

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES**

**March 3, 2016  
7:00 P.M.**

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP FIRE HALL**

Chairman Dymond called the Regular Meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Supervisors to order on Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 7:00 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  
   Vito DeLuca, Solicitor  
   Twelve visitors

Motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Dymond to waive the reading of the minutes of the February 4, 2016 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 February 29, 2016 totaled \$442,353.32. Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the February 2016 Treasurers report, to approve payment of expenses totaling \$20,378.41 and to approve payrolls and payroll taxes in the amount of \$ 12,595.98. 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 Sue Berlew, fundraising chairman of upcoming events sponsored by the Fire Company for the year. A letter was received from Luzerne County Solid Waste Management Department that due to market conditions, the electronics recycling program for 2016 will be cancelled. A letter was received from FEMA informing the township that the Hazard Mitigation Plan 5 year update was approved. This allows the township to apply for any Federal disaster assistance.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Mr. Melvin gave an update on the receipt of the 2016 liquid fuels funds.
2. Mr. Melvin reviewed the roads being considered for resurfacing this year. Village, Coon and Lewis Roads are being considered.
3. Mr. Melvin spoke about adopting a property maintenance code for the township. Enforcing property maintenance issues would be strengthened by adopting a code especially if such enforcement requires issuing citations and appearing in court.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

4. Luzerne County adopted a mass notification system that Franklin Township can also join at no cost for the first few years. This system is designed to notify residents in various ways concerning mainly emergencies but also for non-emergencies as the township would deem appropriate.
5. Mr. Melvin reminded all about the new recycling program now available in Franklin Township run by C& K Sanitation.
6. Mr. Melvin also reminded resident about Spring Clean Up being held on Saturday, April 30 from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
7. Mr. Williams updated the Board about fire coverage in the township. After consulting with officials from Northmoreland and Franklin fire departments and with Wyoming County 911, an updated box alarm system is being considered. After consideration, Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller, Northmoreland will be the primary responder for Franklin Township, and to adopt a new set of box alarms which include Mt. Zion being removed from every call box in Franklin Township, Franklin Township Fire will serve as mutual aid and report to Northmoreland Fire. All residents of Franklin Township will be served by responding fire companies located less than five miles away. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Bob Kile Sr. spoke about a specific accident that occurred on Lake Louise Road as well as Franklin Township Fires' unwillingness to work with Northmoreland Fire and if called on a simultaneous dispatch, stated that Franklin Township Fire will "stand down."

## **THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:34 P.M.**

Richard A. Melvin, Secretary/Treasurer