) and any other matter of importance. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

9. Mr. Melvin updated the Board on the recently submitted LSA Grant application.

OPEN THE MEETING TO PUBLIC GENERAL COMMENTS

Mr. Williams addressed a motion made and passed at last month's meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Miller to amend last month's motion. The new motion was to have co-primary dispatch of Franklin Township and Northmoreland Township fire departments. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Williams also made some announcements about the Back Mountain Little League.

Fire Chief Hilstolsky submitted updated alarm box information which was reviewed by department members and himself. The meeting was briefly adjourned while the box alarms were being reviewed.

Mr. Dymond reconvened the meeting after approximately 20 minutes. Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller to amend his previous motion so that both Franklin and Northmoreland Township fire departments will be co primary responders only to fire alarms and assumption of command at the scene was agreed upon by chiefs of both departments. The motion passed unanimously.

Two proposals for box alarms were submitted by chiefs of both departments. The two chiefs will meet to optimize the box alarm response system and report to the Board at next month's meeting. The Supervisors will review and approve the box alarm system for the township at the reorganization meeting held yearly in January.

Mr. Murray asked about the road docket for the Crown Hill development.

A question was introduced about activity regarding a sewage tank at the Coon Road/Eighth St. property. Mr. Melvin has met with the owner and the owner is dealing directly with the sewage Enforcement Officer, has filed a sewage permit application and has paid the required fee.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:15 P.M.

Richard A. Melvin, Secretary/Treasurer