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Barrett Township Supervisors
October 27, 2015

A regular meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at the Barrett Township Building on Route 390 in Mountainhome, Pa. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Ralph Megliola.

Present: Ralph Megliola, Patti O’Keefe, John Seese, Loree Guthrie, Pam Gardsy, Jeryl Rinehart and the public. Paul Stotsenburg was absent.

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

The minutes of the October 14, 2015 meeting were approved on a motion made by Ralph Megliola and seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

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

- October 14, 2015 – General Fund - \$ 48,009.74, Fire Fund - \$ 1,397.10, LST Fund - \$ 14,000.00, Park and Recreation Fund - \$ 270.72.**
- October 21, , 2015 – General Fund - \$ 25,216.16, Fire Fund - \$ 434.00, Park and Recreation Fund – \$ 25.00, Library Fund - \$ 129.78, Ambulance Fund - \$ 43.27, State Fund - \$ 3,377.89.**

The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Old Business:

a. Zoning Officer Jeryl Rinehart gave an update on the Zoning Map changes. She spoke with George Basila from the Monroe County Planning Commission who is preparing the map and he informed her that the map changes should be completed by the end of the week.

b. It was noted that the Public Hearing for the Final Draft of the Sign Ordinance will be held on Monday, November 16th at 8:30 a.m.

c. Discussion was held on the Roadside Appeal Committee. Ralph Megliola made a motion to approve the Roadside Appeal Committee and appoint Benjie Labar as the Chairman. The motion was seconded by Loree Guthrie and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

d. Discussion was held on preparing the policy for the payroll deductions for the Dental Plan with United Concordia. Solicitor Todd Weitzmann will prepare the policy for the payroll deductions and it will go into effect on January 1, 2015.

e. Ralph Megliola made a motion to sign Resolution No. 10272015 for the grant for the U.T.V for the Fire Company. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

f. Building Code Officer Shawn McGlynn submitted an updated list of Enforcement Actions that he has been working on. Discussion was held on the Pocono Playhouse property, the Zeiler property, the Payne property and the Castle Land Hill property.

g. Discussion was held on scheduling the workshops for 2016 Budget. It was noted that there will be a workshop on Monday, November 2nd at 8:30 a.m.

h. It was noted that there would be no workshop on Tuesday, November 3rd due to Election Day and there will be no Supervisors Meeting on Wednesday, November 11th due to Veterans Day. There will be a workshop at 7:30 a.m. and Supervisors Meeting at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, November 16th.

i. Discussion was held on the possible development of the Open Space properties. Ralph Megliola will be meeting with Township Engineer Jon Tresslar to determine if it is feasible to development the Gravel Family Preserve for community events.

New Business:

a. Ralph Megliola made a motion to approve payroll for October 15, 2015 in the amount of \$ 13,037.32 for gross wages, \$ 1,638.80 for state tax liability, \$ 4,148.83 for federal tax liability and \$ 9,764.79 for net wages. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. Ralph Megliola made a motion to approve the Hosted Exchange Quote in the amount of \$ 288.00 for I.S.S. Solutions for the online exchange for the internet server. The motion was seconded by Patti O'Keefe and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

c. Ralph Megliola made a motion to approve transferring the Fire Fund Account to the E.S.S.A. Bank. The motion was seconded by Patti O'Keefe and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

d. Two letters were received from the Monroe County Board of Assessment. The first letter was an assessment revision for the Franconia Mennonite Camp Association Inc. and the second letter was for an appeal hearing on December 2, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. for the Orthodox Center for Religious Studies of the St. John Monastery.

e. A letter was received from the Reading and Northern Railroad encouraging the Supervisors to speak with the Monroe County Commissioners about talking with their current PA Northeast Regional Rail Authority board members about getting out of the railroad business and as vacancies occur on the board to appoint

new members who will vote to sell the railroad. The Supervisors are not interested in making a donation at this time.

f. A letter was received from PA DEP stating that they have reviewed the application for E.R. Linder Construction Company to “relocate” and operate a portable crushing plant under the Air Quality General Operating Permit for Portable Nonmetallic Mineral Processing Plants.

g. A letter was received from the Monroe County Vector Control requesting a donation in the amount of \$ 2,000.00 in order to continue to improve and maintain Vector Control programs. It will be discussed at the next budget meeting

Miscellaneous:

a. It was noted that no certificates of insurance were received.

Rich Price was present to discuss the replacement of the bridge on Route 390 near Dutch Hill Road and the dam repair at Skytop Lodge and the problems that will occur when construction begins in March on both projects. There was also discussion on the poor condition of Dutch Hill Road. He asked the Supervisors to do a temporary repair on the road from Route 390 to the back entrance to Skytop Lodge. John and Ralph will look at the road after the meeting to determine what the repair will entail.

Nancy Hooke from the Friendly Community Center submitted a letter to the Supervisors requesting their consideration of an appropriation of \$ 8,000.00 in funds to assist with providing the varied and important services to the community.

Ralph Melgiola thanked Martin Price and the Halloween Parade Committee for a great job in having the Halloween Parade.

It was noted that the Maintenance Department will be closing High Acres Park on Monday, November 2nd for the season.

As there was no further business or public comment, Ralph Megliola made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,