

**Barrett Township Supervisors  
November 16, 2015**

**A regular meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, November 16, 2015 at the Barrett Township Building on Route 390 in Mountainhome, PA. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Ralph Megliola.**

**Present: Loree Guthrie, Patti O’Keefe, Patti O, Ralph Megliola, John Seese, Solicitor Todd Weitzmann, Township Engineer Judy Stern Goldstein, Pam Gardsy, Jeryl Rinehart and the public.**

**There were no public comments on the agenda items.**

**The minutes of the October 27, 2015 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:**

- October 29, 2015: General Fund - \$ 7,887.64, Fire Fund - \$ 349.80, Library Fund - \$ 117.03, State Fund - \$ 31,149.94, Ambulance Fund - \$ 39.02, LST Fund - \$ 4,979.23**
- November 4, 2015 – General Fund - \$ 12,042.91, Fire Fund - \$ 519.85, Library Fund - \$ 290.93, Ambulance Fund - \$ 96.97**
- November 12, 2015 – General Fund - \$ 46,060.03, Fire Fund - \$ 104.00, Library Fund - \$ 387.88, Ambulance Fund - \$ 129.70, State Fund - \$ 659.45, LST Fund - \$ 3,575.97, Park and Recreation Fund - \$ 357.70, Road Machinery Fund – \$ 20,980.97**

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

**The Public Hearing was opened at 8:33 a.m. for the Final Draft Sign Ordinance. Numerous residents voiced their concerns in person and by letters/emails about the Digital Billboards and Electronic Message Signs and how it will affect the charm and natural beauty of Barrett Township and the distractions that the Digital Signs will present. There was also discussion about when the Sign Ordinance was being prepared and the efforts from the Supervisors, the Architectural Review Committee, Township Engineer Judy Stern Goldstein and other people to allow Digital Billboards and Electronic Message Signs but to limit the size, illumination and locations to prevent future litigation. Ralph Megliola made a motion to table the Sign Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All**

**Supervisors voted aye. Ralph Megliola made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 9:50 a.m. The motion was seconded by Loree Guthrie and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.**

**Old Business:**

**a. The Dental Plan with United Concordia was tabled until the end of the meeting so it could be discussed in an Executive Session because it is a personnel issue.**

**b. The health insurance with Blue Cross/Blue Shield was tabled until the end of the meeting so it could be discussed in Executive Session because it is a personnel issue.**

**c. A letter was received from the Monroe County Conservation District with an Earth Disturbance Inspection Report for Grant Hilfiger on Route 447.**

**d. The High Acres Park Committee minutes were read and discussed. Ralph Megliola made a motion to accept the minutes as read. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.**

**e. Ralph Megliola made a motion to have Building Code Inspector/Assistant Zoning Officer Shawn McGlynn proceed with the enforcement action against the Playhouse property and the Payne property. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.**

**f. It was noted that there is a vacancy for an alternate member on the Zoning Hearing Board.**

**g. Ralph Megliola made a motion to schedule the Public Hearing for the Zoning Amendments and the Zoning Map Changes contingent upon Solicitor Todd Weitzmann's approval. The motion was seconded by Loree Guthrie and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.**

**New Business:**

**a. Ralph Megliola made a motion to approve the payroll for October 27, 2015 in the amount of \$ 13,216.16 for gross wages, \$ 404.98 for state liability, \$ 3,666.09 for federal tax liability, \$ 10,053.71 for net wages and the payroll for November 10, 2015 in the amount of \$ 12,019.33 for gross wages, \$ 368.23 for state liability, \$ 3,258.26 for federal tax liability, \$ 9,082.49 for net wages. The motion was seconded by Patti O'Keefe and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.**

**b. It was noted in the PSATS News Bulletin that the Liquid Fuels allocation will increase for 2106.**

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**c. A letter was received from Keystone Sanitary Landfill, Inc. informing the Supervisors that effective January 1, 2016, the waste disposal fee will be increased \$ 1.25 a ton.**

**d. A letter was received from Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. confirming their intention to file an application to the PA DEP for a General Permit (GP-5) for Utility Line Stream Crossing for the Oak Lane Main Replacement Project.**

**e. A letter was received from Kirk, Summa & Co. informing the Supervisor that there will be some changes to the way the audit is conducted based on state requirements. Ralph Megliola made a motion to approve the changes requested by Kirk, Summa & Co. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.**

**f. Ralph Megliola made a motion to waive the sign fee for the Mountainhome Methodist Church. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.**

**g. Ralph Megliola made a motion to purchase a new AED Defibrillator for the Maintenance Building because the old one is outdated. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.**

**h. It was noted that the recorded deeds were received for Seven Pines Park, Skywood Park and Ice Lake. The deeds will be kept on file at the Municipal Building.**

**i. Ralph Megliola made a motion to give the internet server to the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Department. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.**

**Miscellaneous:**

**a. It was noted that certificates of insurance was received from Pioneer Construction Co., Inc. and Cassel Building Contractors, Inc.**

**Ralph Megliola made a motion to go into Executive Session at 10:17 a.m. to discuss personnel issues. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.**

**Ralph Megliola made a motion to reconvene at 11:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.**

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**Ralph Megliola made a motion to agree to pay a cap of \$ 60.00 for the current employee's dental plan for the United Concordia Dental Plan. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.**

**Ralph Megliola made a motion to adopt the health plan with a \$ 2500.00 deductible and the Township's reimbursement of \$ 2250.00 back to the employee for Blue Cross/Blue Shield. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg 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 11:05 a.m. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.**

**Respectfully submitted,**