

Barrett Township Supervisors
Minutes of Regular Meeting on June 12, 2024

A regular meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at the Municipal Building on Route 390 in Cresco, PA. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Pam Gardsy.

Present: Pam Gardsy, Patti O'Keefe, Kelly Slinger, Darryl Speicher, John Seese, Solicitor Todd Weitzmann, Jeryl Rinehart and the public.

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

The Minutes of the May 22, 2024 Meeting and the Minutes of the May 29, 2024 Special Meeting were approved on a motion made by Pam Gardsy and seconded by Darryl Speicher and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve the payment of the following bills:

- May 22, 2024 - General Fund - \$ 12,694.51, Park and Recreation Fund - \$ 744.00, Administrative/Recreation Fund - \$ 51,418.75, Open Space Fund - \$ 4,500.00, Library Fund - \$ 273.34, Ambulance Fund - \$ 91.00
- May 29, 2024 – General Fund - \$ 156,009.25, Park and Recreation Fund - \$ 743.20, Open Space Fund - \$ 85.00, Library Fund - \$ 744.89, Ambulance Fund - \$ 248.01, Fire Fund - \$ 12,354.31
- June 5, 2024 – General Fund - \$ 20,214.29, Park and Recreation Fund - \$ 97.92, Fire Fund - \$ 300.00, Open Space Fund - \$ 85.00, Library Fund - \$ 156.55, Ambulance Fund - \$ 52.76, LST Fund - \$ 655.07

The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Reports:

a. The Treasurer's Report for May was read. On a motion made by Pam Gardsy and seconded by Darryl Speicher and carried, the report was accepted as read. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. The S.E.O. (2), Zoning (10) and Building (14) Reports for May were read. On a motion made by Pam Gardsy and seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried, the reports were accepted as read. All Supervisors voted aye.

c. The Monthly Call Statistics for May were received from the Monroe County Control Center. On a motion made by Pam Gardsy and seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried, the report was accepted as read. All Supervisors voted aye.

d. The High Acres Park Committee Meeting Minutes from March 5, 2024, and April 9, 2024, were received. Pam Gardsy made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Old Business:

a. The Public Hearing was held for the Disturbance of the Peace Ordinance. The following comments were made by the public:

- The use of the word "*intent*" and the Solicitor's explanation of the word.
- The line on page 3, D. (7) "*this section will be deemed a nuisance if such use occurs between the hours of 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.*" The Solicitor explained the reason why the line was added.
- The enforcement will ideally be done by the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Department.
- Police and emergency services response time.

- The wording on page 2, B. (3) “*Uses of obscene language or makes an obscene gesture.*” The Solicitor commented that the provision may be difficult to determine what is “*obscene*” and if it might be protected by the First Amendment, then the wording may be removed.
- The use of riding ATVs and unlicensed dirt bikes on public roads, causing a disturbance.
- Private property shooting ranges in populated neighborhoods.

Pam Gardsy made a motion to table the adoption of the Ordinance until revisions could be made based on the publics’ comments. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. Pam Gardsy made a motion to table the discussion for the endowment and conservation easement for the Warren Miller property and the Pocono Heritage Land Trust for after the Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

- c. The following bid was received for the paving of the driveways and parking areas at B.A.R.C:
- 1) Wayco, Inc. - \$ 198,898.33

Pam Gardsy made a motion to award the bid in the amount of \$ 198,898.33 to Wayco, Inc. contingent on Solicitor Todd Weitzmann reviewing and approving the bid packet. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

New Business:

a. Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve the payroll for May 28, 2024, in the amount of \$ 20,677.28 for gross wages, \$ 634.80 for state liability, \$ 4,553.86 for federal tax liability and \$ 16,123.42 for net wages. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. Pam Gardsy made a motion to appoint Richard Furs as the Alternate Zoning Officer. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger. All Supervisors voted aye.

c. Pam Gardsy made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 06122024 for the Right-to-Know Policy and Procedure. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

d. Pam Gardsy made a motion to change the cell phone service from Verizon to T-Mobile. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

e. John Seese made a motion to close the Township Office on Friday, July 5, 2024. The motion was seconded by Patti O’Keefe and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

f. Pam made a motion to have Solicitor Todd Weitzmann prepare the resolution to change the cash amount received to \$ 100.00. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

g. Pam Gardsy made a motion to allow the 2024 Bike4Chai Fundraiser Event to use High Acres Park as a rest stop for their event on Wednesday August 21st and Thursday, August 22nd. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

h. Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve granting the Right-of-Way for P.P. & L. Electric Utilities Corporation for one pole, one anchor guy and overhead facilities along the property identified as County Tax Parcel No. 11.4A.1.1 located along Blue Sky Drive in Barrett Township and Paradise Township. The motion was seconded by Patti O’Keefe and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

i. Pam Gardsy made a motion to cancel the Supervisors Workshop Meeting for Wednesday, June 19, 2024, due to the holiday. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

j. Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve the Pocono Plateau Fest 5K/15K Race on Pocono Plateau Road on Saturday, September 21, 2024. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Correspondence:

a. A letter was received from PA DEP informing the Supervisors that the monthly Discharge Monitoring Reports for the Pocono Plateau Treatment Plant have indicated a pattern of effluent violations.

b. A letter was received from the Monroe County Conservation District informing the Supervisors that they have reviewed the application for the NPDES Permit for the Matthewson Home Site and have determined that the application is complete.

Miscellaneous:

a. It was noted that a certificate of insurance was received from Seifert Contracting LLC.

David Niper from Pocono Plateau Road was present to discuss the deterioration of the road and questioned when it would be repaired.

Pam Gardsy made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. to discuss land acquisition. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Pam Gardsy made a motion to reconvene the meeting at 6:50 p.m. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

John Seese made a motion to rescind the motion to approve the endowment in the amount of \$ 15,000 to the Pocono Heritage Land Trust for the Warren Miller property and to not contribute to the endowment until an agreement can be worked out. The motion was seconded by Pam Gardsy and carried. Darryl Speicher abstained due to a conflict of interest. All other Supervisors voted aye.

As there was no further business or public comment, Pam Gardsy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,

