

Barrett Township Supervisors
January 13, 2010

A regular meeting of the Barrett Township Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at the Barrett Township Municipal Building on Rte. 390 in Mountainhome. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman, Phil Dente.
Present: Phil Dente, Jim Siglin, Mike Stirr, John Seese, Paul Stotsenburg, Todd Weitzmann, Solicitor; Cheryl Howard and the public.

There was no public comment on the Agenda items.

At this time, Michael Stirr announced he would like to make a motion to change his vote on the motion from the January 4, 2010 reorganization meeting where Rick Scrudato was appointed as Treasurer at 20 hours per week plus medical benefits, from aye to neigh. Mr. Stirr reported he was not against Rick being appointed treasurer but felt it was not handled correctly. Mike Stirr made a motion to change his vote on the motion to appoint Rick Scrudato as part time treasurer at 20 hours per week plus medical benefits from aye to neigh. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. Supervisors Stotsenburg and Stirr voted aye. Supervisors Dente, Siglin and Seese voted neigh. Due to a majority neigh vote, the aye vote remains.

A change was made to the minutes of the December 29, 2009 meeting to include the amount of the check from Price township to the Fire Company as being \$4,000.00. Phil Dente made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Jim Siglin and carried. All supervisors voted aye.

It was noted that the mileage rate allowed by the IRS changed to .50 cents. A motion was made by Phil Dente, seconded by John Seese to change the language in the reorganization meeting to set the mileage at what is allowable by the IRS, and to change the mileage rate to .50 cents per mile for vehicle use.

Discussion was held on the vacancy on the Board of Auditors. Mike Stirr made a motion to advertise the vacancy and request letters of interest to be submitted on or before 4:30 p.m. Monday, January 25, 2010 meeting. The motion was seconded by Phil Dente and carried. All supervisors voted aye.

Jim Siglin made a motion to approve payment of the bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$23,033.15 and the Fire Fund in the amount of \$2,614.44. The motion was seconded by Phil Dente and carried. All supervisors voted aye.

Committee Reports:

a. The Police Report was read. On a motion made by Phil Dente, seconded by Jim Siglin and carried, the report was accepted as read. All supervisors voted aye.

b. The EAC minutes were read. On a motion made by Phil Dente, seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried, the minutes were accepted as read. All supervisors voted aye.

c. The Roadmaster's Report was read. On a motion made by Phil Dente, seconded by Jim Siglin and carried, the report was accepted as read. All supervisors voted aye.

d. The Fire Reports for October, November and December were read. On a motion made by Phil Dente, seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried, the reports were accepted as read. All supervisors voted aye.

e. The Zoning Report was read. On a motion made by Phil Dente, seconded by John Seese and carried, the report was accepted as read. All supervisors voted aye.

f. The S.E.O. Report was read. On a motion made by Phil Dente, seconded by Jim Siglin and carried, the report was accepted as read. All supervisors voted aye.

g. The Planning Commission minutes were read. On a motion made by Phil Dente, seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried, the minutes were accepted as read. All supervisors voted aye.

It was noted there were no subdivisions to present.

Discussion was held on the amendment to the ESSA Bank development agreement. The improvements are almost complete with acceptance to some improvements required by PennDOT. Due to the weather, the improvements could not be completed. ESSA is requesting to leave the entire letter of credit in place until the PennDOT improvements are completed. They are requesting a temporary Certificate of Occupancy so they may open in February. It was noted that they could ask for a reduction to the letter of credit since most of the improvements are completed but are willing to allow the entire amount to stand until the PennDOT improvements are complete. Phil Dente made a motion to approve the amendment to the development Agreement with ESSA Bank. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All supervisors voted aye.

A letter was received from Blue Ridge Communications announcing that as they are now allowed to pass the franchise fee along to private communities, the township will now receive the 2% franchise fee for the subscribers in the Buck Hill Falls Community in addition to the current franchise fees received.

Discussion was held on a request by the Census Bureau to utilize space in the Municipal Building to have one of their representatives be present to answer questions and help residents complete their census forms. Phil Dente made a motion to grant the request. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All supervisors voted aye.

It was noted that Paradise Township would be giving \$20,000.00 to the Barrett Fire Company for the year 2010. It was noted that they gave \$15,000.00 in 2009.

Phil Dente made a motion to accept the C.O.G. minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Paul Stotsenburg and carried. All supervisors voted aye.

It was noted there would be an Eagle Scout Ceremony for Zachary Wynne, John Ferrand and Matthew Mazza on January 31, 2010 at the Barrett Elementary Center at 2:00 p.m. The supervisors will check their schedules to see who could attend. Certificates will be made for each Scout.

A request was made by PARC to install a permanent ice skating rink and to have assistance with preparing for family community day and in preparing the sledding hill at Skywood Park. Discussion followed. The Maintenance Department will help as needed. It was further noted that Todd would also initiate the process to create an authority.

A letter was read noting that there were block grants available for projects in townships for blighted or run down properties. It was noted that the letter would be forwarded to the Vacant Property Review Board as well.

It was noted that the Tax Anticipation note would soon be in place.

Certificates of Insurance were received from Home Depot, Lowes and Waste Management.

A question was raised by Meg Dilger of Mountainhome, asking the supervisors to look into the Townships health Benefits with Blue Cross and Blue Shield. She noted that allowing medical benefits to the treasurer while only working 20 hours per week may be in violation with Blue Cross. Discussion followed. The supervisors reported they were advised by the special legal council that the plan could be set up as a cobra plan. Discussion followed. The supervisors reported they would look into the matter.

As there was no further business or public comment, Phil Dente made a motion to go into Executive Session for personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Jim Siglin and carried. The supervisors went into Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. The supervisors came out of Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. and reconvened the meeting.

As there was no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary