

**Barrett Township Supervisors
May 10, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 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: Ralph Megliola, Loree Guthrie, William Pipolo, Jr., Benjie Labar, John Seese, Solicitor Todd Weitzmann, Pam Gardsy, Jeryl Rinehart and the public.
There were no public comments on the agenda items.**

The minutes of the April 26, 2017 meeting were approved on a motion made by Ralph Megliola and seconded by William Pipolo, Jr. and carried. All the Supervisors voted aye.

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

- April 26, 2017 - General Fund - \$ 47,810.09, Park and Recreation Fund - \$ 38.14**
- May 3, 2017: General Fund - \$ 15,554.39, Fire Fund - \$ 58,621.81, Library Fund - \$ 20,429.69, Ambulance Fund - \$ 6,809.73, State Fund - \$ 597.16, Open Space Fund - \$ 543.98**

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

Bid Openings:

Six bids were received for the 2017 Paving Project for three sections of Dutch Hill Road. The following bids were from Locust Ridge Contractors - \$ 189,149.45, Wayco, Inc. - \$ 189,565.28, Intercounty Paving - \$ 208,973.64, Pennsy Supply – \$ 229,280.50, Northeast site Contractors - \$ 211,904 and Hansom Aggregates – \$ 192,640. John Seese made a motion to table the bids until Solicitor Todd Weitzmann could review them. The motion was seconded by Ralph Megliola and carried. All Supervisors voted aye. After the review, Ralph Megliola made a motion to accept the bid from Locust Ridge Contractors in the amount \$ 189,149.45. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Reports:

a. The Treasurer's Report was read. On a motion made by Benjie Labar and seconded by Loree Guthrie and carried, the report was accepted as read.

b. The High Acres Park Committee Report was read. On a motion made by John Seese and seconded by Benjie Labar and carried, the report was accepted as read.

c. The Fire Chief's Reports for January, February, March and April were read. On a motion made by Benjie Labar and seconded by Loree Guthrie and carried, the reports were accepted as read.

Subdivision/Land Development:

a. Brick and Judy Linder, Lot Joinder/Combination Plan, Martin and Robbins Surveying – It was noted that the lot joinder/combination plan was approved by the Supervisors on February 22, 2017, contingent on the Township Engineers' comments being addressed. Zoning Officer Jeryl Rinehart confirmed that all the comments have been addressed and the Supervisors can sign the plan.

b. Charlotte E. Parks, Henrys Crossing Road, Minor Subdivision Plan, Martin and Robbins Surveying – The existing property is located on the western side of Henry's Crossing Road and is accessed from the cul-de-sac at the terminus of Summit Farm Drive. The existing property is currently enrolled in the Forest Reserve-319 Program. The existing Parks property is located within the LI, Light Industrial Zoning District and includes an existing dwelling with associated driveway, two (2) garages, four (4) sheds, on-lot well and sewage disposal system and a pond. The remaining lands include wetland and woodland areas. The proposed minor subdivision includes subdividing the existing property into three parcels, creating Lot 1, Lot 2 which will be consolidated with the Lands of Jake Robert Price and Lot 3 which will be consolidated with the Lands of Michael and Maryann Lisi. Proposed Lot 1 will have a gross area of 36.790 acres and will remain as woodlands. Proposed Lot 2 will have a gross area of 10.006 acres and the existing dwelling on the Price property will remain. Proposed Lot 3 will have a gross area of 1.992 acres and the existing dwelling on the Lisi property will remain. It was noted that the Planning Commission recommended granting the waivers and recommended approving the plan. Terry Martin submitted a letter requesting several waivers from the Subdivision and Land Development. Ralph Megliola made a motion to recommend granting waivers from Section 404.1.4, where a minor subdivision plan in the opinion of the Planning Commission presents no engineering problems and few, if any, planning problems, the Planning Commission may waive the filing of the preliminary plan and require only the filing of a final plan, Section 606.1.2, sufficient data, acceptable to the Township Engineer, to determine readily the location bearing and length of every boundary, street, and lot line. All dimensions shall be shown in feet and hundredths of a foot and all bearings shall be shown to one second of arc and Section 606.1.4, monuments and/or markers being shown on the plan and shall be

placed in accordance with Section 504. The motion was seconded by William Pipolo, Jr. and carried. All Supervisors voted aye. Ralph Megliola made a motion to approve the minor subdivision plan. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Old Business:

a. Eric Cassel from Cassel Building Contractors was present to request relief from two sections, Section 305 and Section 401 of the Stormwater Ordinance No. 150 for his client, Jon Huerta, Beatty Circle who is building a single family home. Eric Cassel stated that in order to meet the requirements of the Ordinance, they would have to install a detention basin which would require disturbing approximately an acre of property and removing all of the trees in that area. Mr. Cassel thought they could do a better job by installing level spreaders which will have lesser impact on the property. He provided the proposed plan and information of the location of the level spreaders from their engineer, Kiley Associates. They are able to meet to the quality of water coming down into the area but they are not able to meet the quantity of water based on the requirements of the Ordinance. Building Code Officer Shawn McGlynn was also present to discuss the requirements of the Ordinance, the hardship options of the Ordinance and the ability of the Supervisors to grant relief from the Ordinance in order to proceed with issuing the building permit. Ralph Megliola made a motion to grant the hardship, Section 305 of the Stormwater Ordinance No. 150 and allow them to do the plan, subject to quantitative calculations to satisfy the Township Engineer. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye. Ralph Megliola made a motion to grant a waiver from Section 401 of the Stormwater Ordinance which allows the Zoning and Building Permits to be issued. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye. Ralph Megliola made a motion to withhold the Certificate of Occupancy until the storm water plan has been installed properly. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. Zoning Officer Jeryl Rinehart submitted an updated list of possible unsafe and dilapidated structures. The list was reviewed and discussed. Jeryl Rinehart and Shawn McGlynn will inspect the properties to determine the safety and severity of the damaged structures.

c. It was noted that the Zoning Board Hearing for Robert Mathewson, 2471 Route 390 is scheduled for Monday, May 22, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

d. A letter was received from Boucher and James, Inc. informing the Supervisors that they have completed their second review for the Mountainhome water main replacement on Legion Drive for Aqua PA, Inc.

New Business:

a. Ralph Megliola made a motion to approve the payroll for April 25, 2017 in the amount of \$ 24,888.81 for gross wages, \$ 763.32 for state liability, \$ 6,965.54 for federal tax liability, \$ 18,748.55 for net wages. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. It was noted that a Zoning Board Hearing for Buck Hill Falls Company and Buck Hill Water Company has been schedule for Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

c. Benjie Labar made a motion to waive the sign permit fee for the Mountainhome United Methodist Church for the sign being replaced at the Mountainhome Cemetery. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

d. A letter was received from the Monroe County Board of Assessment informing the Supervisors that changes have been made to the tax duplicate for 2017 for an Act 319 violation for Skytop Lodge, Inc.

e. A letter was received from the Monroe County Board of Assessment with the Interim Reports effective April 28, 2017.

f. A letter was received from the Monroe County Conservation District stating that they have reviewed the application for the Spruce Lake Retreat New Activity Center and have determined that it is incomplete.

g. A letter was received from Constellation stating that a recent change in law will affect our power bill and we will incur a new balancing congestion charge effective on June 1, 2017.

h. A Complaint Form was received from Nathan Covington concerning rubbish and debris at 8159 Rollo Drive. It was noted that Zoning Officer Jeryl Rinehart sent a letter to the property owners, Bankers Trust Fund and Carolyn Tindall informing them that they are in violation of Ordinance No. 156, the Property Maintenance Ordinance.

Miscellaneous:

a. It was noted that certificates of insurance were received from R.W. Buff, Inc., Charles Yerkes, Grassie & Sons, Inc. and Millenia Home Improvements.

Chad Gray and Eagle Scout Chris Bower were present to discuss and receive approval for an Eagle Scout Projects to build a bridge at Ice Lake. Ralph Megliola made a motion to approve the Eagle Scout Project and financial assistance if required contingent on P.A.R.C. approval. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Benjie Labar reported that she attended the Monroe County Blight Workshop where they discussed Land Bank. She will be attending a follow up work shop in June.

Brick Linder asked about the scope of work for the paving project. He voiced his concerns about the tax exemption status for the proposed Spruce Lake Retreat Activity Center and other non-profit and religious properties and the loss of tax revenue. He also gave an update on the delivery date for the new Fire Rescue Truck which will be in approximately two to three weeks.

Nathan Covington suggested that the Supervisors live stream the meetings and submitted information with costs for a microphone and webcam.

Patti O’Keefe asked if the Catholic Church was for sale and is it being used as a church anymore and has their tax status changed. Ralph Megliola stated that the church is still owned by Scranton Catholic Diocese and the tax status will not change until there is a change of use.

Ralph Megliola made a motion to purchase the 2016 Ford F – 550 Truck in the amount of \$ 74,865. 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 6:45 p.m. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,