

Barrett Township Supervisors
April 9, 2014

A regular meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at the Barrett Township Municipal Building on Route 390 in Mountainhome. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice Chairman Loree Guthrie.

Present: Loree Guthrie, Patti O'Keefe, John Seese, Paul Stotsenburg, Solicitor Todd Weitzmann, Jeryl Rinehart and the public. Ralph Megliola was absent.

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

The minutes of the March 25, 2014 meeting were approved on a motion made by Loree Guthrie and seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Loree Guthrie made a motion to approve the payment of the bills for March 27, 2014 from the General Fund in the amount of \$ 30,019.90, from the Fire Fund in the amount of \$ 2,205.12, from the Library Fund in the amount of \$ 5,676.34 and from the Ambulance Fund in the amount of \$ 4,107.71 and for April 3, 2014 from the General Fund in the amount of \$ 31,817.12, from the Fire Fund in the amount of \$ 3,822.00, from the Library Fund in the amount of \$ 1,565.99, from the Road Machinery Fund in the amount of \$ 2,866.50, from the State Fund in the amount of \$ 434.28, from the Ambulance Fund in the amount of \$ 955.50 and from the Open Space Fund in the amount of \$ 955.50. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Reports:

a. The Treasurer's Report was read. On a motion made by John Seese, seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried, the report was accepted as read. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. The Police Report was read. On a motion made by John Seese, seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried, the report was accepted as read. All Supervisors voted aye.

c. It was noted that there was no Roadmaster's Report. John Seese made a motion to open High Acres Park on Monday, April 14, 2014 for the season. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye. John Seese made a motion to set the 2014 Township Cleanup Days on the first Saturday of every month until October except for July. The Cleanup Days will be May 3, June 7, July 12, August 2, September 6 and October 4. The motion was seconded by Loree Guthrie and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

d. The Fire Chief's Report was read. On a motion made by Loree Guthrie, seconded by John Seese and carried, the report was accepted as read.

Subdivisions:

a. St. Bernadette Church and Rectory, Route 390, Minor Subdivision, Richard Storm Surveying -- Richard and Sharon Storm were present to discuss the lot joinder/minor subdivision plan. St. Bernadette Church and Rectory is proposing to subdivide the existing property into two parcels; one being for the existing church and one being for the existing rectory. The existing property has a total acreage of 5.549 acres and was located in R-1, Low Density Residential Zone. The new zoning district change, effective December 11, 2013 is MU-V, Mixed Use -- Village. Proposed Lot 1 has an area of 3.969 acres and includes the existing church with associated parking with access from Old Canadensis Hill Road or from Route 390 via an existing driveway. Proposed Lot 2 has an area of 1.58 acres and will include the existing rectory with associated driveway taking place from Route 390. The proposed alternate septic system for Lot 2 is located

within the eastern corner of proposed Lot 1. An easement is proposed around this area. It was noted that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the lot joinder/subdivision, conditioned on the planning modules being completed and submitted to PA DEP and Solicitor Todd Weitzmann reviewing and approving the easement agreement. Solicitor Todd Weitzmann confirmed that he reviewed the easement agreement. Paul Stotsenburg made a motion to approve the plan contingent on the planning modules being approved by PA DEP and all the Township engineering fees being paid. The motion was seconded by Loree Guthrie and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Old Business:

a. It was noted that the Annual Audit and Financial Report and the Condensed Financial Statement for 2013 has been received from Kirk, Summa & Co., LLP

b. Discussion was held on the Lot Joinder Ordinance which is an amendment to the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. The purpose of the amendment is to simplify the existing process to combine existing lots owned by the same person. It was noted that the Planning Commission and Township Engineer Jon Tresslar reviewed the ordinance. Solicitor Todd Weitzmann revised the ordinance based on their comments. John Seese made a motion to approve and advertise the changes to the ordinance. A public hearing will be scheduled in May to possibly adopt the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Patti O'Keefe and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

c. Discussion was held on the sale of Old No. 2 Fire truck. A fire company in Oklahoma has agreed to purchase the fire truck for \$ 38,000. Solicitor Todd Weitzmann has prepared a short agreement of memo of understanding between the two fire companies. John Seese made a motion to approve the sale of the fire truck based on the terms of the agreement. The motion was seconded by Patti O'Keefe and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

New Business:

a. Paul Stotsenburg made a motion to approve payroll for April 3, 2014 in the amount of \$ 35,700.97 for gross wages, \$ 1,096.03 for state tax liability, \$ 8,942.33 for federal tax liability and \$ 27,929.74 for net wages. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. A letter was received from Entech in reference to Aqua PA, concerning the meeting on February 25, 2014 with representatives from both companies. They have made recommendations for onsite Township Engineer inspections for future Aqua water main replacement projects on Township roads.

c. It was noted that a copy of the tax collector bond was received from the Monroe County Risk Manager for Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America which provides proof of bond coverage for all 20 Monroe County Municipal tax Collectors for their current 4-year term (2014-2017).

d. Michael Aleksich from Friedman Electric spoke with the Supervisors about the P.P. & L. incentive program for Government, Non-Profit and Institutional Projects. P.P. & L. will give Townships, rebates for changing to LED fixtures and for future savings on the electric bills. The upgrades would need to be completed by May 9, 2014 to receive the rebates. Paul Stotsenburg made a motion to approve the upgrade to the lights to LED for the incentive program and future savings. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

e. Steven Levine from The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Monroe County was present to meet with the Supervisors to discuss numerous projects that he thought would be good

for the community. The Supervisors invited Mr. Levine to the May 13th workshop for the presentation being done for applying for grant applications.

f. A letter was received from the Monroe County Planning Commission reminding all municipalities that traffic counts will be conducted upon request.

g. Loree Guthrie made a motion to approve Denise Schlagel attending the May 13th workshop to do a presentation on applying for various grants for \$ 300.00 plus mileage. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

h. Patti O'Keefe reported the E.A.C. and the Monroe County Conservation District would like to have a meeting on Wednesday, April 30, 2014 to discuss the possibility of having a Countywide Earth Day next year. Patti will attend the meeting. Patti also discussed putting an advertisement in the Village View, looking for people who would be interested in volunteering for the Open Space Committee. Loree Guthrie made a motion to approve the advertisement. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Miscellaneous:

a. It was noted that certificates of insurance were received from R.W. Buff, Inc., I.T. Landes & Son, Inc., Struck Homes, LLC and Eureka Stone Quarry, Inc.

Loree Guthrie asked the Supervisors for approval for her to look into and speak with representatives AMBIT Energy for savings on electric bills. The Supervisors agreed for Loree to look into the savings.

Loree Guthrie made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and possible litigation at 8:25 p.m. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

John Seese made a motion to reconvene the meeting at 8:35 p.m. The motion was seconded by Loree Guthrie and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Loree Guthrie made a motion to accept the increased cost of \$ 1200.00 per year for the Law Enforcement Liability Insurance Policy with a different carrier. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

As there was no further business or public comment, Loree Guthrie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. The motion was seconded by Patti O'Keefe and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,

