

**Barrett Township Supervisors
Wednesday, October 24, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at the Barrett Township 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, William Pipolo, Jr., Grant Hilfiger, John Seese, Pam Gardsy, Jeryl Rinehart and the public. Benjie Labar was absent.

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

The minutes of the October 10, 2018 meeting were approved on a motion made by William Pipolo, Jr. and seconded by Patti O'Keefe and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

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

- October 17, 2018: General Fund - \$ 40,129.89, Fire Fund - \$ 1290.00, State Fund - \$ 1,901.17, Open Space Fund - \$ 180.00, Park and Recreation Fund - \$ 772.62, LST Fund - \$ 506.00, Library Fund - \$ 160.70, Ambulance Fund - \$ 53.56

The motion was seconded by Grant Hilfiger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Reports:

a. The Roadmaster's Report was read. On a motion made by William Pipolo, Jr. and seconded by Grant Hilfiger and carried, the report was accepted as read.

b. The High Acres Park Committee Report was read. On a motion made by William Pipolo, Jr. and seconded by Patti O'Keefe and carried, the report was accepted as read.

c. The Police Report for September was read. On a motion made by William Pipolo, Jr. and seconded by Grant Hilfiger and carried, the report was accepted as read. All Supervisors voted aye.

Old Business:

a. Annie Messina from the Pocono Mountain Rotary Club was present to discuss the Rotary undertaking a revitalization beautification program throughout the Route 390 corridor from Steele's True Value to First Keystone Bank. Their first stage goal is to install, with the help of the Township Maintenance Department, twenty four heavy duty custom banners on strategic telephone poles along Route 390 with a winter theme. The Rotary will bear the cost of the first banners which is approximately \$ 5000.00. The banners will be put up from December 1st to April 1st.

During the winter months the Rotary will begin a campaign to have local residents and businesses sponsor the next set of banners that will be displayed from April 1st to September 1st, which will be a patriotic theme and continue with seasonal themes. The Supervisors thought it was a great idea and were very supportive of the Maintenance Department helping the Rotary install the banners.

b. William Pipolo, Jr. made a motion to table the purchase of the licensing from TuWay Communications in the amount of \$ 975.00 until further information could be obtained. The motion was seconded by Grant Hilfiger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

c. A letter was received from the Lehigh Valley Health Network thanking the Supervisors for their contribution to the Hospice Program in memory of Patricia Dente.

d. William Pipolo, Jr. made a motion to proceed with further enforcement action for an unsafe structure on the Vogel property at 1116 Upper Seese Hill Road. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. Grant Hilfiger abstained. All other Supervisors voted aye.

e. William Pipolo, Jr. made a motion to proceed with further enforcement action for an unsafe structure on the Garcia property at 4560 Route 447. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. Grant Hilfiger abstained. All other Supervisors voted aye.

f. It was noted that two letters of interest were received from Karl M. Stearns and Nathan Covington for the Township Auditor position. The position was tabled to be discussed in Executive Session.

g. It was noted that the Zoning Board Hearing for Lynn Callie has been cancelled for Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

New Business:

a. William Pipolo, Jr. made a motion to approve the payroll for October 9, 2018, in the amount of \$ 16,965.25 for gross wages, \$ 520.04 for state liability, \$ 3,952.75 for federal tax liability and \$ 13,469.95 for net wages. The motion was seconded by Grant Hilfiger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. An invitation was received from the Pocono Mountains Economic Development Corporation for their Annual Meeting at Camelback Lodge on Thursday, November 15, 2018.

c. An invitation was received from the Wildlands Conservancy's 37th Annual Green Gala at Desales University on Friday, November 16, 2018.

Miscellaneous:

a. It was noted that there were no certificates of insurance received.

b. Yvonne LeBlanc from the Friendly Community Center was present to read a letter from Nancy Williamson Hooke. They would appreciate the Supervisors' consideration of increasing their appropriation of funds this year to assist with providing important services to the residents.

William Pipolo, Jr. made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:25 a.m. to discuss personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Grant Hilfiger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

William Pipolo, Jr. made a motion to reconvene the meeting at 8:55 a.m. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

William Pipolo, Jr. made a motion to appoint Nathan Covington as a Township Auditor. The motion was seconded by Grant Hilfiger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

William Pipolo, Jr. made a motion to approve the donation of \$ 1500.00 to the Friendly Community Center for 2019. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

William Pipolo, Jr. made a motion to recess the meeting at 8:58a.m. to go into the Budget workshop. The motion was seconded by Grant Hilfiger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

**Respectfully submitted,
*Teryl Pinehart***