Barrett Township Supervisors
Minutes of Regular Meeting on July 9, 2025 – 5:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday July 9, 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, Darryl Speicher (joined via zoom), Nichole Irvin, and the public.
Absent: Grover Cleveland

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve the Supervisor Meeting minutes from June 25, 2025. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger. All supervisors voted aye, and the motion carried.

Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve the payment of the following bills. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger. All supervisors voted aye, and the motion carried.

Bills from June 25, 2025			
-	General: $103,383.61	-	Open Space: $150.03
-	Fire: $370.94	-	Library: $209.74
-	Parks & Rec: $5,953.28	-	Ambulance: $69.82

Bills from July 2, 2025			
-	General: $11,252.27	-	Parks & Rec: $231.57
-	LST: $744.74	-	Open Space: $85.00
-	Fire: $300.00		

Reports:

Pam Gardsy read the Barrett Township maintenance road report from June. Pam made a motion to approve the road report. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger. All supervisors voted aye, and the motion carried.

- Various roads were cleared from storm debris at the end of May
- Parks were trimmed and grass cut
- Fences installed at High Acres Park for the basketball and pickleball courts
- Township clean-up on June 7
- Intersections were trimmed for sight distance
- Shoulder cutting Preacher Hill Rd, and Spruce Cabin Rd.
- Brush cutting on Oak Ln., Wiebolt Rd, Upper Seese Hill Rd., Lower Seese Hill Rd., and Beartown Rd.
- Demo work at BARC for fitness rooms.

Pam Gardsy read the June Treasurers Report and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger. All supervisors voted aye, and the motion carried.

June 2025 Treasurers Report	
- General Fund: $623,885.56	- Library Fund: $1.22
- State Fund: $195,061.96	- Road Machinery Fund: $40,320.59
- Fire Fund: $108,764.26	- Open Space Fund: $47,788.46
- LST Fund: $18,258.25	- Park & Rec Fund: $45,512.04
- Ambulance Fund: $1.84	- Capital Purchase Loan: $553,768.00

Pam Gardsy read the permits issued report for June and a motion was made to approve. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger. All supervisors voted aye, and the motion carried.

- Building: 12
- Zoning: 10
- Septic: 0

Pam Gardsy read the 911 Barrett Monthly Call report on overdoses. There were zero (0) in June, with 4 year to date. Pam Gardsy made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger. All supervisors voted aye, and the motion carried.

Pam Gardsy read the Pocono Mountain Regional EMS call volume report for June 2025 and made a motion to accept the report. The report was seconded by Kelly Slinger. All supervisors voted aye, and the motion carried.

Pocono Mountain Regional EMS Call Volume Report June 2025	
- Calls in Barrett Twp: 43	- Service area calls: 597
- Calls in Barrett Twp YTD: 298	- Service area calls YTD: 3,561

Pam Gardsy noted that the final Barrett Township financial audit report for 2024 from Riley and Co. Inc was available.

Old Business

A final breakdown of the 2024 International Property Maintenance code was discussed. It was noted that various sections are proposed for adoption, and other sections to be omitted. More will be discussed at the Supervisors' workshop on July 16 to prepare for advertising.

Todd Weitzmann noted that the BEDCo. Ordinances should be revised to indicate where in the Barrett Township ordinances, they will be placed. The proposal would be to codify the BEDCo. Ordinances into Chapter 375 of the current property maintenance codes.

New Business:

Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve payroll for weeks ending: June 24, 2025. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger. All supervisors voted aye, and the motion carried.

- Gross Wages: $17,629.84
- State Tax Liability: $541.22
- Federal Tax Liability: $1,276.60
- Net Wages: $13,980.49

Pam Gardsy noted Monroe County Meals on Wheels is hosting a Client Needs Pantry Drive in August. The drive will be collecting cleaning supplies, and personal care items. A list of needed supplies will be posted online, and there will be a box at BARC to drop off supplies.

Pam Gardsy made a motion to authorize Todd Weitzmann, Solicitor, to file an injunction with Monroe County Courts for the removal of an abandoned food truck on a property near the intersection of Route 447 and Route 390. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger. All supervisors voted aye, and the motion carried.

Pam Gardsy noted that the Monroe County Conservation District conducted an inspection of Spruce Lake Retreat and a report was issued with items for corrections.

Correspondence:
No correspondence was received.

Miscellaneous Business:
A Certificate of Insurance was received from:

- Pure Sight & Sound, Inc.
- Cintas Corporation and its Subsidiaries
- Colonial Intermediate Unit 20
- Reed Industrial Resources, Inc. Rowe Sprinkler Systems
- Extreme Roofing & Siding LLC.

Pam Gardsy extended Thanks on behalf of Barrett Township and BARC to Mountain Landscaping for the donated landscaping at the entrance to BARC along Route 390.

Public Comment:
Karl Stearns expressed thanks to the Board of Supervisors for the use of BARC for Pocono Mountains Music Festival. Karl stated that the show was a complete sell out with 250 guests in attendance. Karl also mentioned that the funds received from Pocono Mountains Music Festival help support the Performing Arts music camp for 40 students who will be trained for 10 days. At the end, they will hold a performance at BARC with the Music Festival.

Grant Hilfiger thanked the township road crew for cutting back on Spruce Cabin Road. He went on to ask about the injunction for the removal of the food truck. Pam explained that the truck has been on the property for years dating prior to the current owner. Grant also requested vegetation to be cut back and trimmed on Pleasant Ridge Road due to overgrowth hitting equipment and trailers as they pass below.

Janine Sopko asked about progress since her complaint to the Board about Krista Paolucci. Pam and Todd explained that it was an ongoing area of litigation and couldn't directly be discussed at this time.

Peter Pipolo, Rotary President, expressed his thanks for the use of BARC grounds for Concert in the Park. He said that about 1,300 people were in attendance, and it was a huge success. Peter also requested an update on a previous matter involving the Boy Scouts potentially sharing space with the Polish school tenants. Pam Gardsy explained that the matter has been solved by allowing the Boy Scouts to have sole utilization of their current room.

A resident asked for Lake Road to be inspected for maintenance needs.

A resident expressed concerns about the way they perceive the Board of Supervisors, and the level of professionalism that is regarded during meetings. The resident provided their own comments on the situation between Krista Paolucci, and Janine Sopko. They also suggested differentiating the two as to not call out Hive to Harvest individually since it is a Non-profit organization. Pam Gardsy thanked the resident for their input. Patti O'Keefe offered an individual explanation on the comment of professionalism stating that if it appears as though private whispering was occurring during a meeting, it is because she uses hearing aids and doesn't always hear everything clearly and may lean over to a board member to ask questions or clarifications.

A resident expressed her concerns for the need of brush cutting along many other roads in Barrett Township. Patti O'Keefe replied that new equipment was recently purchased and the road crew is working their way through the Township.

Executive Session

Pam Gardsy made a motion to into executive session at 5:53 P.M to discuss litigation and personnel. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger. All supervisors voted aye, and the motion carried.

Adjourn

Pam Gardsy made a motion to reconvene at 6:21 P.M. There was no objection. No other topics were discussed. Pam Gardsy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 P.M. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger. All supervisors voted aye, and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nichole Irvin
Zoning Officer/Recording Secretary