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The Franklin Township Regular Monthly meeting was called to order in the Municipal Building at 7:06 P.M. Present were Supervisors Mark Creamer and Dan Depue and the Secretary/Treasurer. Also present were the people on the attached sign in sheet.

The meeting was started with the pledge to the flag

The February minutes were read. A motion was made by Dan to accept the minutes as read. Mark seconded the motion and the motion was passed with 2 yes votes.

The Treasurers report was read. A motion was made by Dan to accept the report as read. Mark seconded the motion and the motion was passed with 2 yes votes.

Correspondence:

Dan reported on the flood. The State DOT didn't meet the requirements to receive reimbursement. Low interest rate loans are available to municipalities.

The Supervisors had a meeting with ICM. ICM is the company that will be conducting seismic testing in the southern end of the township. Maps and pictures were viewed. Dan described the operation. PGS company will overlap and also be testing in the township. The target start date is mid to late April.

All 3 Supervisors went to the training for newly elected officials in Wilkes Barre. It was an excellent training and well worth attending. They received a lot of information about liquid fuels and how to word bids. Mark explained that there was no fuel bid found for 2008. Dan explained the bidding process.

EMA – EOP Resolution was sent into the County. Dan thanked everyone who offered to assist in the event of an emergency. Betty Depue, the EMA Officer, was not in attendance due to a conflict.

New Business:

We received our Liquid Fuels money on March 1st. The amount deposited in the State Account was \$71,121.68.

Mark asked if we had any notification about the results of the State Audit. Jeanne explained that the auditor called with questions about the previous Supervisors and the correct spelling of Dan and my names. We have not heard anything since.

Lucy Knopick contacted the township asking about weight limits on Valley View Road. Dan explained that there a no weight limits on the township roads at this time.

At the Newly Elected Officials Training it was recommended that the townships do not post and bond their roads. It is difficult to enforce. It was suggested that townships sign a road maintenance agreement with the gas company.

No COG report.

## Audit Report

Leif Winter reported that the auditors had completed the information that needs to be published in the newspaper. The information must be in next week's paper. The auditors went along with the township code plus a few extra items. Dan thanked the three auditors for their work.

## New business

Mark told the audience that the Tax bills were mailed out. Included in the mailings were the Police surveys. Please return survey. The survey can be mailed back with the taxes or dropped off at the Municipal Building. There might be a public meeting at a future date.

Fuel bids for 2010 were advertized in the paper. Mark explained that during the State audit no bid was found for 2008. Therefore we might have to pay back the State Account from the General Fund. Mark explained the process and PENNDOT's suggestion for wording for this years and future bids.

## Police Report:

The Chief reported that it had been a quiet month. There was 1 welfare check, 1 motor vehicle accident, and 1 structure fire. There were also 20 traffic stops. Lee Burch asked about ATVs and the seismic testing that will be done. There were questions about testing. The Chief told the attendees to know what you are signing before you sign for lease and/or testing.

## Public Comment:

Dan thanked Roy and Alan for their work during the recent snow storm.

Dan also told the audience that no Tax Anticipation Loan would be needed this year.

Rich Neiderburger stated that 613 Township and 317 or 318 per capita bills went out yesterday.

PENNDOT will come out to look at damage from storm. If approved by PENNDOT we could use liquid fuels money for repairs.

Dan made a motion to pay the bills. Mark seconded the motion. The motion passed with 2 yes votes.

Dan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark seconded the motion. The motion passed with 2 yes votes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne M. Sullivan

Secretary/Treasurer