Barrett Township Supervisors
Minutes of Regular Meeting on August 13, 2025 – 5:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday August 13, 2025, at the Administrative Offices on Route 390 in Cresco, PA. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. by Pam Gardsy

Present: Pam Gardsy, Patti O'Keefe, Kelly Slinger, Grover Cleveland, Darryl Speicher, Nichole Irvin, and the public.
Guest: Todd Weitzmann, Barrett Township Solicitor

About 200+/- residents were in the meeting room and 78 were tuned in via Zoom. Patti O'Keefe read the agenda aloud to inform everyone of the agenda items. A couple of residents asked about an agenda item that would be discussed later in the meeting.

Darryl Speicher made a motion to approve the Supervisor Meeting minutes from July 23, 2025. The motion was seconded by Patti O'Keefe. The rest of the supervisors voted aye and carried except for Pam Gardsy who abstained due to absence from the Meeting of July 23, 2025.

Patti O'Keefe made a motion to approve the payment of the following bills. The motion was seconded by Grover Cleveland. All supervisors voted aye, and the motion carried.

Bills from July 23, 2025	
- General: $9,290.71	- State: $2,615.80
- Fire: $118.15	- Open Space: $1,761.09
- Park & Rec: $3,084.26	

Bills from July 30, 2025	
- General: $5,585.49	- Library: $1,141.79
- Park & Rec: $550.00	- Ambulance: $380.16
- Open Space: $85.00	

Bills from August 6, 2025	
- General: $10,911.85	- State: $411.39
- Fire: $300.00	- Open Space: $85.00
- Parks and Rec: $209.30	

Reports:

The following July 2025 Treasurers' Report was read by Pam Gardsy. Patti O'Keefe made a motion to approve the treasurers' report. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. All supervisors voted aye, and the motion carried.

July 2025 Treasurers Report	
- General Fund: $589,939.49	- Library Fund: $1.84
- State Fund: $192,427.68	- Road Machinery Fund: $41,445.25
- Fire Fund: $115,330.83	- Open Space Fund: $47,180.25
- LST Fund: $22,185.88	- Parks & Rec: $41,960.55
- Ambulance Fund: $1.33	- Capital Purchase Loan: $553,768.00

The following July 2025 Permits Issued report was read by Pam Gardsy. Patti O'Keefe made a motion to approve the permits report. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger. All supervisors voted aye, and the motion carried.

- Building Permits: 13
- Zoning Permits: 6
- Septic Permits: 3

Pam Gardsy read the Monroe County monthly call statistics report on overdoses for Barrett Township for July 2025. There were zero (0) overdoses in July, and 4 year-to-date. Patti O'Keefe made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. All supervisors voted aye, and the motion carried.

Pam Gardsy read the following Pocono Mountain Regional EMS Barrett Township Call Volume Report for July 2025. Patti O'Keefe made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger. All supervisors voted aye, and the motion carried.

• Barrett Township Calls: 74	• Total Coverage Area Calls: 652
• Barrett Township YTD: 372	• Total Coverage Area Calls YTD: 4,217

Darryl Speicher read the July 2025 Barrett Maintenance Road Report. Brush cutting was performed on: Upper Seese Hill Rd., Lower Seese Hill Rd., Beartown Rd., Pleasant Ridge Rd., Monomonock Rd, & Spruce Cabin Rd. Spent 6 days working on fitness rooms at BARC. Mowing and weed maint. at Ice Lake, Mt. Wismer, Dog Park, and Passolds. Township trucks passed through inspection; possible last year of inspections #44 and # 2 trucks due to maintenance concerns. Truck 6 also needs a new dump body. 7/12/25 – July Clean Up. Shoulder cutting along various roads. Hot patching on Preacher Hill, Pocono Plateau, & Playhouse Ln., and installed a blacktop swale on Cherry Lane. Kelly Slinger made a motion to accept the road report. The motion was seconded by Patti O'Keefe. All supervisors voted aye, and the motion carried.

Old Business

Patti O'Keefe discussed "America 250" Celebrations Committee forming between the Historical Societies of Paradise and Barrett Township. 2026 will be 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. There will be events planned throughout the year including a parade, and events at the Train Station in Barrett. Pam Gardsy extended gratitude to BEDCo. for donating an "America 250" flag to hang on the flagpoles at BARC. There will also be a 4'x4' Pennsylvania Keystone designed for display in front of the BARC building. This is an initiative across all municipalities in the state.

Pam Gardsy noted that the motion to advertise the revised Ch. 375 Property Maintenance Ordinance is tabled to allow the Barrett Township Planning Commission an opportunity to review and offer changes and/or recommendations.

Pam Gardsy noted that the public hearing for the Sign Ordinance adoption is August 27, 2025, at 8 am during the Supervisor Meeting.

New Business:

Darry Speicher made a motion to approve payroll for weeks ending: August 8, 2025. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger All supervisors voted aye, and the motion carried.

- Gross Wages: $19,483.98
- State Tax Liability: $598.14
- Federal Tax Liability: $1,424.59
- Net Wages: $15,331.92

Grover Cleveland made a motion to approve the 2026 Minimum Municipal Obligation (for non-uniformed employee pension contributions) of $62,282.15. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger. All supervisors voted aye, and the motion carried.

Patti O'Keefe made a motion to approve a fireworks permit application by Skytop Lodge to hold a fireworks display on August 31, 2025, at 9:15 PM. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger. All supervisors voted aye, and the motion carried.

Pam Gardsy requested to ratify a motion to advertise a Bookkeeper for Barrett Township. Patti O'Keefe made a motion. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger. All supervisors voted aye, and the motion carried.

Patti O'Keefe made a motion for the Township maintenance department to purchase two Mack Dump Trucks (350 Mack Engines, 8 speed transmission, and aluminum dump bodies). One of the trucks is ready to be used, and a plow will possibly be installed if purchased. The other truck would be used as a donor vehicle as the dump bed is in good serviceable condition. The purchase total for both trucks is $17,000.00. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. All supervisors voted aye, and the motion carried.

Correspondence:

- Letter from Monroe County on the Property Reassessment Project; Pam Gardsy read the key features of the letter.
- An email was received from a resident, Krista Paolucci, requesting "improved public access and transparency" for workshop meeting. Pam Gardsy discussed Sunshine Law which does not require agendas for workshop sessions or meetings due to the nature of the meetings. These types of meetings do not always follow an exact set of topics and are meant for open discussion. It was also discussed that the workshops are zoomed for the public's ease of access.

Miscellaneous Business:

A Certificate of Insurance was received from:

- RW Buff, Inc.
- Ye Olde Village Workshop LLC
- CP Construction NEPA LLC
- RYLLY Enterprises LLC

Peter Pipolo was present to discuss Rotary of the Poconos events. He discussed logistics with the Board of Supervisors in preparation of the Barrett Halloween Parade for setting up and staging. He also discussed the importance of needing police and providing public safety during the parade. Grover Cleveland confirmed that the police presence would be increased from last year, and Patti O'Keefe would be attending the police meeting to ensure the police commitment.

Peter Pipolo discussed various other upcoming rotary events and getting timely approvals for them if they are held at BARC. Pam Gardsy encouraged Peter to send a list of events via email so they could be reviewed.

Rick Hill was present to speak about the Seguine House located at 107 W. Grace Ave. due to a recent notice of being condemned. Rick Hill provided a brief history of the house, and the history of the permits issued. Rick Hill stated that there were permits and plans lost over the years, and previous BCO's charging $20,000.00 for a permit renewal. Barrett Townships current BCO, Rich Furs described how permits fees are calculated and attempted to provide information to residents who were present on the process of the house became condemned and the steps that the property would need to take to bring it up to code. Finally, a decision was made to have Rick Hill secure the outside of the building and apply for a new building permit with building plans attached to be reviewed.

- Residents shared their personal experiences, suggestions and feelings on the Seguin home with many stating that it is a staple of Barrett Township and a mark of the history that has passed since.

Public Comment:

George Wilhelm – "Will Monroe County reassessment be inspecting inside and outside physical properties?" Patti O'Keefe responded that Monroe County will be checking for changes to the outside of the property since the last reassessment.

Carole Hardy made comments concerning public safety for the parade and offered suggestions.

Michael Allegretti spoke to everyone about working together as a community and with BEDCO to "turn the village back into a town!"

Pam Gardsy made a motion to go into executive session for litigation at 7:30PM. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger. All supervisors voted aye, and the motion carried.

Pam Gardsy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger. All supervisors voted aye, and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nichole Irvin
Zoning Officer/Recording Secretary