

**Barrett Township Supervisors
September 11, 2013**

A regular meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, September 11, 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 August 27, 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:

- September 5, 2013 – General Fund: \$ 7,026.44, Fire Fund: \$ 1,036.08, Library Fund: \$ 102.85, Ambulance Fund: \$ 1,078.31, Park and Recreation Fund: \$ 508.05, State Fund: \$ 654.25.**

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

Reports:

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

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

c. There was no Roadmaster Report was read. John Seese reported that the 2013 Road Inspection Report has been completed.

Old Business:

a. A letter was received from Ralph Miller in response to the violation letter that was sent to him concerning the unsafe structure at the Pocono Playhouse on Playhouse Lane. Solicitor Todd Weitzmann will speak with Chief Steve Williams and Zoning Solicitor Tim McManus to determine the next step.

b. The appraisal for the Wharton Property was received from Van Fleet Appraisals, Inc. in the amount of \$ 95,000. The Wharton Property is being looked at by the Open Space Committee for Open Space property because it borders the Pasold Farm Preserve. Discussion followed. Ralph Megliola made a motion to table

the discussion to deliberate the purchase price in Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Loree Guthrie and carried. All the Supervisors voted aye.

c. John Seese made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 09112013 to apply for assistance for grants to replace two police cars from the gaming monies. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

New Business:

a. John Seese made a motion to approve payroll for September 5, 2013 in the amount of \$ 30,570.37 for gross wages, \$ 938.52 for state liability, \$ 7,707.66 for federal tax liability and \$ 23,855.09 for net wages. The motion was seconded by Loree Guthrie and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. It was noted that the In Lieu of Tax Payment for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 for State Game Lands was received in the amount of \$ 1,163.28.

c. A letter was received from Brown & Brown Insurance with recommendations from Employer Mutual Casualty Co. to repair the brick walkway leading to the ramp, clean the gutters on the building and replace the light at the rear exit deck at the C.A.M.E. Building. John Seese will take care of these items.

d. A letter was received from the Monroe County Control Center stating that they will no longer monitor the alarm systems effective December 31, 2013.

e. Ralph Megliola has been appointed to the PSATS Conference Planning Committee through the 2016 State Conference. He will be attending the next meeting at the PSATS office in Enola, PA on Thursday, September 19, 2013 to begin planning the 2014 State Conference.

f. A letter was received from the Department of Transportation informing the Township that they have reached a decision to help all levels of government better preserve, manage and maintain PA bridges' safety. They are ready to assist local governments with placing new and reduced weight-restriction signs on bridge within an appropriate time frame.

g. Ralph Megliola made a motion to approve the Police Department to participate in the D.U.I. Enforcement Program contingent on Solicitor Todd Weitzmann's review of the agreement. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

h. A letter was received by Frank Smith, Jr., Inc. stating that they can provide Elevation Certificates for flood insurance as required by FEMA.

i. Ralph Megliola made a motion to set the date for the Halloween Parade for Sunday, October 27, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. and Trick or Treat Night for Thursday, October 31, 2013 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Miscellaneous:

a. It was noted that a certificate of insurance was received from Liberty Custom Homes.

Paul Stotsenburg made a motion to do a support letter for the Buck Hill Conservation to apply for a Mini-Grant under the Act 13 program for the Chestnut Mountain Preserve to help fund improvements on access roads and trails. The motion was seconded by Loree Guthrie. Ralph Megliola abstained. The vote carried 4-1.

Ralph Megliola made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. to discuss the purchase price of the Wharton property. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye. Ralph Megliola made a motion to reconvene the meeting at 8:05 p.m. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Paul Stotsenburg reported that the Joint Meeting for the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement was on Monday, September 9th with Mount Pocono Borough and Paradise Township Supervisors. The Solicitors and one representative from each Township and Borough will meet at a later date to discuss the agreement. The Supervisors will discuss the agreement at their next workshop.

As there was no further business or public comment, Ralph Megliola made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry Reinhart