

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES**

**March 1, 2018  
7:00 P.M.**

**CAMP ORCHARD HILL  
Lake View Terrace**

Chairman Dymond called the Regular Meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Supervisors to order on Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., at Camp Orchard Hill, Lake View Terrace

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  
Ryan Doughton, Township Engineer  
Twelve visitors

Motion was made by Mr. Dymond, seconded by Mr. Miller to waive the reading of the minutes of the February 1, 2018 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 28, 2018 totaled \$431,949.45. Mr. Dymond made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams to approve the February 2018 Treasurers report, to approve payment of expenses totaling \$18,498.76 and to approve payrolls and payroll taxes in the amount of \$ 14,554.89. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Christina Finn, Valley View Road inquired about the proposed paving project scheduled for Valley View Road specifically the swales created years ago to deflect stormwater away from her property and reposition a pipe near her driveway. The Roadmaster and Engineer would review the feasibility to determine a solution. Mr. Dymond also asked about a problem area at the driveway of 542 Valley View Road. The current pipe is crushed and will have to be replaced or the swale paved. There is much stone coming from this driveway flowing downhill and covering the storm grates.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Franklin & Northmoreland Township Ambulance Report for February 2018 was read by Mr. Melvin. Northmoreland Fire Company submitted their monthly report and it was read by Mr. Melvin. The Franklin Township Fire Department submitted monthly reports for February 2018. Mr. Melvin received a letter from Luzerne County about making money available to address infrastructure projects which could include blighted properties.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. A motion was made by Mr. Dymond, seconded by Mr. Williams to open the bids received for construction of a salt shed. The motion passed unanimously. The base bid results are as follows: B&B

Pole Buildings - \$167,486.00, Belles Property Management - \$154,250.00, B. Redmond Enterprises - \$129,750.00,

Champion Builders - \$168,549.00, D&M Builders - \$185,465.00, Dutchman Contracting Company - \$177,240.00, Kobalt Construction - \$227,637.00, Mt. Stream Construction - \$191,670.00, Perry's General Contracting - \$156,500.00.

2. Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Dymond to table the awarding of the contract pending thorough review of bid documents by the township engineer. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Motion was made by Mr. Dymond, seconded by Mr. Williams to advertise on Municibid the sale of the township 2006 Ford F250 pick-up truck and plow. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Motion was made by Mr. Dymond, seconded by Mr. Williams to advertise for bids for paving and repairs to Valley View Road and a portion of Lewis Road. Bids will be opened at the April 5, regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Motion was made by Mr. Dymond, seconded by Mr. Williams to hire Municipal Recovery for paper shredding services at Spring Cleanup for 3 hours at a cost of \$500.00 subject to reimbursement by Luzerne County Solid Waste Management Department. The motion passed unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

6. EMC Jonathon Skripka reviewed the Swiftreach notification system.

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

Marty Murray asked about the township website updates and whether a silt fence is required at the new construction on Crown Drive. Mr. Kile asked about submitting a bid for the pick-up truck, a dry hydrant on Brace Road that was not functioning, and compared the funding of the fire department with the amount Exeter Twp. provides to their fire departments and questioned why Franklin Twp. doesn't provide more funds.

Mr. Williams reviewed response times for calls, and has documentation of response times and more specifically, after speaking with 911, a fire call at Valley View Trailer Park and whether Engine 135 was on scene. Mr. Kile said he called 911 center to ask "is engine 135 on scene" and stated 911 told him that "yes engine 135 was on scene." Josh Hilstolsky provided additional information regarding the radio chatter that occurred for this particular call and calls in general with regard to coordinating with Northmoreland Fire Department. Another issue was the time delay of transferring calls between Luzerne County and Wyoming County of 3-4 minutes, thus delaying response times.

## **THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:16 P.M.**

Richard A. Melvin, Secretary/Treasurer