

**Barrett Township Supervisors
May 25, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, May 25, 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: Ralph Megliola, Benjie Labar, Loree Guthrie, William Pipolo, Jr., John Seese, Pam Gardsy, Jeryl Rinehart and the public.

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

The minutes of the May 11, 2016 meeting were approved on a motion made by Ralph Megliola and seconded by Loree Guthrie and carried. All the Supervisors voted aye.

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

- May 11, 2016, 2016 - General Fund - \$ 18,283.11, Library Fund – \$ 5,868.76, Ambulance Fund - \$ 13,274.50, Park and Recreation Fund – \$ 1,523.96, State Fund - \$ 462.43**
- May 18, 2016 – General Fund - \$ 25,535.75, Library Fund - \$ 1,766.48, Ambulance Fund - \$ 688.66, Park and Recreation Fund - \$ 139.77**

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

Old Business:

a. It was noted the Public Hearing for the Zoning Map changes is scheduled for Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

b. Discussion was held on keeping the workers compensation insurance policy that we have or doing a separate policy for the Fire Company. It will cost more money to separate it and there is not much of a benefit. Ralph Megliola made a motion to leave the insurance policy as it is. The motion was seconded by William Pipolo, Jr. and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

c. A letter was received from Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. informing the Supervisors that they will begin billing the Township as of July 1, 2016 for the twenty-three (23) public hydrants located in the Mountainhome community at the Aqua's current tariff rate of \$ 22/month. The billing will result in a monthly charge of \$ 506 (plus any applicable taxes and fees). Ralph Megliola made a motion to instruct Solicitor Todd Weitzmann to get the proper counsel who has experience litigation with the Public Utility Commission and have them give us a cost not to exceed a certain amount, to dispute the billing. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

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d. Ralph Megliola made a motion to accept the proposal and proceed with the demolition of the Playhouse property with A.C.M. Associates, Inc. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

e. Ralph Megliola made a motion to have the dumpster at the Municipal Building removed and have a larger dumpster installed at the Maintenance Building for a savings of \$ 40.00 per month. The motion was seconded by Benjie Labar and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

New Business:

a. Ralph Megliola made a motion to approve the payroll for May 12, 2016 in the amount of \$ 25,682.75 for gross wages, \$ 787.71 for state liability, \$ 7,801.80 for federal tax liability, \$ 18,644.12 for net wages. The motion was seconded by William Pipolo, Jr. and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. A letter was received from the Monroe County Area Agency on Aging informing the Supervisors that they will be holding their first “Elder Justice Day” on Friday, June 17, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Stroud and Brodhead Rooms, First Floor of Pocono Medical Center.

c. Letters were received from the Monroe County Conservation District informing the Supervisors that the Erosion and Sediment Control Plan was found to be adequate and they conducted an inspection of earth disturbance activities for the Skytop Dam Rehabilitation.

d. Ralph Megliola made a motion to donate \$ 50.00 to C.A.M.E. in memory of Gene Yacubowski. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

e. Discussion was held on reviewing a draft Driveway Ordinance that was recommended by Building Code Inspector, Shawn McGlynn. The draft ordinance will be submitted to Township Engineer Jon Tresslar and Solicitor Todd Weitzmann for their review.

f. Pam Gardsy reported that Monroe County has put together a new website with a park locator for all the parks in the county as well as an app for your phone. They are also conducting a contest associated with the park locator.

Miscellaneous:

a. It was noted that certificates of insurance were received for Charles Yerkes and Allen A. Gross.

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Discussion was held on the request from Paradise Township Supervisor Reda Briglia on behalf of P.A.R.C. to donate 25% of the Open Space Account for the development of Seven Pines Park. Pam Gardsy will follow up with Solicitor Todd Weitzmann to confirm if the percentage of the funds can be used for maintenance and/or development.

Jaime Loysen spoke with the Supervisors concerning problems that she has been having trying to locate property for her auto storage business and the definition of the use not being addressed in the Zoning Ordinance. Jeryl Rinehart will follow up with Township Engineer Judy Stern Goldstein and Stacy Yoder to determine the definition of the use for this type of business.

Benjie Labar reported that volunteers from the Roadside Appeal Committee picked up garbage from the Canadensis Post Office to My Daughters Place on Route 447. A small group of volunteers will be cleaning up the tree debris along the roads on Wednesday. A date will be scheduled in October for more garbage pick up.

It was noted that Joel Rossi from Resort Beverage will be having the Anheuser Busch Budweiser Clydesdales coming to Barrett Township on Father's Day, Sunday, June 19, 2016 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Ralph Megliola made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:05 a.m. to discuss possible litigation 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 Benjie Labar 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 John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Respectfully Submitted,