

**Barrett Township Supervisors
March 9, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at the Barrett Township Building on Route 390 in Mountainhome, PA. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Ralph Megliola.

Present: Loree Guthrie, Benjie Labar, Ralph Megliola, John Seese, Solicitor Todd Weitzmann, Pam Gardsy, Jeryl Rinehart and the public. William Pipolo, Jr. was absent.

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

The minutes of the February 24, 2016 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 payment of the following bills:

- February 24, 2016: General Fund - \$ 72,251.34, Ambulance Fund - \$ 195.19, Library Fund - \$ 335.74, Park and Recreation Fund - \$ 331.24**
- March 2, 2016: General Fund - \$ 56,367.47, LST Fund - \$ 10,006.04, Fire Fund - \$ 605.33**

The motion was seconded by Loree Guthrie and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

The Public Hearing was held for the Sign Ordinance. The purpose of the Public Hearing is for the opportunity for the public to comment on the Final Draft of the Sign Ordinance. Discussion was held on the recent U.S. Supreme Court case concerning the content of signs and temporary signage, why the digital signs are being allowed in the Sign Ordinance and the correction of several typographical errors. Ralph Megliola made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 185, Barrett Township Sign Ordinance. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Subdivision/Lot Consolidation:

a. Alan and Carol Shumway, Lot Consolidation Plan, Lake in the Clouds, Lot 98 and 99, Section G, Skyline Drive, Brian D. Courtright, P.L.S. – The lot consolidation plan was presented by Brian Courtright. Discussion was held on the comments from Township Engineer Jon Tresslar’s review letter dated February 9, 2016.

Ralph Megliola made a motion to approve the lot consolidation plan contingent on the revisions requested by Jon Tresslar being addressed and the deed language being acceptable to Solicitor Todd Weitzmann. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Reports:

- a. The Treasurer's Report was read. On a motion made John Seese and seconded by Loree Guthrie and carried, the report was accepted as read.**
- b. The Roadmaster's Report was read. On a motion made Benjie Labar and seconded by Loree Guthrie and carried, the report was accepted as read.**
- c. The Fire Reports from January and February were read. On a motion made Ralph Megliola and seconded by John Seese and carried, the reports were accepted as read. It was noted that the 2016 Fire Police Roster was received. Discussion was held on joining with Price Township to receive mutual aid when assisting with Marshalls Creek Fire Company and other fire companies. Ralph Megliola made a motion to be added to the list to receive funding when assisting other fire companies. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.**

Old Business:

- a. An update was given on the demolition of the Pocono Playhouse. A proposal was received from ACM Associates, Inc. for the asbestos removal. There will be further discussion when the second proposal is received.**
- b. Discussion was held on the Zoning Ordinance Amendments and the Zoning Map changes. It was noted that the Supervisors will discuss the amendments and the map changes at the next workshop on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.**
- c. A letter was received from the Monroe County Historical Association requesting a donation for the 2016 Monroe County History Challenge Scholarship. The Supervisors chose not to make a donation at this time.**

New Business:

- a. Ralph Megliola made a motion to approve the payroll for March 1, 2016 in the amount of \$ 14,132.34 for gross wages, \$ 433.10 for state liability, \$ 3,666.92 for federal tax liability, \$ 10,815.75 for net wages. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.**
- b. A letter was received from the Parish Community of Saint John the Evangelist thanking the Supervisors for the donation in memory of State Representative Tom Tigue. A thank you note was also received from the Tigue Family.**
- c. A proposal was received from Destination Landscaping for fertilizing the baseball field at High Acres Park. A second proposal will be needed and discussed further at the next meeting.**

d. Letters were received from Boucher & James, Inc. for their review of the Aqua PA, Inc., Oak Lane Water Main Replacement plans. The letters will be on file at the Municipal Building for the public to review.

e. A letter was received from the Monroe County Board of Assessment with a list of tax reassessment values on properties that building permits were issued from July, 2015 to February, 2016.

f. A letter was received from the Monroe County Conservation District concerning an inspection they conducted on property owned by Grant Hilfiger at 107 Pine Knob Road.

g. A letter was received from Royal Security Services, Inc. informing the Supervisors that their records show that the security system is ready for the annual Yearly Service Inspection for the C.A.M.E. Building. The annual charge is \$ 175.00. It was determined that the inspection would be done on an as-needed basis.

h. Discussion was held on the Computer Virus Protection provided by ISS Solutions. The current virus protection will be expiring soon. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

i. A letter was received from the Monroe County Board of Assessment concerning several Buck Hill Falls Company properties. Discussion was held on the reimbursement of \$ 19,348.71 to the Buck Hill Falls Company for the tax reassessment for amenities.

j. Benjie Labar discussed her attendance at the P.A.R.C. meeting. She reported that P.A.R.C. received a letter stating that the grant they applied for was denied. They were advised to resubmit the grant application for funds to improve the parks when grant money becomes available. They also discussed reviewing the rules and regulations for the parks.

Miscellaneous:

a. It was noted that a certificate of insurance were received from The Home Depot, Inc.

Michelle Wagner Dellavalle submitted a letter requesting the Community Events Subcommittee be formed under the High Acres Park Committee to hold festivals and other community events. Ralph Megliola made a motion to approve forming the Community Events Subcommittee under the High Acres Park Committee. The motion was seconded by Loree Guthrie and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

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John Seese made a motion to open High Acres Park for the season. The motion was seconded by Ralph Megliola and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Discussion was held on the possibility of moving bank accounts to different local banks for better interest rates. Ralph Megliola made a motion to have Pam Gardsy move the accounts as per her suggestions and look into moving the General Fund Account from NBT Bank if they cannot match the higher interest rates as the other local banks. The motion was seconded by Loree Guthrie and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Jim Weaver complained about several eye sore properties and asked if anything was going to be done. He complained about the debris at the Beckhorn property on Route 390, the abandoned junk cars behind the old Ray Price Chevy dealership and the Pipiliangas property on Spruce Cabin Road. Zoning Officer Jeryl Rinehart stated that she had been in contact with Chris Pipiliangas and he had removed several vehicles and he had plans to remove several more. He also asked about what roads were going to be repaved. Roadmaster John Seese will get together a list and discuss it with the other Supervisors at a later date.

As there was no further business or public comment, Ralph Megliola made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. The motion was seconded by Benjie Labar and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,