

**Barrett Township Supervisors  
October 12, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 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, Benjie Labar, William Pipolo, Jr., 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 28, 2016 meeting were approved on a motion made by Loree Guthrie and seconded by Benjie Labar and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Loree Guthrie made a motion to approve the payment of the following bills:

- September 28, 2016: General Fund - \$ 79,569.94, Park Fund - \$ 98.62, Fire Fund - \$ 13,282.58, Library Fund - \$ 437.70, Ambulance Fund - \$ 145.91
- October 5, 2016: General Fund - \$ 80,934.13, Park Fund – \$ 82.09, Fire Fund - \$ 220.53, LST Fund - \$ 506.00, State Fund - \$ 5,367.24

The motion was seconded by William Pipolo, Jr. and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

**Reports:**

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

b. The Fire Chief's Reports were read for August and September. On a motion made by Loree Guthrie and seconded by Benjie Labar and carried, the report was accepted as read.

**Old Business:**

a. Benjie Labar made a motion to rescind the motion to adopt the Communication Tower Ordinance. The motion was seconded by William Pipolo, Jr. and carried. All Supervisors voted aye. It was noted that the draft Ordinance was sent to the Barrett Township Planning Commission and the Monroe County Planning Commission for their review. Benjie Labar made a motion to advertise the Public Hearing for the Communication Tower Ordinance for November 9, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Loree Guthrie and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. Discussion was held on the monthly exterminating service done by Ehrlich. Executive Secretary Pam Gardsy reported that there is not a contract with Ehrlich.

It was noted that the Municipal Building and the Maintenance Building will be serviced on an as-needed basis. The C.A.M.E. Building will continue to be serviced on a monthly basis.

c. Discussion was held on the Recycling Containers on Sand Spring Road. There has been an ongoing problem with garbage and debris piling up and the Monroe County Waste Authority has not been maintaining or monitoring the site. Solicitor Todd Weitzmann will prepare a letter informing the Monroe County Waste Authority of the problems that are occurring and that the Supervisors are thinking about having the containers removed if the problems continue.

d. Discussion was held on making an extra payment on Fire Truck No. 2. The decision was tabled until the Supervisors could meet with the Fire Company to obtain additional information.

e. It was noted that Fire Chief Brick Linder and Assistant Fire Chief Grover Cleveland will meet with the Supervisors at the Work Shop on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. to discuss the purchase of a new rescue truck and the budget for the Fire Company.

f. Discussion was held on the Highway Turnback Cost Estimate for Upper Seese Hill Road that was received from PennDot. The total rehabilitation cost estimate is \$ 249,980 to upgrade the road and turn it back to the Township.

g. Discussion was held on increasing the prices for Township Clean Ups due to the increase in the cost of disposing of tires and televisions. John Seese made a motion to increase the price of Township Clean Ups. The motion was seconded by Loree Guthrie and carried. All Supervisors voted aye. It was noted that the 2017 Township Clean Up days are on the following Saturdays, May 6<sup>th</sup>, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, July 8<sup>th</sup>, August 5, September 9<sup>th</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**New Business:**

a. Loree Guthrie made a motion to approve the payroll for September 27, 2016 in the amount of \$ 20,235.55 for gross wages, \$ 620.47 for state liability, \$ 4,955.32 for federal tax liability, \$ 15,975.12 for net wages The motion was seconded by Benjie Labar and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. Discussion was held on scheduling additional Work Shops to work on the 2017 Budget. It was noted that an additional Work Shop will be scheduled for Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at 8:00 a.m., if needed.

**c. An invitation was received from the Animal Welfare Society of Monroe, A.W.S.O.M for their Paw-sitive People Awards and Fur Ball at the Stroudsmoor Country Inn on Friday, November 11, 2016.**

**d. Discussion was held on the Traffic Signal Maintenance Contract with Signal Service, Inc. John Seese made a motion to approve the contract contingent on the review and approval of Township Engineer Jon Tresslar. The motion was seconded by Loree Guthrie and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.**

**e. 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-five (25%) for 2017. It was noted that the draft of their 2017 Operating Budget was also enclosed.**

**f. A letter was received from A.X.A. informing the Supervisors that they have performed an annual review and have determined that the plan qualifies for a reduction in the monthly assets charges and/or quarterly participant fees for the Barrett Township Defined Benefit Plan.**

**g. A letter was received from the Monroe County Conservation District stating that they have reviewed the application for completeness for the Individual N.P.D.E.S. Permit for Stormwater Discharges for the Buck Hill Inn Demolition and Reclamation Project.**

**h. A letter was received from the Coolbaugh Township Board of Supervisors asking the Supervisors if they would give their opinion about a possible reduction in the total number of representatives on the police commission by October 31, 2016. Pam Gardsy will contact Lynn Kelly to ask her why they would like to change the number of representatives.**

**Miscellaneous:**

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

**Nate Covington was present to discuss recent criminal activity throughout the Township and to discuss the idea of initiating a Neighborhood Crime Watch Program. Pam Gardsy will contact Pocono Mountain Regional Police Department to determine how to begin the process to implement a Neighborhood Crime Watch Program.**

**It was noted that the Veterans Memorial Dedication Ceremony will be held on Saturday, November 12, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.at High Acres Park.**

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**As there was no further business or public comment, John Seese made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Loree Guthrie and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Joseph Rinehart*