

**Barrett Township Supervisors**  
**November 24, 2009**

A regular meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Tuesday, November 24, 2009 at the Barrett Township Municipal Building on Rte. 390 in Mountainhome. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman, Phil Dente.

Present: Phil Dente, Jim Siglin, Rick Scudato, John Seese, Art Gray, Cheryl Howard and the public.

There was no public comment on the agenda items.

The minutes of the November 11, 2009 meeting were approved with no corrections or additions. Rick Scudato made a motion to approve payment of the bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$21,282.28, the Fire Fund in the amount of \$506.11 and the LST Fund in the amount of \$6,592.39. The motion was seconded by Phil Dente and carried. All supervisors voted aye.

It was noted that a letter of resignation from Michael Stirr was read. He resigned from the EAC. The supervisors reported they had two letters of interest. One letter was from Dale Price and the other letter was from Loree Guthrie. Phil Dente made a motion to appoint Loree Guthrie to the EAC to fill the vacancy created by Mike Stirr. The motion was seconded by Rick Scudato and carried. All supervisors voted aye.

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

Discussion was held on the request by Falls Road Funding to have the supervisors review the agreement for Falls Road Funding to provide payment for professional services to prepare an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance concerning townhouses and other zones. The initial money proposed would be \$5,000.00 to start with other monies as needed. Discussion and review followed. The supervisors do not have to accept or agree to the amendment that is proposed. Phil Dente made a motion to revise the agreement as discussed. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All supervisors voted aye.

It was noted that the public meeting was held for the Upper Brodhead and Paradise Creek greenway plan.

Discussion was held on the ratification by the Board of Supervisors to drop the suit of \$10,000.00 in Commonwealth of Pa. VS. Melograno, due to the death of David Melograno. Rick Scudato made a motion to ratify the decision to drop the suit. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All supervisors voted.

A lengthy discussion was held on the request by Rick Scudato to be considered as a part time manager. Rick reported he would like to be appointed as the Treasurer. Todd reported that appointing a treasurer or secretary was regulated in the Pa. Second class township code and the position did not have to be advertised as it was an annual appointment made by the Board of Supervisors. If the supervisors chose to use a Township Manager, the position would have to be

created by an ordinance prior to going through the hiring process. Appointment of a Treasurer or Secretary is done at the Board of Supervisors re-organization meeting. It was noted that the only decision the supervisors were making at this time was whether to create a township manager position and authorize the Solicitor to prepare and advertise the necessary ordinance or wait and make an appointment at the re-organization meeting. No action was taken at this time to create a township manager position.

The supervisors reported they would come back to the 2010 budget after the rest of the agenda business was conducted.

It was noted that the new ambulance was received and put into Service. The grant money should be received in the next week or so.

Discussion was held on the Village View advertisement for the Ambulance Corp. Rick Scudato made a motion to go with a ½ page advertisement instead of the full page advertisement. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All supervisors voted aye.

Phil Dente made a motion to approve payment of payroll in the amount of \$33,441.77 gross wages, \$8,652.69 federal tax liability, \$1,026.63 state tax liability, \$25,827.62 net wages and mileage for Jeryl Rinehart in the amount of \$24.20, Mike Garrett in the amount of \$84.70, Larry Raisner for reimbursement of meals & tolls in the amount of \$18.70 and Ryan Venneman for reimbursement of tolls in the amount of \$11.63. The motion was seconded by Rick Scudato and carried. All supervisors voted aye.

The PARC minutes of their 10/22/09 meeting were received. On a motion made by Rick Scudato, seconded by Phil Dente and carried, the minutes were accepted as presented. All supervisors voted aye.

It was noted that there was a vacancy on the Board of Auditors. It was also noted that there was one person who received a write in vote. The supervisors will contact the Board of Elections to find out if the person is the auditor or if they have to appoint someone.

Discussion was held on PARC and the intergovernmental agreement. The supervisors felt that possibly forming an authority would solve a lot of the issues. Phil Dente made a motion to have the Solicitor write a letter to Atty, David Williamson to look into forming an authority. The motion was seconded by Art Gray and carried. All supervisors voted aye.

A request was submitted from the Sesquicentennial Committee for \$1,000.00 towards expenses for the final event which is a dinner/dance on New Year's Eve at Pocono Manor. Phil Dente made a motion to give \$1,000.00 to the Sesquicentennial Committee for the event. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All supervisors voted aye.

Certification was received that the ESP machine and the tracker units were calibrated on November 2, 2009.

Discussion was held concerning an employee from the Maintenance Department taking early retirement. An agreement is being considered for the retirement for health benefits and vacation pay. Phil Dente made a motion to retain Tim Heinbach of Flam, Borff & Bacine to prepare the agreement between Barrett Township Supervisors and Richard Delp. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All supervisors voted aye.

K-9 Training contract in the annual amount of \$1,860.00 is due. Rick Scrudato made a motion to renew the contract as presented. The motion was seconded by Phil Dente and carried. It was not known if the grant would be obtained to offset the cost.

Discussion was held on the road project for 2010. It was noted that Brutzmann's Extension and Spruce Cabin Road were slated for paving for 2010 due to receiving at total of \$50,000.00 from the County.

Discussion was held on the next two budget workshops. Rick Scrudato made a motion to cancel the budget workshops of December 1, 2009 and December 15, 2009. The motion was seconded by Phil Dente and carried.

A letter was received from Brian Courtright, P.L.S. requesting that the application for a minor subdivision for David and Eleanor Reiser-Price be withdrawn. Rick Scrudato made a motion to accept the request as presented. The motion was seconded by Jim Siglin and carried. All supervisors voted aye.

The 2010 proposed budget was reviewed and discussed at this time. Phil Dente made a motion to tentatively adopt the 2010 budget as presented and to hold the public hearing for the final adoption on Tuesday, December 22, 2009 at 9:30 am. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All supervisors voted aye.

As there was no further public comment or business to come before the supervisors the meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary