

**Barrett Township Supervisors
August 14, 2013**

A regular meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, August 14, 2013 at the Barrett Township Building on Route 390 in Mountainhome. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Ralph Megliola. Present: Ralph Megliola, Loree Guthrie, William Pipolo, Jr., Paul Stotsenburg, John Seese, Solicitor Todd Weitzmann, Jeryl Rinehart and the public. There were no public comments on the agenda items.

The minutes of the July 23, 2013 meeting were approved on a motion made by Ralph Megliola and seconded by William Pipolo, Jr. and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Bills:

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

- July 25, 2013 – General Fund - \$ 31, 451.15, Library Fund - \$ 425.86, Ambulance Fund - \$ 986.59, Park and Recreation Fund - \$ 98.93, State Fund - \$ 3,980.35.**
- August 2, 2013 – General Fund - \$ 23,277.16, Fire Fund - \$ 14,200.00, Library Fund - \$ 33.49, State Fund - \$ 3,533.51.**
- August 8, 2013 – General Fund - \$ 7,496.53, Library Fund - \$ 84.13, Park and Recreation Fund - \$ 347.70.**

The motion was seconded Loree Guthrie and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Subdivisions:

a. Spruce Lake Retreat, New Horizons Hospitality Center, Route 447 – Terry Martin from Martin and Robbins Surveying and Mark Swartley from Spruce Lake Retreat was present to discuss the final approval for the land development plan. The preliminary plan was approved on February 8, 2012.

At that time, a note was put on the plan stating “final land development plans must be submitted and approved by Barrett Township prior to Spruce Lake Retreat obtaining a certificate of occupancy for the proposed building”. The project is in the final stage of completing the construction and reservations have been taken for November 15th. Terry Martin requested that the note be amended to say that the plans will be submitted prior to obtaining the certificate of occupancy so the facilities will not set unoccupied for three months. Ralph Megliola made a motion to amend the preliminary land development plan and allow Terry to submit the as-built plans prior to obtaining the certificate of occupancy and granting final approval at a later

time. The motion was seconded by Loree Guthrie and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. Michael and Patricia Scarano, Lake in the Clouds, Lot 89 and 90, Lookout Point Road, Lot joinder, Martin and Robbins Surveying – Terry Martin from Martin and Robbins Surveying was present to discuss the lot consolidation plan. It was noted that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the plan. Ralph Megliola made a motion to approve the lot consolidation plan. 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 John Seese and seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried, the report was accepted as read.

b. The Police Report was read. On a motion made by Paul Stotsenburg and seconded by Loree Guthrie and carried, the report was accepted as read.

c. The Roadmaster Report was read. On a motion made by Ralph Megliola and seconded by Loree Guthrie and carried, the report were accepted as read.

d. The E.A.C. meeting minutes were read. On a motion made by Ralph Megliola and seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried, the minutes were accepted as read.

e. The Open Space Committee meeting minutes were read. On a motion made by Ralph Megliola and seconded by John Seese and carried. The minute were accepted as read.

Old Business:

a. Paul Stotsenburg reported that the Open Space Committee sent a letter to John Wharton, to see if he is interested in selling his property that borders the Pasold Farm Natural Preserve. John Wharton did confirm that he is interested. The Open Space Committee got three proposals for appraising the property. The Supervisors discussed having the Open Space Committee send him another letter asking him to give them a realistic offer on the property before the money is spent on an appraisal.

b. Discussion was held on the Airport Ordinance. Ralph Megliola made a motion to table the ordinance. The motion was seconded by William Pipolo, Jr. and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

c. Discussion was held on numerous complaints that were received concerning road repairs to Route 390 for the Aqua PA water main replacement. John Seese

will speak with the representatives from Aqua PA, Entech and Linde to schedule a meeting for the workshop on Tuesday, August 20, 2013 at 7:30 a.m.

d. Discussion was held on amending the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance to simplify the lot joinder process. Ralph Megliola made a motion to advertise the Public Hearing for the amendment to the SALDO for Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. The motion was seconded by William Pipolo, Jr. and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

New Business:

a. Ralph Megliola made a motion to approve payroll for August 8, 2013 in the amount of \$ 29,131.67 for gross wages, \$ 894.35 for state liability, \$ 7,587.66 for federal tax liability and \$ 22,485.57 for net wages. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. The Township Officials Dinner will be held on Friday, September 27, 2013 at The Inn at Pocono Manor at 6:00 p.m. Ralph Megliola made a motion to approve doing a full page advertisement in the program book for \$ 85.00. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

c. Discussion was held on amending Ordinance No. 125 for Mill Creek Road, High Road and Low Court to post 25 m.p.h. speed signs. John Seese will speak with Township Engineer Jon Tresslar to get the site specifications for Solicitor Todd Weitzmann to prepare the advertisement for the amendment.

d. The J.N.C. Development, Inc. issue will be discussed in Executive Session at end of the meeting after public comment.

Miscellaneous:

a. It was noted that certificates of insurance was received from Pocono Mountain Regional Emergency, Ye Olde Village Workshop LLC, Pencor Services, Inc., Struck Homes LLC and Joseph Parlegreco Construction.

A letter was received from Meg Dilger from the Barrett Paradise Business Association concerning their campaign to launch the “Shop Local” signs. They are requesting to waive the sign permit if one is needed. Discussion followed. Solicitor Todd Weitzmann will review the Sign Ordinance and will discuss it with Jeryl.

Discussion was held on the P.A.R.C applying for a mini grant for the Seven Pines Park for fencing around the dugouts and fixing the fields. Charlene Barry requested a letter of support from the Supervisors. Ralph Megliola made a motion to do a letter of support for the grant. The motion was seconded by Loree Guthrie and carried. All Supervisors voted aye. Charlene also reported that they will be having a visionary meeting with Township Engineer Judy Stern Goldstein to discuss the master site plan for the park.

It was noted that there will be a meeting to discuss the Intergovernmental Agreement on Monday, September 9, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. with Paradise Township and Mount Pocono Borough.

It was noted that the Pocono Mountain Council of Governments will be having a picnic on August 26, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Blanche Price Park in Tobyhanna Township.

A letter was received from Entech concerning the Mill Creek crossing for Aqua PA. Ralph Megliola made a motion to forward the letter to Township Engineer Jon Tresslar for his review. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

It was noted that the Barrett Township Concerned Citizens will not be having the Fall Festival at High Acres Park in September.

The final draft for the Zoning Ordinance will be completed and submitted to the Township on Monday, August 19, 2013. The Public Hearing will be scheduled for Wednesday, October 9, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Ralph Megliola made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. to discuss possible litigation matters. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye. Ralph Megliola made a motion to reconvene the meeting at 8:20 p.m. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

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John Seese made a motion to proceed with an injunction for the front porch that was built within the front yard building setback for J.N.C. Development, Inc. at 134 Falls Drive in Buck Hill Falls. The motion was seconded by Loree Guthrie. Ralph Megliola abstained. The vote was 4-0 with one abstention and the motion carried.

As there was no further business or public comment, Ralph Megliola made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry Rinehart