

Barrett Township Supervisors  
Minutes of Regular Meeting on July 14, 2021

A regular meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, July 14, 2021, at the Municipal Building on Route 390 in Mountainhome, PA. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman William Pipolo, Jr.

Present: William Pipolo, Jr., Patti O'Keefe, May LaBar, John Seese, Benjie LaBar, Solicitor Todd Weitzmann, Pam Gardsy, Jeryl Rinehart and the public.  
There were no public comments on the agenda items.

The minutes of the June 23, 2021 meeting were approved on a motion made by William Pipolo, Jr. and seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

William Pipolo, Jr. made a motion to approve the payment of the following bills:

- June 23, 2021 - General Fund - \$ 48,389.28, Library Fund - \$ 722.14, Ambulance Fund - \$ 240.43, Park and Recreation Fund - \$ 6,867.12, Open Space Fund – \$ 2,104.66

The motion was seconded by May LaBar and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

William Pipolo, Jr. made a motion to approve the payment of the following bills:

- June 30, 2021 - General Fund - \$ 78,600.10, State Fund - \$ 147,000.00, Fire Fund – \$ 108.15, Open Space Fund – \$ 75.57

The motion was seconded by Benjie LaBar and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

William Pipolo, Jr. made a motion to approve the payment of the following bills:

- July 7, 2021 - General Fund - \$ 3,559.13, State Fund - \$ 770.55, Fire Fund – \$ 580.13, Open Space Fund - \$ 1,801.95, Park and Recreation Fund - \$ 215.65, Ambulance Fund - \$ 447.81, Library Fund - \$ 1,345.17

The motion was seconded by Benjie LaBar and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Reports:

a. The S.E.O. (3), Zoning (7) and Building (4) Reports for June were read. On a motion made by William Pipolo, Jr. and seconded by Patti O'Keefe and carried, the reports were accepted as read. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. The Ambulance Report was read. For the month of June, PMR EMS responded to 53 incidents in Barrett Township bringing the year-to-date total to 198. Overall, for the month of June, PMR EMS responded to a total of 615 incidents throughout all townships which brings the year-to-date total to 3,218. On a motion made by William Pipolo, Jr. and seconded by John Seese and carried, the report was accepted as read. All Supervisors voted aye.

c. The Treasurer's Report for June was read. On a motion made by William Pipolo, Jr. and seconded by May LaBar and carried, the report was accepted as read. All Supervisors voted aye.

d. The May 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes for the High Acres Park Committee were read. On a motion made by William Pipolo, Jr. and seconded by John Seese and carried, the meeting minutes was accepted as read excluding the Veterans Memorial Garden. All Supervisors voted aye. William Pipolo, Jr. made a motion to table the discussion about the

Veterans Memorial Garden. The motion was seconded by May LaBar and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

e. The Roadmaster's Report for May was read. On a motion made by William Pipolo, Jr. and seconded by May LaBar and carried, the report was accepted as read. All Supervisors voted aye.

Subdivisions/Land Development/Lot Combination:

a. Lands of Frank P. Clarke and Holly S. Aughenbaugh, 2859 Route 390, LaBella Associates, Minor Subdivision Plan – Frank P. Clark is proposing to subdivide approximately 0.50 acres from the Aughenbaugh Property (approximately 4.7 acres) and combine this property with the Frank P. Clarke Property (approximately 0.78 acres). The parcels are zoned CRH, Commercial Resort/Hotel. Michael Duddy from LaBella Associates was present to discuss the plan. Township Engineer Deanna Schmoyer's Comment Letter dated June 21, 2021, was reviewed and discussed. May LaBar made a motion to table the approval of the plan until Deanna Schmoyer's comments could be addressed. The motion was seconded by Benjie LaBar and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Old Business:

a. William Pipolo, Jr. made a motion to approve the purchase price for the 2021 Chevy Tahoe in the amount of \$ 45,010.90. The motion was seconded by May LaBar and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. William Pipolo, Jr. made a motion to approve Resolution No. 071421 to make the supplemental appropriations for the 2021 budget for the American Rescue Plan Allocation: the sum of \$ 216,769.94 shall be deposited into a separate account and spent in accordance with the guideline and requirements of the American Rescue Plan. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

c. It was noted that a Public Hearing for Zoning Amendments is scheduled for Wednesday, July 28, 2021, at 8:30 a.m.

d. Discussion was held on changing the date for the Grand Opening for the Community Park at Ice Lake due to the fitness equipment delivery date being delayed. A date for the Grand Opening will be set at a later time.

e. Discussion was held on the pictures Benjie LaBar submitted on the work completed at Seven Pines Park.

f. John Seese made a motion to approve the appraisal for the Barrett School. The motion was seconded by William Pipolo, Jr. and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

New Business:

a. William Pipolo, Jr. made a motion to approve the payroll for June 29, 2021, in the amount of \$ 16,157.17 for gross wages, \$ 495.26 for state liability, \$ 3,965.64 for federal tax

liability and \$ 12,730.15 for net wages. The motion was seconded by Benjie LaBar and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. William Pipolo, Jr. made a motion to approve Jeryl Rinehart attending S.E.O. Training Courses in Scranton on Tuesday, August 3, 2021, and Wednesday, August 4, 2021. The motion was seconded by May LaBar and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

c. William Pipolo, Jr. made a motion to approve the Fireworks Permit for Skytop Lodge for Sunday, July 18, 2021, between 9:00 - 9:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by May LaBar and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

d. It was noted that the PSATS Business Meeting will be held on Friday, October 15, 2021, at the Great American Hall, Hershey Lodge from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Correspondence:

a. A letter was received from the Brodhead Watershed Association thanking the Supervisors for their donation and support.

b. A Thank You card was received from Alexander and Dillion Brunetti thanking the Supervisors for the use of the pavilion at High Acres Park for their Eagle Court of Honor.

c. A letter was received from Mario Scavello ensuring that the Supervisors were aware of Act 65 of 2021, amending the Sunshine Act to bring transparency and accountability to municipal governments.

d. A letter was received from PA DEP informing the Supervisors of the Notice of Violation for the Discharge Monitoring Reports for Skytop Lodge.

e. A letter was received from D & D Engineering informing the Supervisors of their intent to submit a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit application to PA DEP on behalf of Roy Clark for the construction of a residential house and an agricultural building for storage.

Miscellaneous:

a. It was noted that certificates of insurance were received from SLC Lawn, Inc., Reed Sign Company, LLC and Rettew Associates, Inc.

Ruth Kochera was present to discuss her confusion with the signage on the bathrooms at the Community Park at Ice Lake. She stated that *“there are two bathrooms and each of them are identical and include a toilet and a sink with a locking door leading to the outside but one of them is labeled male and one of them is labeled female and her question is why. Why do we need to label these bathrooms as anything more than just bathroom or toilet to make them more inclusive? I could go on, I spoke with a disabled person in our community, and she asked me to share her story with you, that she needs the assistance of her husband to use public bathrooms and it is always an issue when facilities do not have a family bathroom or a single locking bathroom. These are single locking bathrooms but they either have to go in one labeled male or one labeled female. For no reason because they are the same inside, right? I know some people get defensive and maybe say that this is trivial or silly but if it is*

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*then I feel like it is not a big deal to make such a minor change. And I would ask you all, does your single room locking toilet at your own house have a gender label on the door, or not? And that's it, I will even pay for new signs."* Discussion followed. Benjie LaBar made a motion to change the signs to say "bathroom." The motion was seconded by Patti O'Keefe. Benjie LaBar, Patti O'Keefe and May LaBar voted yes. William Pipolo, Jr. and John Seese voted no. The motion carried with a vote of 3 to 2.

As there was no further business or public comment, William Pipolo, Jr. made a motion to close the meeting at 6:26 p.m. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,

*May LaBar, Secy.*

Rec: Secy  
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