

**Barrett Township Supervisors
February 24, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at the Barrett Township Municipal Building on Route 390 in Mountainhome, Pa. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Ralph Megliola.

**Present: Ralph Megliola, Patti O’Keefe, Loree Guthrie, John Seese, Paul Stotsenburg, Pam Ferro, Jeryl Rinehart, Chief Steve Williams and the public.
There were no public comments on the agenda items.**

The minutes of the February 11, 2015 meeting were approved on a motion made by Ralph Megliola and seconded by John Seese and carried. Patti O’Keefe abstained because she wasn’t present at the meeting. All the other Supervisors voted aye.

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

- February 11, 2015 – General Fund - \$ 20,277.33, Park and Recreation Fund - \$ 237.47, State Fund - \$ 5,474.43, Fire Fund - \$ 1,128.18**
- February 18, 2015 – General Fund - \$ 18, 852.73, Ambulance Fund - \$ 404.22, State Fund - \$ 5,404.26, Library Fund - \$ 635.57**

The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Subdivision/Lot Combination:

a. David C. and Leslie A. Heitz, Lake in the Clouds, Lot 28 and 29, Section D, Lookout Point, Martin and Robbins Surveying - Terry Martin from Martin and Robbins Surveying was present to discuss the lot combination. The Heitzs are proposing to join Lot 28 and 29, Section D, Lake in the Clouds, Lookout Point. It was noted that Solicitor Todd Weitzmann and Township Engineer Jon Tresslar reviewed the plan and found it acceptable. Ralph Megliola made a motion to approve the lot combination. The motion was seconded by Loree Guthrie and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Old Business:

a. It was noted that the Conditional Use Hearing for the Barrett Elementary School has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, at 4:00 p.m.

b. It was noted that the Final Draft Ordinance for the Amendment to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement pertaining to the withdrawal of

Mount Pocono Borough from the Pocono Area Recreation Commission is available for review. The Public Notice will be posted and advertised and the hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

c. It was noted that the Memorandum of Understanding for the regionalization of the Police Department has been received. Ralph Megliola made a motion make the M.O.U. available for the public for their review. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

New Business:

a. Ralph Megliola made a motion to approve the following payrolls for January 8, 2015 in the amount of \$ 33,423.57 for gross wages, \$ 1,026.07 for state tax liability, \$ 8,421.34 for federal tax liability and \$ 26,709.21 for net wages, for January 23, 2015 in the amount of \$ 30,964.24 for gross wages, \$ 950.61 for state tax liability, \$ 8,191.73 for federal tax liability and \$ 23,775.85 for net wages, for February 5, 2015 in the amount of \$ 34,457.69 for gross wages, \$ 1,057.85 for state tax liability, \$ 9,167.73 for federal tax liability and \$ 26,412.09 for net wages and for February 19, 2015 in the amount of \$ 38,357.75 for gross wages, \$ 1,177.56 for state tax liability, \$10,217.36 for federal tax liability and \$ 29,400.52 for net wages. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. It was noted that P.P. & L. submitted a Right-Of-Way Agreement for Tree Work to remove any trees within fifteen (15) feet of each side of the centerline of the electric line located on the property identified as County Tax Parcel No. 01638600096154, which is the Maintenance Department property on Sand Spring Road. Ralph Megliola made a motion to sign the Easement Agreement. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Miscellaneous:

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

Michelle Wagner was present to discuss having Earth Day events at High Acres Park. She will keep the Supervisors updated on the date for the events.

Robert and May Labar were present to ask questions and discuss the Police Pension Plan, if the Police Department goes to regionalization. If the Police Department goes to regionalization, the Police Pension Plan may go from a state funded pension plan to a private sector pension plan and they are concerned how those changes will affect the retired Police Officers' pension plan. The Police Officers will have two options to vote. The first option will be the Police Pension Plan staying with the Township and the second option will be the Police Pension Plan going to Pocono Mountain Regional Police Department.

Several residents had questions and there was further discussion on the possibility of the Police Department going to regionalization and other issues concerning the public obtaining cinders, updating the website and forming a committee to bring businesses and people to the community.

Matt Eckart addressed the Supervisors concerning the raising of livestock and obtaining two to four pygmy goats on his property located at 1205 Route 390. He stated that he purchased the property several years ago and renovated the dwelling and improved the property. During the process of the improvement to his property, the new Zoning Ordinance was adopted in December of 2013, which Mr. Eckart was not aware of. The new Zoning Ordinance limits him to the number of animal units he can have based on the number of acres. He owns less than one acre and the minimum acreage required for the keeping of livestock in the current Zoning Ordinance is two acres. Zoning Officer, Jeryl Rinehart stated that Mr. Eckart owned ducks and chickens when the Ordinance went into effect and that he can continue to have them but there is a question about obtaining additional types of livestock. It was suggested that Mr. Eckart submit a letter explaining what his proposed plan is for purchasing more livestock and have Jeryl Rinehart discuss it with Township Solicitor Tim McManus.

Ralph Megliola made a motion to go into Executive Session at 10:55 a.m. to discuss personnel and possible litigation. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye. Ralph Megliola made a motion to reconvene the meeting at 11:25 a.m. The motion was seconded by Loree Guthrie and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

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Ralph Megliola made a motion to have the votes/ballots for the Police Pension submitted by Monday, March 2, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. The motion was second by Loree Guthrie and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

As there were no further business or public comment, Ralph Megliola made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,