

**Barrett Township Supervisors
October 11, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at the Barrett Township Building on Route 390 in Mountainhome, PA. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Vice Chairman Loree Guthrie.

Present: Loree Guthrie, William Pipolo, Jr., Benjie Labar, John Seese, Solicitor Todd Weitzmann, Pam Gardsy, Jeryl Rinehart and the public. Ralph Megliola was absent.

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

The minutes of the September 27, 2017 meetings were approved on a motion made by Loree Guthrie and seconded by John Seese and carried. All the Supervisors voted aye.

Discussion was held on the Rotary Club donating five park benches to replace the old park benches at High Acres Park. It was noted that the Supervisors previously approved the installation of the new park benches. The park benches will be installed in about a month.

John Seese made a motion to approve the payment of the following bills:

- September 27, 2017 - General Fund - \$ 79,010.10, Park and Recreation Fund – \$ 45.94
- October 4, 2017 - General Fund - \$ 15,162.54, Library Fund – \$ 1,477.5, Ambulance Fund - \$ 516.13, Road Machinery Fund - \$ 23,593.32, Open Space Fund – \$ 85.00, Park and Recreation Park Fund – \$ 1,548.90, Fire Fund – \$ 1,597.71, Upper Seese Hill Turnback - \$ 86.95, State Fund - \$2,344.17

The motion was seconded by Benjie Labar and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Reports:

a. The Treasurer's Report was read. On a motion made by William Pipolo, Jr. and seconded by John Seese and carried, the report was accepted as read.

b. Nick Dewitt from the Pocono Mountain Regional Emergency Services was present to give the Ambulance Report. He reported that there were 43 responses for the month of September. He thanked the Supervisors for the letter of support for the LSA Grant for a power stretcher. Benjie Labar reported that the BBQ Pig Roast Fundraiser at Skytop was a great success and approximately \$ 15, 000 was raised for the Pocono Mountain Regional E.M.S. Loree Guthrie made a motion to accept the Ambulance Report. The motion was seconded by William Pipolo, Jr. and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

c. 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. It was noted that the Veteran's Day Ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, November 11, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

Subdivision/Land Development:

a. William G. and Charlene A. Barry, Quarry Lane, Minor Subdivision Plan, Martin and Robbins Surveying – Terry Martin was present to discuss the minor subdivision plan. The existing Barry property has a lot area of 46.479 acres (Tax Parcel # 01/33/1/40) and is being subdivided into two parcels. Parcel A is 26.004 acres and will be merged into and become an inseparable part of other lands of William G. and Charlene A. Barry (Tax Parcel # 01/33/1/51). It was noted that the Planning Commission granted the waivers from the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance and recommended approval of the plan. Loree Guthrie made a motion to grant the waivers from Section 404.1.4 and Section 602.1.5.2 of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye. Loree Guthrie made a motion to approve the minor subdivision plan. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. The Estate of Dana Weiss and Christopher and Hazel Gifford, Final Minor Subdivision and Lot Consolidation Plan, Martin and Robbins Surveying – A letter was submitted by Terry Martin requesting a time extension until May 1, 2018 of the date requirement for the Supervisors to take action on the plan. John Seese made a motion to approve the time extension. The motion was seconded by Benjie Labar and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Old Business:

a. A letter was received from David Turner, Flying Dollar Airport requesting the Public Hearing scheduled for the Sign Appeal today be rescheduled for Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. Loree Guthrie made a motion to reschedule the Public Hearing for the Sign Appeal. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. Discussion was held on the re-classification of the Cranberry Creek. A copy of a letter from Donald Baylor of the Brodhead Watershed Association to PA DEP was received. The letter was a petition for the reclassification request for the Cranberry Creek to be upgraded from High Quality to Exceptional Value. A copy of a letter

from Karl Weiler of Weiler Corporation to PA DEP was also received stating that he is opposed to a re-designation because of the impact to expand his property in the future.

c. Loree Guthrie made a motion to adopt the Fee Schedule and the Rules and Regulations for High Acres Park. The motion was seconded by Benjie Labar and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

New Business:

a. Loree Guthrie made a motion to approve the payroll for September 26, 2017 in the amount of \$ 13,066.09 for gross wages, \$ 400.37 for state liability, \$ 3,530.56 for federal tax liability, \$ 9,994.85 for net wages. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. Loree Guthrie made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 101117 regarding health insurance coverage for employees and their spouses and/or families. The motion was seconded by William Pipolo, Jr. and carried. All Supervisors voted aye. It was noted that the Township will pay 100 % of the health insurance premium for all newly hired full-time employees and they will also pay 60 % of the additional cost beyond individual coverage for an employee's spouse or family.

c. John Seese made a motion to hire Edward Manhart for the Maintenance Department to fill a vacant position at a rate of \$ 20.55 per hour with a starting date of Thursday, October 12, 2017. The motion was seconded by William Pipolo, Jr. and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

d. A letter was received from the Monroe County Control Center informing the Supervisors that they are reducing the dispatch fee for all Monroe County Municipalities by twenty (20%) for 2018. It was noted that the draft of their 2018 Operating Budget was also enclosed.

e. Loree Guthrie made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 192, authorizing the participation in the Pennsylvania Health Insurance Cooperative Trust for the life and short term disability group policy. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye. John Seese made a motion to discontinue the life and short term disability insurance with Unum. The motion was seconded by Benjie Labar and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Miscellaneous:

a. It was noted that a certificate of insurance was received from Mountain Landscaping LLC.

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As there was no further business or public comment, John Seese made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. The motion was seconded by William Pipolo, Jr. and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Teryl Rinehart