

**Barrett Township Supervisors
September 13, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at the Barrett Township Building on Route 390 in Mountainhome, PA. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Ralph Megliola.

Present: Ralph Megliola, Loree Guthrie, William Pipolo, Jr., Benjie Labar, John Seese, Solicitor Todd Weitzmann, Pam Gardsy, Jeryl Rinehart and the public.
There were no public comments on the agenda items.

The minutes of the August 14, August 23 and August 28, 2017 meetings were approved on a motion made by Ralph Megliola and seconded by William Pipolo, Jr. and carried. All the Supervisors voted aye.

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

- August 23, 2017 - General Fund - \$ 56,591.28, Park and Recreation Fund – \$ 180.00, State Fund - \$ 51.90, Ambulance Fund - \$ 104.36, Fire Fund – \$ 239.04, Open Space Fund - \$ 180.00
- August 30, 2017: General Fund - \$ 5,856.00, State Fund - \$ 624.01
- September 6, 2017 - General Fund - \$ 37,490.68, Park and Recreation Fund – \$ 351.74, LST Fund - \$ 506.00, State Fund - \$ 187,499.58, Ambulance Fund – \$ 118.58, Fire Fund – \$ 5,515.69, Open Space Fund - \$ 436.45

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

Reports:

a. The Fire Chief's Reports for August was read. On a motion made by Ralph Megliola and seconded by William Pipolo, Jr. and carried, the report was accepted as read.

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

c. Nick Dewitt from the Pocono Mountain Regional Emergency Services was present to give the Ambulance Report. He reported that there were 36 responses for the month of August and 337 responses for the year to date. Ralph Megliola made a motion to accept the Ambulance Report. The motion was seconded by William Pipolo, Jr. and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Old Business:

a. It was noted that the Supervisors have appealed the Zoning Hearing Board Decision for Buck Hill Falls and the Buck Hill Falls Water Company.

b. Discussion was held on the Recycling Center on Sand Spring Road. William Pipolo, Jr. reported that he spoke with Jim Lambert from the Monroe County Waste Authority and they are not willing to install surveillance cameras or help the Township in any way to monitor the dumping problems at the site and it is the Township responsibility to clean up the debris.

c. Ralph Megliola made a motion to purchase a bulletin board for the Dog Park in the amount of \$ 244.00. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

d. Ralph Megliola made a motion to approve the Supplemental Agreement for the Municipal Winter Traffic Services for Upper Seese Hill Road. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

e. Ralph Megliola made a motion to approve the Financial Statements from Kirk, Summa and Co. LLP. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

New Business:

a. Ralph Megliola made a motion to approve the payroll for August 29, 2017 in the amount of \$ 11,512.92 for gross wages, \$ 352.68 for state liability, \$ 3,012.73 for federal tax liability, \$ 9,005.51 for net wages. The motion was seconded by Loree Guthrie and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. Discussion was held on what day to observe Veteran's Day due to the holiday falling on Saturday this year. Ralph Megliola made a motion to observe Veteran's Day on Friday, November 10, 2017 for the Township employees. The motion was seconded by William Pipolo, Jr. and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

c. Discussion was held on firearm shooting in residential areas. Numerous residents were present from the Oak Ridge Property Owners Association concerning a neighbor shooting firearms on his property. Police have been dispatched to the property several times and determined that he had the proper backstop to continue the shooting and they did not see any issues. Solicitor Todd Weitzmann discussed the possibility of regulating of shooting ranges and he reported that there is a similar court case with Stroud Township in the County Courts. It was suggested that the Proper Owners Association update their bylaws to prevent firearms shooting in their subdivision.

d. An invitation was received from the Brodhead Watershed Association for their Annual Members and Friends Celebration on Friday, September 29, 2017 at Pocono Manor.

e. Ralph Megliola made a motion to approve and sign the Non-Uniform Employee Pension Plan Minimum Municipal Obligation for 2018 in the amount of \$ 322,285.00. The motion was seconded by Benjie Labar and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

f. Ralph Megliola made a motion to sign the letter of support for the 2017/2018 LSA Grant Request for the Pocono Mountain Regional Emergency Medical Services to purchase four power assist stretchers. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

g. A letter was received from the Monroe County Control Center concerning a serious movement in the State Legislature to take \$ 40 million from the 911 fund to help “fix” the Commonwealth’s budget debacle. Gary Hoffman requested that the Supervisor write to state and local representatives to not support this move.

h. A letter was received from Eric Koopman from the Monroe County Planning Commission informing the Supervisors that they are looking for feedback from municipalities regarding an optional \$ 5 fee for local transportation projects. A survey was enclosed asking for their input.

i. A letter was received from the Tobyhanna Township Board of Supervisors advising the Supervisors that as of 8:00 Hours, September 5, 2017, they have informed Monroe County Control Center that the Pocono Summit Volunteer Fire Company is deactivated as a fire service provider in Tobyhanna Township.

j. A letter was received from the Monroe County Board of Assessment for a correction to the tax duplicate for a property owned by Charlotte Parks.

k. A letter was received the PA DEP informing the Supervisors that the results of the drinking water samples that were collected from the Maintenance Department Building on August 7, 2017, did not indicate the presence of any organic chemicals associated with petroleum contamination above the Statewide health Standards.

l. A copy of a letter for Spruce Lake Retreat was received from the Monroe County Conservation informing the Supervisors that they have reviewed the Co-Permittee Application for the NPDES Permit.

m. A letter was received from PA DEP notifying the Supervisors that a correction to the mining permit was authorize to import concrete, soil and asphalt for resale for the Cresco Quarry Operation.

n. A letter was received from Steve Ertle asking Pocono businesses and local communities to support hurricane victims by helping to fill a truck from Pocono ProFood to get needed items specified by the Red Cross to the victims that need it the most.

o. An invitation was received from the Barrett Township Historical Society asking the Supervisors to attend the dedication of a historical marker commemorating The Flood of '55.

Miscellaneous:

a. It was noted that certificates of insurance were received from Liberty Homes Custom Builders and Pocono Plateau Camp and Retreat Center.

Ralph Megliola made a motion to recess the meeting to go into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation at 6:10 p.m. The motion was seconded by William Pipolo, Jr. and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Ralph Megliola made a motion to reconvene the meeting at 6:50 p.m. The motion was seconded by William Pipolo, Jr. and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

As there was no further business or public comment, Ralph Megliola made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. The motion was seconded by William Pipolo, Jr. and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Pinehart