

**Barrett Township Supervisors
November 8, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 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, William Pipolo, Jr., Benjie Labar, Ralph Megliola, John Seese, Solicitor Todd Weitzmann, Pam Gardsy, Jeryl Rinehart and the public.

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

The minutes of the October 25, 2017 meetings 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:

- October 25, 2017 - General Fund - \$ 101,435.34, Open Space Fund – \$ 420.00, Ambulance Fund - \$ 258.12, Library Fund - \$ 646.07, LST Fund - \$ 506.00, State Fund - \$ 1,871.32
- November 1, 2017 - General Fund - \$ 8,110.47, Open Space Fund – \$ 272.34, Park and Recreation Park Fund – \$ 984.89, Fire Fund – \$ 886.31, LST Fund – \$ 2,077.10

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

Reports:

a. The Treasurer's Report was read. On a motion made by Ralph Megliola and seconded by John Seese and carried, the report was accepted as read.

b. The Ambulance Report was read. It was noted that Pocono Mountain Regional EMS responded to 51 emergencies in the month of October bringing the Year to Date total to 433. On a motion made by Ralph Megliola and seconded by William Pipolo, Jr. and carried, the report was accepted as read.

c. The High Acres Park Committee Report was read by Committee Member, Priscilla Kice. On a motion made by Ralph Megliola and seconded by Benjie Labar and carried, the report was accepted as read. It was noted that the Veteran's Day Ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, November 11, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

d. The Fire Chief's Reports for August, September and October were read. On a motion made by Ralph Megliola and seconded by Loree Guthrie and carried, the report was accepted as read.

Old Business:

a. The Public Hearing for the Sign Permit Appeal for David Turner, Flying Dollar Airport was continued from Wednesday, October 25, 2017. Jackie Stirr was present and stated the sign was well designed, beautifully crafted, suits the lay of the land very well and is really an asset to Dutch Hill Road and she is totally in favorite of it and its position. Ralph Megliola made a motion to close the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by William Pipolo, Jr. and carried. All Supervisors voted aye. Ralph Megliola made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues at 5:42 p.m. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Ralph Megliola made a motion to reconvene the meeting at 5:58 p.m. The motion was seconded by William Pipolo, Jr and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

William Pipolo, Jr. made a motion to approve the sign for David Turner, Flying Dollar Airport. The motion was seconded by Loree Guthrie and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. Ralph Megliola made a motion to update the old phone system for a savings of \$ 178.00 per month. The motion was seconded by William Pipolo, Jr. and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

c. Ralph Megliola made a motion to approve the new contract with P.T.D. to increase the internet speed for the new phone system. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

New Business:

a. Ralph Megliola made a motion to approve the payroll for October 24, 2017 in the amount of \$ 13,207.24 for gross wages, \$ 404.70 for state liability, \$ 3,449.44 for federal tax liability, \$ 10,147.30 for net wages. The motion was seconded by William Pipolo, Jr. and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. A letter was received from the Monroe County Conservation District informing the Supervisors that they conducted an inspection of earth disturbance activities at the Spruce Lake Retreat Activity Center.

c. A letter was received from PA DEP informing the Supervisors that they have reviewed and approved the request from Mick Motors for an alternative time frame for submitting a complete Site Characterization Report for the release incident of the storage tanks.

d. Ralph Megliola made a motion to table the approval of the 2018 Draft Annual Budget for P.A.R.C. The motion was seconded by William Pipolo, Jr. and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

e. A letter was received from Kirk, Summa & Co. LLP confirming their understanding of the auditing services they are providing for the year ending December 31, 2017 in the amount of \$ 6000.00. Ralph Megliola made a motion to have Solicitor Todd Weitzmann advertise the notice so it can be approved at a future meeting. The motion was seconded by Benjie Labar and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

f. A letter was received from the Monroe County Municipal Waste Management Authority informing the Supervisors that they have completed their budget for 2018 and was pleased to announce there will be no rate increases scheduled at this time.

g. A letter was received from the PA Department of Transportation notifying the Supervisors that the Estimated Liquid Fuels allocation for 2018 is \$ 200,491.43.

h. A letter was received from the Weiler Family Foundation along with a contribution in the amount of \$ 20,000.00 to Barrett Township. It was noted that the contribution will be used for the improvement of the Gunderson property on Spruce Cabin Road for all the Scouts in Barrett Township. It was also noted that Executive Secretary Pam Gardsy sent a thank you letter to the Weiler Family Foundation for their contribution.

i. Ralph Megliola made a motion to approve the change for Health Insurance from Highmark to Aetna for a savings of approximately \$ 11,000.00. The motion was seconded by Benjie Labar and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Miscellaneous:

a. It was noted that certificates of insurance were received from Mountain Landscaping LLC and R.W. Buff, Inc.

William Hopkins from the Architectural Review Committee informed the Supervisors that Karen Tetor has moved and resigned from the Architectural Review Committee. Karen served for many years on the Committee and has been a great asset. The Supervisors will have Pam prepare and send a thank you letter for her years of service.

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Discussion was held on the status of the designation upgrade of the Cranberry Creek Watershed from high quality to exceptional value. Brick Linder is very concerned on the impact of development potential in the area from Mick Motors towards the west to the Township line. It was also discussed that since the application has been submitted for the designation upgrade, all standards and regulations for the exceptional value designation are being enforced.

As there was no further business or public comment, Ralph Megliola made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by William Pipolo, Jr. and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Teryl Pinchart