Barrett Township Supervisors
Minutes of Workshop Meeting of August 20, 2025 – 8:00 A.M.

A Workshop Meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at the Administrative Offices on Route 390 in Cresco, PA. The Supervisors met at 8:00 a.m.

Present: Pam Gardsy, Grover Cleveland, Patti O'Keefe, Kelly Slinger, Darryl Speicher, Nichole Irvin, and the public.

Pam Gardsy began the workshop with discussion on "Bike for Chai" public safety concerns on roadways throughout Barrett Township during the event. It was discussed that a stronger police presence, and more public awareness about the event would be helpful for everyone involved.

- Grant Hilfiger made a public comment about bicyclists having rights to the roadways, and drivers travelling too quickly and dangerously around bicycle riders.

AJ Schrader, Chief Operating Officer of Pocono Mountain Regional EMS was present to share their new report formatting and increasing their response times to the residents of the service area they serve. AJ also provided a copy of their 2024 financial audit report for the BOS to review as well as providing a certificate of insurance naming Barrett Township as a beneficiary.

- There were questions and answers with AJ and Peter Pipolo about the success of Pocono Mountain Regional EMS and their ability to have increased so greatly in the last couple of years.

Patti O'Keefe provided some feedback to the BOS about the outcome of the previous night's Planning Commission meeting which involved thorough discussion about the on-going proposed Revised Chapter 375 Property Maintenance Ordinance.

- Krista Paolucci, Grant Hilfiger, and Peter Pipolo suggested that drafts of working ordinances are shared with the public.
- Kelly Slinger spoke about some of the BEDCO ordinances that appear redundant to the property maintenance ordinances that already exist in our current ordinances.
- Pam Gardsy ensured Bill Pipolo that there would be enough time for the Planning Commission to review the proposed ordinance carefully.
- Krista Paolucci spoke about the up-coming sign ordinance adoption.
- Pam Gardsy noted that there will be a Township attorney attending the Supervisor Meeting on August 27 to discuss the sign ordinance if necessary.

Darryl Speicher shared that Pennsylvania has a grant program for historic preservation. Barrett Township has no historic designations anywhere. He also shared information about steps that would need to be taken for possible historic preservation on a building or the house at 107 W. Grace Avenue.

Pam Gardsy made a motion to go into executive session at 9:07 AM. The motion was seconded by Grover Cleveland. All supervisors voted aye, and the motion carried.

Pam Gardsy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 AM. Patti O'Keefe seconded the motion. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nichole Irvin
Zoning Officer/Recording Secretary