

**Barrett Township Supervisors
Minutes of Regular Meeting on January 22, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at the Barrett Township Municipal Building on Route 390 in Mountainhome, PA. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chairman William Pipolo, Jr.

Present: Patti O’Keefe, May LaBar, Benjie LaBar, William Pipolo, Jr., John Seese, Solicitor Todd Weitzmann, Pam Gardsy, Shawn McGlynn, Jeryl Rinehart and the public.

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

The minutes of the January 6, 2020 Reorganization and Regular Meetings were approved on a motion made by William Pipolo, Jr. and seconded by Benjie LaBar and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

The Public Hearing was opened for the fire damaged structure at 4767 Route 447 owned by Gisela Paula and Loidy Gonzalez – Paula. It was noted that the Public Hearing was advertised and the property owners were notified. The property owners were not present for the Public Hearing. Solicitor Todd Weitzmann submitted Exhibits as evidence. William Pipolo, Jr. made a motion to accept the Exhibits into the record. The motion was seconded by May LaBar and carried. All Supervisors voted aye. Shawn McGlynn, Building Code Official was present and sworn in to testify about the condition of the fire damaged building. Shawn stated the building is unsafe, dangerous and a public nuisance and it needs to be demolished and removed. The property should be graded off and restored. Shawn recommended to the Supervisors that they order the building to be demolished and the property cleaned up in accordance with Ordinance No. 85, Dangerous Structures. Sal Maniace, the neighbor was also sworn in to testify. Mr. Maniace was in favor of the Township cleaning up the property. William Pipolo, Jr. made a motion to close the record of the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

William Pipolo, Jr. made a motion to approve the payment of the following bills:

- January 8, 2020: General Fund - \$ 4,518.42, Library Fund – \$ 622.31, Ambulance Fund – \$ 207.37, State Fund - \$ 420.41, Park and Recreation Fund – \$ 307.38, LST Fund - \$ 13,176.46, Open Space Fund - \$ 85.00, Fire Fund - \$ 319.61
- January 15, 2020: General Fund - \$ 54,834.10, Park and Recreation Fund – \$ 3,517.14, Fire Fund – \$ 1,219.40

The motion was seconded by Benjie LaBar and carried. All Supervisors voted aye

Reports:

a. The Roadmaster's Report for December was read. On a motion made by William Pipolo, Jr. and seconded by May LaBar and carried, the report was accepted as read. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. The Police Report for December was read. On a motion made by William Pipolo, Jr. and seconded by John Seese and carried, the report was accepted as read. All Supervisors voted aye.

Old Business:

a. The Auditors' Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, January 7, 2020 were read. William Pipolo, Jr. made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as read. The motion was seconded by Benjie LaBar and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. A letter was received from the U.S. Census Bureau asking the Supervisors to review their depiction of the legal boundary for accuracy for Barrett Township. The Supervisors will review the maps. If any corrections are made, the changes should be submitted by March 1, 2020. The Census Bureau will use this information to tabulate data for the 2020 Census.

New Business:

a. William Pipolo, Jr. made a motion to approve the payroll for January 14, 2020 in the amount of \$ 21,249.30 for gross wages, \$ 651.58 for state liability, \$ 4,971.90 for federal tax liability and \$ 16,893.22 for net wages. The motion was seconded by Benjie LaBar and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. William Pipolo, Jr. made a motion to approve the following Saturday dates for 2020 Township Clean-up: May 2nd, June 6th, July 11th, August 1st, September 12th and October 3rd from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

c. A letter was received from Attorney Eckert Seamans requesting the Supervisors consider the adoption of a Slot Machine Nuisance Ordinance to help combat the further expansion of illegal slot machines.

d. William Pipolo, Jr. made a motion to sign the Confirmation of Services for Kirk, Summa & Co. for auditing the financial records. The cost will not to exceed \$ 6,700.00. The motion was seconded by May Labar and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Correspondence:

a. A letter was received from the Monroe County Conservation District informing the Supervisors that they conducted an inspection of earth disturbance for the Patmos Monastery fence at 106 Patmos Drive.

b. A letter was received from the Monroe County Conservation District informing the Supervisors that they conducted a final inspection of the project at the Buck Hill Inn Demolition and Reclamation.

c. A letter was received from Kelly Lewis asking the Supervisors for their support of the Monroe County Dead Cell Zone Project. They are asking for every municipality in Monroe County to identify 6 to 8 preferred locations that could be ideal locations for towers.

Miscellaneous:

a. It was noted that certificates of insurance were received from Hanson Aggregate Pennsylvania, LLC and JMF Electrical Contractor.

Pam Gardsy reported that the Census Bureau is looking for locations to train census workers and asked if the Municipal Building would be available. The Supervisors agreed that the Municipal Building could be used for training during normal business hours.

John Seese reported that he would like to get started on the upcoming paving projects for 2020. Gravel Road is on the list of roads to be paved. He has also been looking to purchase a paver to replace the old paver and to do some of the paving with the Maintenance Department. John Seese made a motion to advertise selling the old paver. The motion was seconded by May LaBar and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

William Pipolo, Jr. made a motion to authorize and compensate Pam Gardsy for obtaining grants on a quarterly basis. It was noted that \$ 8,000 was budgeted for 2020 for the compensation and there will be a savings since the cost of Penn Strategies for obtaining grants was \$ 30,000 per year. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

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William Pipolo, Jr. made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:56 a.m. to discuss personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Benjie LaBar and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

William Pipolo, Jr. made a motion to reconvene the meeting at 9:52 a.m. The motion was seconded by Patti O'Keefe and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

William Pipolo, Jr. made a motion to set the meeting pay for Jeryl Rinehart for the Supervisors and Planning Commission meetings at \$ 35.00 per meeting. The motion was seconded by Benjie LaBar and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

As there was no further business or public comment, William Pipolo, Jr. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 a.m. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted

Respectfully submitted,

May LaBar, Secy.