Barrett Township Supervisors
October 8, 2014

A regular meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 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, Patti O'Keefe, Paul Stotsenburg, John Seese, Solicitor Todd Weitzmann, Chief Steve Williams, Jeryl Rinehart and the public.
There were no public comments on the agenda items.

The minutes of the September 10, 2014 meeting were approved on a motion made by Ralph Megliola and seconded by Loree Guthrie and carried. All Supervisors voted aye. It was noted that there was no Supervisors meeting on Tuesday, September 23, 2014.

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

- **September 18, 2014: General Fund - $ 17,165.33, Fire Fund - $ 4,817.00, Library Fund - $ 500.00, Ambulance Fund - $ 300.00, State Fund - $ 2,724.55, Park and Recreation Fund - $ 283.11, Open Space Fund - $ 4,991.22.**
- **September 25, 2014: General Fund - $ 31,222.89, Open Space Fund - $238.00, Park and Recreation Fund - $ 1,132.24.**
- **October 2, 2014 – General Fund: $ 144,642.50, Fire Fund: $ 2,011.35, Library Fund: $ 275.00, Ambulance Fund: $ 200.00, State Fund - $ 5,564.18, LST Fund: $ 7,700.06. The motion was seconded Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.**

Subdivision/Land Development/Lot Joinder:

a. William Pipolo, Jr., Route 447, Lot Joinder, Mahlon Hughes, Surveyor – William Pipolo, Jr. is proposing to merge Lot 2 into Lot 1. Ralph Megliola made a motion to approve the lot joinder contingent on Township Engineer Jon Tresslar's closure report. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. Skytop Lodges, Inc., Minor Re-Subdivision, Dutch Hill Road, Martin and Robbins Surveying – Brick Linder from Linder Engineering was present to discuss the minor re-subdivision of Lots 6 through 18 of Skytop Lodges, Inc. They are proposing to re-subdivide existing land and create two (2) residential parcels.

The existing properties are located on the north side of Dutch Hill Road. The existing property is located in the R, Residential District and consists of thirteen (13) lots that were previously recorded. Parcel A is proposed to have an area of 2.405 Acres and Parcel B is proposed to have an area of 2.778 acres. The proposed lots will be served by on-site wells and septic disposal systems. It was noted that the Planning Commission recommended granting the waiver of Section 404.1.4 from the S.A.L.D.O., recommended approval of the plan contingent on Township Engineer Jon Tresslar's comment letter dated October 1, 2014, being addressed and recommended accepting and signing the planning modules to be forwarded to PA DEP. Ralph Megliola made a motion to grant the waiver of Section 404.1.4 of the S.A.L.D.O. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye. Ralph Megliola made a motion to approve the re-subdivision plan. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye. Ralph Megliola made a motion to sign the planning modules and forward them to PA DEP. The motion was seconded by Loree Guthrie and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Reports:

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

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

c. The Roadmaster's Reports for August and September was read. On a motion made by Ralph Megliola and seconded by Loree Guthrie and carried, the report was accepted as read.

Old Business:

a. It was noted that the Entry of Deemed Decision was received from Thomas J. Foley, III, Solicitor for Uniform Construction Code Appeals Board of Barrett Township for the approval of a variance from the automatic sprinkler requirements of 903.2.9 of the International Building Code for Bestway of Pennsylvania, Inc.

b. It was noted that the update for P.A.R.C. will be tabled until the end of the meeting so the Supervisors and Solicitor Todd Weitzmann can go into Executive Session.

c. A letter was received from the Monroe County Control Center informing the municipalities that they will be terminating the Alarm Monitoring Services on

December 31, 2014. It was noted that Barrett Township does not have alarm monitoring services with the Monroe County Control Center.

d. A letter was received from PennDot granting permission to use the state highway for the Halloween Parade on October 26, 2014.

New Business:

a. Ralph Megliola made a motion to approve payroll for September 18 , 2014 in the amount of $ 29,214.29 for gross wages, $ 896.90 for state liability, $ 7,722.68 for federal tax liability and $ 22,430.81 for net wages and for October 2, 2014 in the amount of $ 40,732.39 for gross wages, $ 1,250.51 for state liability, $ 11,143.56 for federal tax liability and $ 30,933.50 for net wages. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. A letter was received from Karl Forssell Plumbing, Inc. requesting a waiver to drill a new well, next to the existing well because he is unable to remove the well pump for Mark and Joy Patterson at 2455 Route 390 in Canadensis. Ralph Megliola made a motion to grant the well waiver. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

c. A letter was received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. A check in the amount of $ 61,962.88 for the 2014 Commonwealth allocation of General Municipal Pension System State Aid was enclosed.

d. A letter was received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. A check in the amount of $ 39,420.86 for the 2014 Commonwealth allocation supporting the Volunteer Fire Relief Association was enclosed.

e. A letter was received from the PA Department of Revenue. A check in the amount of $ 1,824.95 for the 2014 PURTA Distribution check for tax year 2013 was was enclosed.

f. It was noted that the Pocono Mountain Council of Government bids were received. Ralph Megliola made a motion to use the 89 Octane Gasoline at $ 3.0937 per gallon delivered, Number 2 Fuel Oil at $ 3.1441 per gallon delivered and Low Sulfer Highway Diesel Fuel at $ 3.1869 per gallon delivered. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

g. A letter was received from Gary A. Hoffman from the Monroe County Control Center commending Police Chief Steve Williams, Fire Chief Grover Cleveland and the entire Barrett Township Volunteer Fire Company staff and the citizens of Barrett Township for their tireless efforts in aiding in the efforts of apprehending the fugitive, Eric Frein.

h. Discussion was held about cancelling the 50th Annual Halloween Parade due to the fugitive not being apprehended and the safety to the public. Madeline Forssell offered a positive option of using the Monsignor McHugh School parking lot for a Trunk or Treat event in lieu of having the parade. Ralph Megliola made a motion to postpone the 50th Annual Halloween Parade on Sunday, October 26, 2014. The motion was seconded by Patti O'Keefe and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

i. Discussion was held on cancelling the 5k Scarecrow Race. Ralph Megliola made a motion to postpone the 5k Scarecrow Race on Sunday, October 19, 2014. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye. Ralph Megliola made a motion to cancel Trick or Treat Night on Friday, October 31, 2014. The motion was seconded by Patti O'Keefe and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

<u>Miscellaneous:</u>

a. It was noted that a certificate of insurance was received from D & L Communication Services, Inc.

Discussion was held on the liability insurance for the Halloween Parade Committee. Martin Price will cancel the insurance and the Supervisors will look into obtaining insurance through the Township's insurance policy.

Fire Chief Grover Cleveland reported that the Open House at the Firehouse has been cancelled for Sunday, October 12, 2014.

Madeline Forssell reported that starting today; people can come to the Mountainhome Methodist Church from 12:00 – 12:15 p.m. for prayer every day until the police hunt is over.

Chief Steve Williams thanked the volunteers, business owners, citizens, Fire Company, Maintenance Department, the Board of Supervisors for their team work and support during these trying times.

Numerous business owners were present to discuss the request from the Supervisors in the removal of the "windsurf/flag" signs. Ralph Megliola reported that Township Engineer Judy Stern Goldstein will be attending a conference to obtain more

information concerning these types of signs and Solicitor Todd Weitzmann will be reviewing the interpretation of the current Sign Ordinance. It will be discussed at the next work shop. Richard Price and Tom Neville asked the Supervisors to consider the local businesses when they make their decision.

Ralph Megliola made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m.to discuss the update of P.A.R.C. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye. Ralph Megliola made a motion to reconvene the meeting at 8:35 p.m. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg 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 8:35 p.m. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teryl Rhinehart