

Barrett Township Supervisors
June 10, 2015

A regular meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at the Barrett Township Building on Route 390 in Mountainhome. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Ralph Megliola. Present: Loree Guthrie, Patti O'Keefe, Ralph Megliola, John Seese, Solicitor Todd Weitzmann, Chief Steve Williams, Pam Ferro, Jeryl Rinehart and the public. Paul Stotsenburg was absent. There were no public comments on the agenda items.

The minutes of the May 13 and May 26, 2015 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:

- May 27, 2015: General Fund - \$ 6,274.71, Library Fund - \$ 283.32, Ambulance Fund - \$ 94.44.
- June 3, 2015: General Fund - \$ 4,211.02, Library Fund - \$ 408.65, Park and Recreation Fund - \$ 4436.00, Fire Fund - \$ 777.81.

The motion was seconded Paul Stotsenburg 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 Police Report was read. On a motion made by John Seese and seconded by Patti O'Keefe and carried, the report was accepted as read.
- c. The Roadmaster's Report was read. On a motion made by Ralph Megliola and seconded by Loree Guthrie and carried, the report was accepted as read.

Old Business:

- a. It was noted that a workshop has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 30, 2015 at 7:30 a.m. to discuss the final draft Sign Ordinance with Judy Goldstein Stern.
- b. Discussion was held on the Zoning Hearing Board's decision for the application submitted by Matthew Eckart to increase an animal unit on his property located at 1201 Route 390. It was noted that the application was denied because he did not have enough acreage for an additional animal unit.
- c. Discussion was held on the enforcement actions to be taken against Ralph Miller for the unsafe structure at the old Pocono Playhouse property on Playhouse Lane. Solicitor Todd Weitzmann will schedule a meeting with Zoning Officer Jeryl Rinehart and Building Code Officer Shawn McGlynn to start the enforcement action process.

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d. It was noted that there will be an Intergovernmental Agreement meeting with the Paradise Township Supervisors on Monday, June 15, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. at the Paradise Township Municipal Building.

e. Ralph Megliola reported that he discussed the status of the open building permits with Mike Tripus from B.I.U and they will complete any inspections that they have been paid for.

f. Chief Steve Williams gave an update on the Police Regionalization with Pocono Mountain Regional Police Department. The Pocono Mountain Regional Police Commission will be holding a special meeting on Tuesday, June 23, 2015 to possibly vote on the acceptance of the Barrett Township Police Department.

g. It was noted that there will be a workshop for Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 7:30 a.m. to discuss the Employee Handbook with Solicitor Deborah Huffman.

New Business:

a. Ralph Megliola made a motion to approve payroll for May 26, 2015 in the amount of \$ 29,923.74 for gross wages, \$ 918.67 for state liability, \$ 7,857.08 for federal tax liability and \$ 23,179.61 for net wages. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. Discussion was held on the appointment of the Assistant Zoning Officer. Ralph Megliola made a motion to appoint Shawn McGlynn as the Assistant Officer. The motion was seconded by Loree Guthrie and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

c. Discussion was held on an anonymous complaint letter that received from "A Very Concerned Citizen" concerning Zoning Officer Jeryl Rinehart's father, Newton Seese and his property located on Upper Seese Hill Road. The citizen stated that the property is an eyesore and a hazard and he is allowed to get away with it. It was determined that there is a conflict of interest for Jeryl Rinehart to follow through with any enforcement action because Newton Seese is her immediate family. Shawn McGlynn will take care of the situation as the Assistant Zoning Officer.

d. Three proposals were received from painting companies to paint the Municipal Building. The proposals were submitted by Emerald Painting for \$ 8,300.00, Jack Stone Painting for \$ 7,800.00 and Gregory Batzel Painting for \$ 7,560.00. Ralph Megliola made a motion to accept the proposal from Gregory Batzel Painting for \$ 7,560.00. The motion was seconded by Patti O'Keefe and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

e. Ralph Megliola made a motion to accept the Calibration Reports for Tracker No. 687 and No. 691. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

f. Discussion was held on the existing escrow accounts for Falls Road Funding and two septic system maintenance bonds. Solicitor Todd Weitzmann will look into the agreements for the escrow accounts.

g. Discussion was held on closing several P.L.G.I.T. that had very small balances. Ralph Megliola made a motion to close the accounts and combine them with other existing accounts. The motion was seconded by Loree Guthrie and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

h. A letter was received from PennDot informing the Supervisors that the State Police Fines and Penalties payment in the amount of \$ 1,422.79 will be paid on June 1, 2015.

i. A letter was received from the Monroe County Board of Assessment for the interim tax assessment totals for building improvements for December, 2014 to May, 2015.

j. A letter was received from Blue Ridge Cable informing the Supervisors of the increase of prices which will take effect on July 1, 2015.

k. Discussion was held on the appointment of an alternate member for the Zoning Hearing Board. Anyone who is interested in the appointment can submit a letter of interest to the Supervisors.

l. Discussion was held on making several amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. It was determined that a list of the amendments will be

Miscellaneous:

a. It was noted that a certificate of insurance were received from Skytop Lodge, Elite Overhead Door, Inc. and Hanson Aggregates Pennsylvania, LLC.

Discussion was held on the tax money owed to the Shepherds of Monroe County for a tax appeal from 2007 and for a tax appeal hearing for the old Daniels Top of the Poconos. Solicitor Todd Weitzmann will follow up with both issues.

Ralph Megliola made a motion to accept Resolution No. 061015 for the appointment of the Chief Administrator Officer for the Non-Uniform Pension to be the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. The motion was seconded by Loree Guthrie and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Discussion was held on the L.S.A. Grant for pagers and radios for the Fire Company. Solicitor Todd Weitzmann prepared an agreement between the Fire Company and the Supervisors for the purchase of the pagers and the radios. Ralph Megliola made a motion to sign the agreement. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Ralph Megliola made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 7:50 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 8:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

As there was no further business or public comment, Ralph Megliola made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Terp Rinehart