

**Barrett Township Supervisors
November 9, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, November 9, 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, William Pipolo, Jr., Ralph Megliola, 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 October 26, 2016 meeting were approved on a motion made by Ralph Megliola and seconded by William Pipolo, Jr. and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

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

- October 27, 2016: General Fund - \$ 60,956.25, Park and Recreation Fund – \$ 231.25, Fire Fund - \$ 33,863.60, Library Fund - \$ 196.38, Ambulance Fund - \$ 65.46, State Fund - \$ 18,182.43, LST Fund - \$ 1,540.02**
- November 2, 2016: General Fund - \$ 30,650.63, Park Fund – \$ 251.94, Fire Fund - \$ 198.34, State Fund - \$ 17,772.17, Library Fund - \$ 37.90, Ambulance Fund - \$ 12.65**

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 Ralph Megliola and seconded by William Pipolo, Jr. 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 Loree Guthrie. and carried, the report was accepted as read.

c. The Fire Chief’s Report was read for October. On a motion made by John Seese and seconded by William Pipolo, Jr. and carried, the report was accepted as read.

Public Hearing:

The Public Hearing was held for the Amendment to the Barrett Township Zoning Ordinance to provide for a new use class pertaining to Governmental Telecommunications Facilities. It was noted that the Barrett Township Planning Commission and the Monroe County Planning Commission comments were reviewed. Ralph Megliola made a motion to adopt the Amendment for the new use class pertaining to Governmental Telecommunications Facilities. The motion was seconded by Loree Guthrie and carried. All Supervisors voted aye. The Monroe

County Planning Commission recommended that the Township discuss updating standards for all such facilities, as there has been recent legislation regarding this land use. They included a model ordinance for the Township to review that is consistent with this legislation. Ralph Megliola made a motion to send the model ordinance to the Barrett Township Planning Commission for their review and comments. The motion was seconded by Benjie Labar and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Subdivision/Lot Consolidation:

a. Mount Pocono Enterprises, Minor Subdivision, Route 390, Brian Courtright, P.L.S. – Brian Courtright was present to discuss the proposed minor subdivision plan. The existing property is located within the MU-V, Mixed Use-Village Zoning District. The existing property has an area of 36.95 acres, with 2.60 acres located on the western side of Route 390 and the remaining 34.35 acres located on the eastern side of Route 390. The existing property consists of one (1) single family residential dwelling located on the eastern side of and that takes access from Route 390. The applicant is proposing to subdivide the existing property into four (4) parcels. Lot 1 will have an area of 15.64 acres, Lot 2 will have an area of 2.60 acres, Lot 3 will have an area of 1.42 acres and will consist of the existing residential dwelling and the Remaining Lands will have an area of 17.63 acres. It was noted that the Barrett Township Planning Commission and Monroe County Planning reviewed the minor subdivision plan and the planning module approval was received from PA DEP. It was also noted that all of Township Engineer Jon Tresslar’s comments had been addressed. Ralph Megliola made a motion to approve the minor subdivision plan. The motion was seconded by William Pipolo, Jr. and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. E. Michael and Deborah L. Frein, Pocono Outpost, Lot 214 and 215, Seneca Lane, Brian Courtright, P.L.S. – Brian Courtright was present to discuss the proposed lot consolidation plan. The existing lots are located within the R, Residential Zoning District along Seneca Lane in the Pocono Outpost Subdivision, Section 2A and are owned by E. Michael and Deborah L. Frein. Existing Lot 214 consists of one (1) dwelling with a paved driveway taking access from Seneca Lane. Existing Lot 215 consists of a freestanding shed with a gravel access to the paved driveway, as well as the elevated sand mound for the dwelling on Lot 214. Ralph Megliola made a motion to approve the lot consolidation plan. The motion was seconded by Loree Guthrie and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Old Business:

a. A letter was received from Kari Spannagel thanking the Supervisors and Maintenance Department for their help with the 2016 Barrett Scarecrow Race in October.

b. A letter was received from the Monroe County Waste Authority concerning the Recycling Center on Sand Spring Road. The letter was in response to the letter that Solicitor Todd Weitzmann sent to the Monroe County Waste Authority after the October 12, 2016 meeting concerning the garbage and debris that is left at the site. The Monroe County Waste Authority stated in the letter that the recycling program is funded by the sale of the recyclable materials and the ever decreasing grant programs. It also stated that if costs to collect continue to rise and recycling markets continue to decline, the Waste Authority may be forced to charge for their collection services.

c. A letter was received from Terry Martin, Surveyor, requesting a time extension for the date requirement for the Weiss/Gifford subdivision plan until November 1, 2017. Ralph Megliola made a motion to grant the time extension. The motion was seconded by William Pipolo, Jr. and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

New Business:

a. Ralph Megliola made a motion to approve the payroll for October 25, 2016 in the amount of \$ 13,604.02 for gross wages, \$ 416.89 for state liability, \$ 3,743.14 for federal tax liability, \$ 10,284.16 for net wages. The motion was seconded by Loree Guthrie and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. A Complaint Form was received from George R. Alt concerning overhanging bushes obstructing full vehicle passages on Weiboldt Road. Roadmaster John Seese stated that the problem had been taken care of.

c. A letter was received from Gloria A. Smith informing the Supervisors that she was interested in securing a seat on the High Acres Park Committee. John Seese made a motion to approve Gloria A. Smith being a member of the High Acres Park Committee. The motion was seconded by William Pipolo, Jr. and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

d. A letter was received from the Court of Common Pleas of Monroe County concerning the tax appeal hearing for the Congregation OHR Menachem on Tuesday, March 28, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Monroe County Courthouse.

e. A letter was received from Coolbaugh Township informing the Supervisors that the Coolbaugh Township Supervisors agreed to commit to the budget proposal

presented reflecting an increase of 3.79% or \$ 80,362.15 for 2017 police coverage. This would bring the total annual dollar amount to \$ 2,204,652.20 for the 2017 Calendar Year.

f. A letter was received from the Monroe County Vector Control asking the Supervisors for a donation of \$ 2,000.00 in order to continue and improve Vector Control programs such as West Nile and Zika surveillance and control throughout Monroe County.

g. Ralph Megliola made a motion to accept the 2015 Financial Audit for the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Department. The motion was seconded by William Pipolo, Jr. and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

h. A letter was received informing the Supervisors that Richard and Marilyn John, 519 Bunting Road, Buck Hill Falls, are appealing the tax assessment decision made by the Monroe County Board of Assessment to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

i. Patti O’Keefe was present to discuss why she thinks the Supervisors should reverse their decision on not purchasing the Price Property on Route 447, next to High Aces Park for Open Space property. The property is approximately twenty five acres. She stated that there is approximately 2000 feet of stream, an old stone foundation, an old grist mill, a stone arch and it would be a great place for walking trails and trout fishing. Martin Price read a letter from JoEllen Chadwick, President of the Barrett Township Historical Society asking the Supervisors to revisit their decision to purchase the property because it would be a valuable asset to the community and has several foundations and artifacts from an early Barrett Township settler, S.E. Edwards. Darryl Speicher and Sally Duffy spoke about the many benefits in purchasing properties for Open Space. Karin Genova stated that she thinks that very few people take advantage of Open Space properties and the Open Space money should be use to maintain the existing Open Space properties not to purchase more properties. Ralph Megliola suggested that Patti O’Keefe draw a rough sketch plan to show the Supervisors how the property can be development for active recreation. Darryl Speicher stated that High Acres Park is developed for active recreation and the Price property would be expanded for passive recreation and dedicated to Open Space. Ralph Megliola thanked everyone for their comments and the Supervisors will discuss it further after the rough sketch plan and guidelines on what can be done to the Price property is submitted.

j. Several letters were received from the Monroe County Board of Assessment with complete scheduled listings of appeals for properties within Barrett Township.

Miscellaneous:

a. It was noted that certificates of insurance were received from Rapp Signs, Inc. and R.W.Buff, Inc.

Ralph Megliola made a motion to recess the meeting to go into Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss personnel issues. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Ralph Megliola made a motion to reconvene the meeting at 7:20 p.m. The motion was seconded by Benjie Labar and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

As there was no further business or public comment, John Seese made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. The motion was seconded by Benjie Labar and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,