

**Barrett Township Supervisors
March 23, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at the Barrett Township Building on Route 390 in Mountainhome, PA. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chairman Ralph Megliola.

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

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

The minutes of the March 9, 2016 meeting were approved on a motion made by Ralph Megliola and seconded by William Pipolo, Jr. and carried. All the Supervisors voted aye.

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

- March 9, 2016, 2016 - General Fund - \$ 7,049.37, Road Machinery Fund - \$ 3,659.00, Fire Fund - \$ 2,198.30, State Fund - \$ 3,101.20
- March 16, 2016 – General Fund - \$ 36,441.51, LST Fund - \$ 4,200.00, State Fund - \$ 100,451.74, Park Fund - \$ 429.21, Library Fund - \$ 627.21, Fire Fund - \$ 523.63

The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

New Business:

a. Ralph Megliola made a motion to approve the Eagle Scout project at High Acres Park for Ryan Stewart. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. Frank May from the Open Space Committee was present to give an update on the 25 acres of the Price property located on Route 447 next to High Acres Park for the possible purchase for Open Space. Ralph Megliola made a motion to approve the appraisal for the property and fee for the appraisal will come from the Concerned Citizen donation money to the Open Space Account. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye. Frank May stated that he had a conversation with Solicitor Todd Weitzmann concerning the Supervisors donating money from the Open Space Account for demolition of the old Buck Hill Inn. Todd will do some research and give the Supervisors his opinion on the possibility of donating the money to help with the cost for the demolition.

c. Ralph Megliola made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 32316, establishing and approving fees for use by the Barrett Township Tax Collector. The motion was seconded by William Pipolo, Jr. and carried. All Supervisors vote aye.

d. Discussion was held on the handling of cash and setting a limit on the amount of cash that the Township can receive for various fees. Tax Collector Judy Linder is concerned with accepting large amount of cash for taxes due to counterfeit money and people using fraudulent tax receipts. Solicitor Deborah Huffman will prepare a resolution for going to a non-cash system and the Township not accepting more than \$ 50.00 in cash. Only checks and money orders will be accepted.

e. Discussion was held on upgrading and installing more street lights throughout the Township. Pam has been working on gathering more information from P.P. & L. about the street lights.

f. Discussion was held on purchasing a shed for storage of donated items for needy families. The cost of the shed will be approximately \$ 3,000.00. Pam will look into other charity organizations that may offer a similar service.

g. Ralph Megliola made a motion to hire Tom Brush as the part time park ranger to maintain High Acres Park at a rate of \$ 14.00 per hours for a total of 16 hours per week. The motion was seconded by William Pipolo, Jr. and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

h. Building Code Inspector and Assistant Zoning Officer Shawn McGlynn submitted an enforcement notice tracker on various properties. The Supervisors approved further enforcement on the properties.

i. An email was received from Gerald Feissner from Keystone Compassionate Care giving an update on the medical marijuana legislation in Harrisburg. He also sent a sample ordinance for the decriminalization ordinance for the Supervisors to review.

j. Ralph Megliola made a motion to change the Anti-Virus Protection plan to Cloud Care for \$ 63.60 per year. The current plan cost was \$ 279.12 per year. The motion was seconded by Benjie Labar and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

k. Discussion was held on Aqua PA charging the Township an annual fee for the use of fire hydrants. The concern was why the Township would be responsible for paying for the use of the hydrants, what gives Aqua PA the authority to charge the Township and not the customers of Aqua PA who receive the benefits such as reduced insurance rates and the added fire protection from the hydrant system. Solicitor Deborah Huffman will contact Steve Clark from Aqua PA and research how it works in other municipalities.

New Business:

a. Ralph Megliola made a motion to approve the payroll for March 15, 2016 in the amount of \$ 17,335.36 for gross wages, \$ 531.44 for state liability, \$ 4,426.04 for federal tax liability, \$ 13,375.52 for net wages. The motion was seconded by William Pipolo, Jr. and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. Ralph Megliola made a motion to approve the fireworks permit for Skytop for July 3, 2016 at 9:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

c. A letter was received from Zachary Brown looking for a community service project to earn the rank of Eagle. Priscilla Kice from the High Acres Park Committee will meet with him to discuss the project at the park.

d. Ralph Megliola made a motion to approve the lease agreement with Pitney Bowes for the postage meter for \$ 41.00 per month. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye. It was noted that the previous lease agreement was \$ 53.00 per month.

e. A letter was received from N.T.M. Engineering, Inc. informing the Supervisors of their intent to submit an application to PA DEP for the bridge replacement on Route 390 over the Leavitt Branch.

f. It was noted that the 2015 Annual Report and 2016 Municipal Directory were received from the Monroe County Planning Commission.

g. A letter was received from Rock Hill Concrete, Inc. stating that they are implementing a price increase of \$ 4.00 per cubic yard, effective May 1, 2016.

h. A letter was received from the Monroe County Conservation District informing the Supervisors that the Erosion and Sediment Control was found to be adequate for the Mathewson property on Route 390.

i. It was noted that the Annual Comment on Monroe County was received from the Moody's Investment Service.

j. An email was received from the Monroe County Municipal Authority Police Department concerning a complaint that they received about vehicles and car parts (junkyard) at 888 Upper Seese Hill Road. Zoning Officer Jeryl Rinehart reported that there is an auto body shop located at that address.

Miscellaneous:

a. It was noted that there were no certificates of insurance received.

It was noted that two proposals were received for the fertilization of the baseball field at High Acres Park. The proposal for Destination Landscaping was \$ 1,675.00. The

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proposal for Mountain Landscaping was \$ 1245.00. Ralph Megliola made a motion to have Mountain Landscaping do the fertilization of the baseball field at the park. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Pam Gardsy reported that PenTelData, our internet provider, has offered a faster speed of internet for the same price if the Township renews the contract for three years. Ralph Megliola made a motion to renew the contract with PenTelData. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Ralph Megliola made a motion to move the PLGIT Accounts into the regular accounts and close the T.A.N. Account. The motion was seconded by William Pipolo, Jr. and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Ralph Megliola made a motion to move the General Fund from N.B.T. Bank to First Keystone Bank. The motion was seconded by Benjie Labar and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Ralph Megliola made a motion to move the Ambulance Fund and the Library Fund to E.S.S.A. Bank. The motion was seconded by Benjie Labar and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Discussion was held on the signal lights for the fire trucks and the traffic light in Canadensis. Pam Gardsy stated that she researched the cost to upgrade the traffic light and it will be approximately \$ 10,000.00 and there will be a 7 second delay to change the light for emergency vehicles. Ralph Megliola suggested applying for a grant from the gaming monies to pay for the light.

Discussion was held on what roads were going to be paved this year. John Seese will meet with Jeff Roback from Penn Dot to determine the specifications and cost to pave several roads.

As there was no further business or public comment, Ralph Megliola made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Benjie Labar and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry R. Rinehart