

**Barrett Township Supervisors
January 18, 2005**

On the 18th day of January 2005, a regular meeting of the Barrett Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman, Phil Dente. Present: Phil Dente, John Seese, Rick Scudato, Jerry Seese, Steve Williams and the public. There was no public comment on the agenda items.

Phil Dente made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2004 meeting. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried.

Rick Scudato made a motion to approve payment of the Bills in the General Fund in the amount of \$4,549.24. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried.

A reminder was given that the open space roundtable discussion would be on January 26, 2005 from 4-6 p.m. Supervisor Scudato reported that any supervisor wanting to attend should let him know.

Supervisor Scudato reported that he neglected to mention the resolution number when the supervisors approved the Cotozzo planning module at the monthly meeting. The resolution number is 011205. Rick Scudato made a motion to include the resolution number 011205 for the Cotozzo planning module. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried.

It was noted that the release documents and any necessary paperwork would be sent to the township by the Solicitor for Travis Ziegler to complete to participate in the ride along program as previously discussed.

Discussion was held on the recent ice storm and Mr. Shoesmith's question at the supervisors meeting about a person on Price's Drive that was never contacted. Discussion followed. The ambulance had people contacting them, and the police dept. and maintenance dept. checked on people as well. Harry Robidoux County coordinator was contacted by Steve Williams and it was determined that since there were other shelters in the county, Barrett would not open one and would help transport anyone who wanted or needed to go to a shelter if they needed a ride.

A letter was read from Jim California of Buchart & Horn concerning the Fireside Antiques building on Rte. 390. The building was damaged by fire earlier in the summer of 2004. A structural inspection was performed on 11/16/04 and recommendations were made that were necessary to secure the building and make it structurally safe. The property owners were given until 11/24/05 to make the necessary repairs to the structure. Mr. California's letter reported that the recommendations were not yet implemented and recommended that the township order the property vacated until these measures were done. No permits were obtained for the necessary work either. Discussion followed. The township will continue with the process under Ordinance #85 and contact the Solicitor for advice.

John Kerz asked about the property on Canadensis Hill. There is an old barn that was used as a studio years ago that has actually partially caved in. Mr. Kerz asked when that property was going to be addressed. Mr. Seese, Zoning Officer, reported that a demolition permit had been applied for and issued for the building to come down in the next 30 days.

Supervisor Scudato reported that he made copies of the Zoning Ordinance in Coolbaugh Township for the supervisors and solicitors to review along with the current township ordinance to prepare revisions to the current ordinance. A couple of work sessions will be advertised to begin to go over the ordinances. Discussion followed.

Supervisor Seese reported that he had the paperwork to sign for the 2005 Peterbilt truck to be purchased by the township under the state contract. It was noted that the supervisors previously made a motion to purchase a truck under the program. John Seese read the specifications. The costs of the truck increased since the fall and the township wanted to sign the paperwork to lock in at the price of \$91,493.00 for a 2005 335 single axle dump truck. A lengthy discussion followed. As the motion was previously made, the supervisors signed the paperwork.

A reminder was given that the PSATS annual convention in Hershey, Pa. would be held on April 17 through 19, 2005. Supervisors Dente and Seese will check their schedules to see if they can attend.

It was noted that the meeting on critical issues – Suicide, was cancelled and rescheduled to January 20, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pocono Mt. East Campus auditorium. Discussion followed. Supervisor Scudato reported he would be attending.

A letter was received from the Monroe County Conservation District stating that the application for the NPDES permit for the Shepherds in Monroe County had been received and would be reviewed.

An official map workshop will be held by the Monroe County Planning Commission on Wednesday, February 9, 2005. Registration is at 6:00 p.m. and the workshop is from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

A letter was received from Labor and Industry concerning Social Security notification for persons hired after January 1, 2005 for non social security paying jobs. There is also a website for information.

Tree on wires – FYI – Supervisors will check into a tree that is on wires at the Daily Bread Bakery to see if they are phone, electric or cable wires.

UCC Third Party/In house – Supervisors discussed that they would continue third party inspections with Building Inspection Underwriters and that Jerry Seese will go to the Codes classes on his own time and will also pay for them on his own. Last year Mr. Seese was reimbursed for classes and was paid for his time to attend the classes.

The Board of Auditors' minutes were read by Phil Dente. The recommended wages for the supervisors were not approved and the supervisors will stay at their current rates for supervisors pay. The treasurer's bond was approved and it was also noted that Rick Scudato was allowed to participate in the non-uniform pension plan. Phil Dente made a motion to approve the minutes as read. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried.

The supervisors read a letter from PB Management to Jerry Seese concerning renovations to the old Fiabane's Cottages property. The Zoning Officer will review the letter and intentions with the solicitor and follow up accordingly. The property was recently purchased by a Mr. Bogati. The township was previously pursuing enforcement proceedings under Ordinance #85 with the previous owner.

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Chief Williams asked the supervisors if anyone could attend the suicide critical issues meeting. The supervisors reported that they could.

As there was no further public comment, Phil Dente made a motion to recess the meeting until Thursday, January 20, 2005 for payroll at 10:30 a.m. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. The meeting recessed at 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 20, 2005

The regular meeting of January 18, 2005 was reconvened on Thursday, January 20, 2005 at 11:10 a.m. by Phil Dente. Present: Phil Dente, John Seese, Rick Scudato and Cheryl Howard.

Payroll in the amount of \$32,583.75, state tax liability in the amount of \$1,000.34, federal tax liability in the amount of \$8,581.42 net wages of \$25,057.93 and mileage for Jerry Seese in the amount of \$76.44 and Jeryl Rinehart in the amount of \$20.16 was presented for approval. Phil Dente made a motion to approve payroll and mileage as presented. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All supervisors voted aye.

The supervisors discussed the Harry Howard development agreement. The agreement was being renewed for 2005. John Seese made a motion to accept the development agreement as presented. The motion was seconded by Phil Dente and carried. All supervisors voted aye. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary