

**Barrett Township Supervisors
November 25, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Tuesday, November 25, 2014 at the Barrett Township Municipal Building on Route 390 in Mountainhome, Pa. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Ralph Megliola.

Present: Patti, O’Keefe, Loree Guthrie, Paul Stotsenburg, Ralph Megliola, John Seese, Solicitor Todd Weitzmann, Chief Steve Williams, Rick Scrudato, Jeryl Rinehart and the public.

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

The minutes of the November 12, 2014 meeting were approved on a motion made by Ralph Megliola and seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Ralph Megliola made a motion to approve the following payment of bills for:

- November 13, 2014: General Fund - \$ 28,361.53, Fire Fund - \$ 923.06, Library Fund - \$ 230.00, Park and Recreation Fund - \$ 1,970.34, Ambulance Fund – \$ 150.00, Park and Recreation - \$ 1,970.34.**
- November 20, 2014: General Fund - \$ 49, 652.64, Library Fund - \$ 2,600.00, Ambulance Fund - \$ 1,675.00, Park and Recreation Fund - \$ 4,736.00.**

The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Old Business:

a. Representatives from the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Commission were present to discuss how they would cover the Township, the benefits of the coverage and to answer questions concerning the regionalization of the Barrett Township Police Department. The representatives from the Commission were Police Chief Chris Wagner, Francis DePiano, David Moyer and Roy Gross.

b. A letter was received from the Monroe County Control Center notifying the Supervisors that they no longer have the ability to monitor automatic alarms after December 31, 2014; they will still be the primary contact point for any of the emergency alarms.

c. Discussion was held on the Vietnam War plaque. The final list of names has been completed by John Styk. The Supervisors thanked John Styk for his time and effort in compiling the list of Vietnam Veterans.

d. Discussion was held on the proposed 2015 Budget. The Supervisors changed the tax millage by decreasing the millage by .25% from the Park and Recreation Tax, Road Machinery Tax and Open Space Tax and increased the Library Tax by .75%. The Park and Recreation Tax will be .75%, the Road Machinery Tax will be 1.25%, Open Space Tax will be .25% and the Library Tax will be 1.5%.

New Business:

a. Ralph Megliola made a motion to approve payroll for November 13, 2014 in the amount of \$ 29,480.51 for gross wages, \$ 905.07 for state liability, \$ 7,648.62 for federal tax liability and \$ 22,781.76 for net wages. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. Certificates of Recognition were received from Governor Thomas Corbett and State Representatives for the Police Department, the Fire Company and the Board of Supervisors for the Eric Frein incident.

c. Tom Dente and Nate Covington were present to discuss using the Open Space land to set up nonprofit farm businesses to use the profits to pay for their property tax. They were looking for permission to look into it and pursue it further. The information will be forwarded to Solicitor Todd Weitzmann for his review.

d. It was noted that the workshop on Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at 7:30 a.m. has been cancelled.

e. It was noted that Monroe County Vector Control requested a donation from the Supervisors for deer removal. Ralph Megliola made a motion to donate \$ 500.00 to Vector Control. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Miscellaneous:

a. It was noted that no certificate of insurances were received.

Chief Steve Williams reported that the Barrett Proud group raised \$ 7,080.00 to pay for the protective vests. There are left over t-shirts that will be for sale at the Municipal Building.

Ralph Megliola made a motion to go into Executive Session at 11:50 a.m. to discuss personnel. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Ralph Megliola made a motion to reconvene the meeting at 12:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

As there was no further business or public comment, Ralph Megliola made a motion to recess the meeting until Friday, November 28, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

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Ralph Megliola made a motion to reconvene the meeting on Friday, November 28, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

It was noted that a letter was received from Cramer, Swetz and McManus concerning the appeal of taxes for the Buck Hill Falls Company on several properties.

Paul Stotsenburg wanted his comment noted that even though he voted for the library tax increase he was not in favor of giving the Library, the tax increase because of some actions that happened at the Library.

Ralph Megliola reported that he attended the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Commission Meeting on Tuesday, November 25, 2104 and informed the Supervisors of numerous items that were discussed at the meeting.

Discussion was on the 2015 Budget. Ralph Megliola made a motion to tentatively approve and advertise the 2015 Budget. The motion was seconded by Loree Guthrie and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Frank May informed the Supervisors that Monroe County has a program for mini grant that are available for improving Open Space properties.

Discussion was held on having a No Smoking Policy on the premises at the Maintenance Building on Sand Spring Road. John Seese made a motion to approve the No Smoking Policy at the Maintenance Building. The motion was seconded by Ralph Megliola and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

The Supervisors will meet with Truman and Colby Burnett from the Stroudsburg Granite Company on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. to finalize the War Memorial.

As there was no further business or public comment, Ralph Megliola made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried.

Respectfully submitted,