

**Barrett Township Supervisors
June 23, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at the Barrett Township Building on Route 390 in Mountainhome, Pa. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Ralph Megliola.

Present: Loree Guthrie, Ralph Megliola, John Seese, Paul Stotsenburg, Pam Ferro, Solicitor Todd Weitzmann, Chief Steve Williams, Jeryl Rinehart and the public. Patti O'Keefe was absent.

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

The minutes of the June 10, 2015 meetings were approved on a motion made by Ralph Megliola and seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

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

- June 10, 2015 – General Fund - \$ 14,525.18, Library Fund - \$ 637.22, Park and Recreation Fund - \$ 7,066.64, Fire Fund - \$ 12,928.35, State Fund – \$ 388.60.
- June 17, 2015 – General Fund - \$ 7,653.60, Library Fund – \$ 313.31, Park and Recreation Fund - \$ 1,965.74, State Fund - \$ 748.38, Fire Fund – \$ 3,913.97.

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

Subdivision:

a. Roy and Sheila Clark, Gross Estates, Route 390, Minor Subdivision, Martin and Robbins Surveying – It was noted that the minor subdivision plan was approved in December, 2014 and a non-building waiver was added to the plan at the time. Planning Modules Component 2 and 4 had been prepared and submitted to the PA DEP to eliminate the non- building waiver. The planning modules were submitted to PA DEP and a letter dated June 8, 2015 was received from PA DEP approving the planning modules. Ralph Megliola made a motion to grant final approval for the planning modules. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Old Business:

a. Shawn McGlynn, Building Code Inspector, was present to discuss the blighted condition properties and how to address the properties that have dilapidated

buildings and property maintenance issues. Discussion was held on creating a list of the properties, prioritizing the list and determining which ones have the greater impact on the community, reviewing the current blighted property ordinance and possibly recreating the Blighted Property Committee or using the Architectural Review Committee and talking to Martha at the Monroe County Redevelopment Authority for assistance on the properties with grant programs. Solicitor Todd Weitzmann will work on the authorizing resolution for the Architectural Review Committee and their duties. It was also discussed that Roadmaster John Seese will look at the Playhouse property to determine the cost to clean up the structure.

b. Police Chief Chris Wagner from the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Department was present to give an update on the Barrett Township Police Department joining the Pocono Mountain Police Regional Department. The Pocono Mountain Regional Police Commission is holding a special meeting tonight to possibly pass a resolution contingent upon the other municipalities passing their ordinances. Police Chief Chris Wagner requested to be put on the next agenda. It was determined that a special meeting will be scheduled when confirmation has been received that the resolution has been approved by the Police Commission.

c. Discussion was held on the escrow account for Falls Road Funding in the amount of \$ 5000.00. Accountant Judy Linder reviewed the engineering bills from Township Engineer Boucher and James for the Historic Overlay District Ordinance and determined that the money in the escrow account belongs to the Township for engineering review fees and Falls Road Funding owes a balance of \$ 426.02. Ralph Megliola made a motion to move the \$ 5000.00 escrow account to the General Fund. The motion was seconded by Loree Guthrie and carried. All Supervisors voted aye. Solicitor Todd Weitzmann suggested getting an opinion from bankruptcy counsel before submitting a bill for the balance that is owed to the Township.

d. Discussion was held on the possibility of not being able to obtain the PennDot permit to have the Halloween Parade because of the closing of the bridge on Route 390. The Halloween Parade Committee will have a meeting to discuss an alternate route to have the parade.

e. Discussion was held on the dog park at the Gravel Family Preserve. Township Engineer Jon Tresslar prepared the plan for the dog park. Paul Stotsenburg questioned the cost of preparing the property for the dog park and the maintenance of the park. It was noted that some of the fencing has been donated by Middle Smithfield Township. John Seese made a motion to proceed with the dog park.

The motion was seconded by Loree Guthrie and carried. Paul Stotsenburg voted nay. The motion carried with a vote of 3 – 1.

f. It was noted that Township Engineer Judy Stern Goldstein will be at the workshop on Tuesday, June 30, 2015 at 7:30 a.m. to discuss the Sign Ordinance.

g. Matthew Eckart was present to discuss his request to add an animal unit to his property. He applied for a zoning permit with Zoning Officer Jeryl Rinehart and it was denied. He submitted an application for a variance with the Zoning Hearing Board and his application was denied because he did not have enough acreage for the additional animal unit. Solicitor Todd Weitzmann explained the process for amending the Zoning Ordinance. Mark Eckart asked if he proposed an amendment would the Supervisors be opened to reviewing it. Ralph Megliola said that the Supervisors would look at it.

New Business:

a. Ralph Megliola made a motion to approve payroll for June 11, 2015 in the amount of \$ \$ 26,646.64 for gross wages, \$ 818.04 for state tax liability, \$ 6,952.54 for federal tax liability and \$ 20,547.16 for net wages. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. A letter was received from PennDot informing the Supervisors that they have completed the evaluation for the costs of winter services for the 2014/2015 winter season. The evaluation indicated that the Township will receive a reimbursement in the amount of \$ 3,922.77 within 60 days. Ralph Megliola made a motion to accept the payment. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

c. A letter was received from the Pocono Arts Council requesting a donation in the amount of \$ 400.00. Ralph Megliola made a motion to table the donation request until more information could be obtained. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

d. Ralph Megliola made a motion to approve the Fireworks Permit for Camp Canadensis for Saturday, July 4, 2015 at 9:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

e. Ralph Megliola made a motion to accept the Calibration Reports for Tracker No. 688. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

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f. A letter was received from the Brodhead Watershed Association asking for the Supervisors to renew their membership in the amount of \$ 300.00. Ralph Megliola made a motion to renew the membership for the Brodhead Watershed Association. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

g. Ralph Megliola made a motion to approve the Fireworks Permit for Skytop Lodge for Sunday, July 5, 2015 at 9:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

h. Paul Stotsenburg reported that he received the proposed Township Park Ordinance for the Supervisors and Solicitor Todd Weitzmann to review and discuss at the next workshop.

Miscellaneous:

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

As there were no further business or public comment, Ralph Megliola made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Terrel Rinehart