

**Barrett Township Supervisors
January 13, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at the Barrett Township Building on Route 390 in Mountainhome, PA. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Ralph Megliola.

Present: Loree Guthrie, Benjie Labar, Ralph Megliola, William Pipolo, Jr., John Seese, Solicitor Deborah Huffman, Pam Gardsy and the public. Jeryl Rinehart was absent. There were no public comments on the agenda items.

The minutes of the January 4, 2016 Reorganization Meeting were approved on a motion made by Ralph Megliola and seconded by John Seese and carried. All the Supervisors voted aye.

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

- December 31, 2015 General Fund - \$ 841.14**
- January 6, 2016: General Fund - \$ 7,707.44, Library Fund - \$ 1,005.37, Ambulance Fund - \$ 335.10, Park and Recreation Fund - \$ 477.02, Road Machinery Fund - \$ 12,802.19, Fire Fund - \$ 52.90, State Fund - \$ 254.63.**

The motion was seconded by Loree Guthrie and carried. All the Supervisors voted aye.

Old Business:

a. It was noted that the Sign Ordinance Final Draft will be reviewed with Township Engineer Judy Goldstein Stern and Solicitor Todd Weitzmann at the meeting on January 27, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.

b. An email received from the Walsh Group stating that construction on repairing the bridge located on Route 390 near Spruce Cabin Road will begin on Monday, January 18, 2016. It also stated that one lane of traffic will remain open in each direction during construction, which is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2016.

c. Discussion was held on revisions to the Reorganization Meeting. Ralph Megliola made a motion to remove William Pipolo, Jr. as an alternate for the Zoning Hearing Board. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye. Ralph Megliola made a motion to remove Benjie Labar from the U.C.C. Appeal Board. The motion was seconded by William Pipolo, Jr. and carried. All Supervisors voted aye. Ralph Megliola made a motion to correct the hourly rate for Jeryl Rinehart from an increase of 3% to 2%, the hourly rate will go from \$ 22.39 per hour to \$ 22.17 per hour. The motion was seconded by Loree Guthrie and carried. All Supervisors voted aye. Ralph Megliola made a motion to change

Loree Guthrie from being in Charge of the Police Department to himself being in Charge of the Police Department. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye. Ralph Megliola made a motion to appoint Charlene Barry as the P.A.R.C. Representative for Barrett Township. The motion was seconded by William Pipolo, Jr. and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

d. Discussion was held on reopening the 2016 Budget. Ralph Megliola made a motion to reopen the 2016 Budget. The motion was seconded by Benjie Labar and carried. All Supervisors voted aye. The reasons for reopening the budget are to amend the incorrect numbers for the Police Department and to increase the employees' salaries from 2 % to 3 %. Benjie Labar made a motion to give the employees a 3% raise. The motion was seconded by Loree Guthrie. Ralph Megliola voted nay. William Pipolo, Jr. stated that he thought it should be tabled and discussed further and he chose not to vote. The motion carried with a vote of 3-1-1. Ralph Megliola made a motion to approve the amended budget with the amended police numbers and wage increase. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye. It was noted that the amended budget will be advertised and approval of the final budget will be on Wednesday, January 27, 2016.

e. An update was given on the demolition of the Pocono Playhouse. The reports have been received from the Riddle Environmental Services confirming that there is 4% asbestos. Building Code Inspector Shawn McGlynn will be getting three bids from contractors to remove the asbestos.

f. A Conditional Use Application was submitted by Shirlene Eugene and Karamela Trumpaitzky for the approval of a school at the old Yellow Room property located 119 Robison Lane. A hearing will be set once the Barrett Township Planning Commission and the Monroe County Planning Commission have their 30-day review period.

New Business:

a. Ralph Megliola made a motion to approve the payroll for January 7, 2016 in the amount of \$ 14,249.65 for gross wages, \$ 436.71 for state liability, \$ 3,623.83 for federal tax liability, \$ 10,977.24 for net wages. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. A letter was received from the Monroe County Board of Assessment concerning the Exemption Appeal on several properties owned by the Orthodox Center for Religious Studies for the St. John Monastery. The Board of Assessment denied

exemption on two parcels, one with vacant land and one with land and building. They granted tax exemption on the parcel with 7.52 acres and buildings for 2016. They also granted a partial exemption for 1 acre, hotel and paving. The remaining 5.60 acres, pool and clubhouse will remain taxable for 2016.

c. A letter was received from Boucher & James thanking the Supervisors for appointing them as Township Engineer. Their new rate schedule was also enclosed.

d. Ralph Megliola made a motion to advertise the intent to appoint a Certified Public Accountant to replace the elected auditors. The motion was seconded by William Pipolo, Jr. and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

e. It was noted that a letter has been sent to Nate Sauers requesting his resignation as Township Auditor due to his incarceration.

f. A Police Report for December was read. Ralph Megliola made a motion to accept the report as read. The motion was seconded by William Pipolo, Jr. and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Miscellaneous:

a. It was noted that certificates of insurance were received from Riddle Environmental Services, Hanson Aggregates Pennsylvania, LLC, Liberty Homes Custom Builders, Mark Keiper and C&D Contractors & Sons.

Ralph Megliola made a motion to table the approval of the Franchise Agreement with Blue Ridge Cable. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Rob Mordan from Commuter Services of PA was present to discuss the services that they provide for commuters.

As there was no further business or public comment, Ralph Megliola made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. The motion was seconded by Benjie Labar and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,