

**Barrett Township Supervisors
October 26, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at the Barrett Township Building on Route 390 in Mountainhome, PA. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chairman Ralph Megliola.

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

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

The minutes of the October 12, 2016 meeting were approved on a motion made by Ralph Megliola and seconded by Benjie Labar and carried. All the Supervisors voted aye.

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

- October 12, 2016 - General Fund - \$ 5,222.61, Park and Recreation Fund - \$ 6,822.77, Fire Fund - \$ 327.30, Library Fund - \$ 135.26, Ambulance Fund – \$ 45.09, State Fund - \$ 4,671.21**
- October 19, 2016 – General Fund - \$ 13,435.82, Park and Recreation Fund – \$ 829.69, Fire Fund - \$ 310.15, State Fund - \$ 1,506.67**

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

Reports:

b. The Roadmaster'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.

Old Business:

a. Discussion was held on the vehicle that was parked on Glenmere Road on Tuesday, October 18, 2016, which was blocking the public roadway and bridge into the old Daniels Top of the Poconos resort, currently owned by Congregation OHR Menachem. It was noted that Pocono Mountain Regional Police Department had the vehicle towed on Saturday, October 22, 2016. Ralph Megliola made a motion to have Solicitor Todd Weitzmann send a letter to the property owner advising them not to obstruct the public roadway and to remove a pole and fence that they had installed on the Township bridge. The motion was seconded by Loree Guthrie and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. Discussion was held on the new Rescue Truck for the Fire Company. Ralph Megliola made a motion to order the new Rescue Truck. The motion was seconded by Loree Guthrie and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

c. It was noted that the Public Hearing for the amendment to the Communication Tower Ordinance is scheduled for Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

New Business:

a. Ralph Megliola made a motion to approve the payroll for October 11, 2016 in the amount of \$ 12,650.35 for gross wages, \$ 387.60 for state liability, \$ 3,224.19 for federal tax liability, \$ 9,722.48 for net wages. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. Alexandra Swigon was present to discuss the benefits of Community Beautification. She discussed several areas throughout the Township that could be improved. She also suggested several ways to get the community involved with different projects. She will meet with the Roadside Appeal Committee, the Marketing Committee and the Architectural Review Committee to discuss her ideas and recommendations.

c. A letter was received from the Monroe County Board of Assessment concerning the reduced assessment of a property owned by Scott Allan Sombers and Tammy Heskeyahu. The letter will be sent to Solicitor Todd Weitzmann for his review.

d. A letter was received from the Monroe County Board of Assessment concerning the reduced assessment of a property owned by Richard and Marilyn John. The letter will be sent to Solicitor Todd Weitzmann for his review.

e. A letter was received from George W. Westervelt, Jr. concerning the tax appeal for Grant Hilfiger, 107 Pine Knob Road. A status conference is scheduled for Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Monroe County Courthouse.

f. A letter was received from Jeff Siglin relinquishing his position on the Planning Commission. Ralph Megliola made a motion to accept his letter of resignation. The motion was seconded by William Pipolo, Jr. and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

g. Loree Guthrie reported that she attended the Library meeting and they discussed the budget, capital improvements, the employee handbook and special activities for children.

h. Ralph Megliola reported that he attended the Budget Meeting for the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Department and they discussed the proposed budget for 2017. The biggest increase in cost was health insurance with a 14.7 % increase for Blue Cross and Blue Shield. The proposed budget for 2017 for Barrett Township is \$ 512,133.52.

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Miscellaneous:

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

Priscilla Kice asked if there could be more police present throughout the Township due to speeding. Ralph Megliola will make a recommendation to the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Department to have more police coverage.

Ralph Megliola made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:35 a.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 9:25 a.m. The motion was seconded by Loree Guthrie 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 9:25 a.m. The motion was seconded by Loree Guthrie and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Respectfully Submitted,