Barrett Township Supervisors May 14, 2014

A regular meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at the Barrett Township Municipal Building on Route 390 in Mountainhome, PA. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Ralph Megliola. Present: Ralph Megliola, Patti O'Keefe, John Seese, Paul Stotsenburg, Chief Steve Williams, Solicitor Todd Weitzmann, Jeryl Rinehart, and the public. Loree Guthrie was absent.

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

The minutes of the April 22, 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 payment of the bills for April 24, 2014 from the General Fund in the amount of \$5,984.85, from the Park and Recreation Fund in the \$312.35 and from the Ambulance Fund in the amount of \$3,89.56 and for May 1, 2014 from the General Fund in the amount of \$19,077.50 from the Fire Fund in the amount of \$4,652.31, from the Library Fund in the amount of \$5,822.94, from the Ambulance Fund in the amount of \$3,881.78 and State Fund in the amount of \$2,871.29 and for May 8, 2014 from the General Fund in the amount of \$21,688.11, from the Library Fund in the amount of \$7,844.01, from the Ambulance Fund in the amount of \$5,229.01 and from the Park and Recreation Fund in the amount of \$3,669.90. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Reports:

- a. The Police Report was read. On a motion made by John Seese, seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried, the report was accepted as read. All Supervisors voted aye.
- b. The Treasurer Report was read. On a motion made by Paul Stotsenburg, seconded by John Seese and carried, the report was accepted as read. All Supervisors voted aye.
- c. The Roadmaster's Report was read. On a motion made by Ralph Megliola, seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Public Hearing:

The Public Hearing was held for the purpose of the intention to enact proposed Ordinance No. 179 to amend the Barrett Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance to provide for a simplified lot combination procedure. It was noted that the Public Hearing Notice was advertised in the Pocono Record and was posted at the Municipal Building. It was also noted that there was no public comment. Ralph Megliola made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 179. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Old Business:

- a. Ralph Megliola gave an update on the sale of the Old Fire Truck No. 2. The fire truck was delivered to Oklahoma. The check was received for \$ 38,000 for the sale of the truck and the title for the truck was sent to the Fire Company in Oklahoma. The balance of the money will be deposited into the Fire Fund and will go toward paying the payment for the new fire truck.
- b. Ralph Megliola gave an update on the presentation done by Denise Schlagel for obtaining grants for the Township. The Barrett Township Comprehensive Plan will need to be updated prior to applying for certain grants and a Community Plan will also need to be created. The Supervisors will be meeting with her again in a month or so.

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- c. Ralph Megliola also gave an update on the grant for the two police cars from the Local Shared monies. The police cars have been delivered. The Township will receive \$ 79,000 from grant money towards the purchase of the police cars.
- d. Cindy Deluca and Carol Hillstead were present to discuss the increase to the library tax for operating expenses. Ralph Megliola spoke with the Paradise Township Supervisors and will schedule a meeting with them in June to discuss the possible library tax increase.

New Business:

- a. Ralph Megliola made a motion to approve payroll for May 1, 2014 in the amount of \$48,772.71 for gross wages, \$1,497.35 for state tax liability, \$13,977.59 for federal tax liability and \$36,433.59 for net wages. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All supervisors voted aye.
- b. A letter was received from McTish, Kunkel and Associates informing the Supervisors of their intent to submit a GP-11 permit application to the PADEP for the State Route 390 bridge replacement over Mill Creek by Spruce Cabin Road. The permit is being sought as part of the Department's Rapid Bridge Replacement project scheduled to begin in early 2015.
- c. A letter was received from the PA Department of Transportation informing the Supervisors that they have completed their evaluation of the costs of winter services for the 2013/2014 winter season. The Township will receive \$ 5,633.81 within sixty (60) days of receipt of the letter.
- d. A letter was received from the Monroe County Planning Commission informing the Supervisors that they have updated their Comprehensive Plan.
- e. A letter was received from the Monroe County Control Center notifying the Supervisors that they will be terminating the Alarm Monitoring Services effective December 31, 2014.
- f. It was noted that the Certificate of Accuracy Reports were received for Tracker No. 687 and No. 688. Ralph Megliola made a motion to accept the reports. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.
- g. Discussion was held on the proposed banners for the Buck Hill/Skytop Music Festival. Currently, the banners are prohibited over roadways and the size is limited to 4' x 4'. Solicitor Todd Weitzmann will prepare the changes to permit the use of banners.

Miscellaneous:

a. It was noted that certificates of insurance were received from Oak Ridge Construction, Inc., Pencor Services, Inc., Precision Home Builders, Inc. and Charles Yerkes.

Chief Steve Williams reported that the Monroe County District Attorney's Office will be holding a public auction at Auto in Motion on Route 390 on Friday, May 16, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. The automobiles that will be auctioned off are from the Drug Task Force's seizures through drug investigations.

John Seese made a motion to recess the meeting at 7:50 p.m. to go into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation. The motion was seconded by Ralph Megliola and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Paul Stotsenburg made a motion to reconvene the meeting at 8:14 p.m. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

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As there was no further business or public comment, Ralph Megliola made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,