Barrett Township Supervisors January 28, 2014

A regular meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at the Barrett Township Building on Route 390 in Mountainhome, Pa. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Vice Chairman Loree Guthrie.

Present: Loree Guthrie, John Seese, Paul Stotsenburg, Chief Steve Williams, Rick Scrudato, Jeryl Rinehart and the public. Ralph Megliola and Patti O'Keefe were absent.

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

Loree Guthrie made a motion to open the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to adopt Ordinance No. 177, establishing a statutory 25 miles per hour speed limit for motor vehicles on High Road and Low Court in Mill Creek Estates. It was noted that there was no public comment. Loree Guthrie made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 177. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye. Loree Guthrie made a motion to close the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

The meeting minutes of the January 6, 2014 meeting were approved on a motion made by Loree Guthrie and seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

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

- January 9, 2014 General Fund \$ 9,420.79, Fire Fund \$ 778.45, Library Fund \$ 184.22, Road Machinery Fund \$ 12,802.19 and Park and Recreation Fund \$ 203.70.
- January 16, 2014 General Fund \$ 18,264.61, Fire Fund \$ 657.36, Library Fund \$ 231.22, Ambulance Fund \$ 276.88, State Fund \$ 9,864.62, Park and Recreation Fund \$ 449.17 and LST Fund \$ 8,300.06.
- January 23, 2014 General Fund \$ 4,904.81.

The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Old Business:

a. The 2014 Fire Police list was submitted by Fire Chief Grover Cleveland. Loree Guthrie made a motion to accept the list as submitted. The motion was

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seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

- b. It was noted that the P.S.A.T.S. Annual Educational Conference is scheduled for April 13 16, 2014 in Hershey, PA.
- c. Discussion was held on the hiring of part time police officer. Loree Guthrie made a motion to table the decision until the end of the meeting so that she could review the application. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

New Business:

- a. John Seese made a motion to approve payroll for January 23, 2014 in the amount of \$ 29,745.92 for gross wages, \$ 913.21 for state tax liability, \$ 7,605.04 for federal tax liability and \$ 23,101.34 for net wages. The motion was seconded by Loree Guthrie and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.
- b. It was noted that the list of 2014 Fire Officers was submitted by the Fire Chief Grover Cleveland. John Seese made a motion to accept the list as submitted. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.
- c. The Treasurer's Report for December 2013 was read. On a motion made by John Seese and seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as read.
- d. A letter was received from Don Baylor informing the Supervisors that the Brodhead Chapter has obtained funding through the Trout Unlimited's Embrace-A-Stream Grant program to post Catch & Release Only signs encouraging catch and release of wild trout in the Pasold Farm section of the Brodhead Stream. Loree Guthrie made a motion to allow the installation of three signs at the Pasold Farm Open Space property. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.
- e. Paul Stotsenburg made a motion to approve and sign the P.M.R.S. quarterly reports for the Police Department in the amount of \$ 102,768.49. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.
- f. It was noted that the Bridge Report for Monomonock Road was received from Pickering, Corts & Summerson, Inc.
- g. Loree Guthrie made a motion to accept the Calibration Reports for Tracker No. 687 and No. 688. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

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h. The Auditor's Reorganization meeting minutes were received. Loree Guthrie made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors vote aye.

Miscellaneous:

a. It was noted that certificates of insurance were received from R.W. Buff, Inc., Stanley Romansky Contracting, C & D Contractor & Sons, Inc. and Waste Management Holdings.

Deanna Berger spoke with the Supervisors about her Relay for Life team that benefits the American Cancer Society. They are planning on doing a Flush Out Cancer campaign at local businesses and residences. They would like to start the campaign at the Municipal Building by having one of the Supervisors and the media present on Monday, February 3, 2014. The Supervisors supported the Flush Out Cancer campaign.

Paul Stotsenburg reported that he received a letter from Cohen Law Group offering a free legal assessment of the cable franchise agreement. John Seese recommended sending the information to Solicitor Todd Weitzmann for his review.

Paul Stotsenburg also reported that at the last P.A.R.C. meeting, the members discussed having Brick Linder from Linder Engineering prepare the digital base map and sketch layout so they can apply for grants for the Seven Pines Park. Brick Linder has offered to do the first phase at no charge and the next phase will cost approximately \$ 1000.00 to \$ 2000.00. John Seese made a motion to approve the P.A.R.C. to hire Brick Linder to do the engineering work. The motion was seconded Loree Guthrie and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Rick Scrudato reported that he received a letter from Solicitor Todd Weitzmann referencing the Open Space Law, Act 115, 2013 which amends the Open Space Law. The Act 115 Amendment allows up to 25 % of the annual revenue from Open Space tax levy to be used for costs associated with design, engineering improvements and maintenance of municipal open space properties.

Loree Guthrie made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and possible litigation matters at 10:05. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg

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and carried. All Supervisors voted aye. The meeting was reconvened at 10:25 a.m..

Paul Stotsenburg made a motion to hire Austin Anglemeyer for the part time police officer position. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

John Seese made a motion to not accept the counter offer from John Castellano from J.N.C. Development for the zoning violation. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

As there were no further business or public comment, Loree Guthrie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Respectfully submitted, Teryl Renehart