Barrett Township Supervisors
Minutes of Regular Meeting on January 14, 2026 – 6:30 P.M.

1. A regular meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday January 14, 2026, at the Administrative Offices on Route 390 in Cresco, PA. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Grant Hilfiger

Present: Grant Hilfiger, Pam Gardsy, Darryl Speicher, Nichole Irvin, and the public.
Absent: Patti O'Keefe
Guest: Todd Weitzmann, Township Solicitor

2. Grant Hilfiger opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Grant Hilfiger addressed public comments on the agenda items. There were no public comments on the agenda items.

4. Darryl Speicher made a motion to approve the Supervisor Meeting Minutes from December 18, 2025. The motion was seconded by Pam Gardsy. Grant Hilfiger abstained as he was not present at the meeting. The motion carried.

5. Grant Hilfiger made a motion to accept the January 5th Barrett Township reorganization meeting minutes with a minor amendment to correct what Grant Hilfiger said about the Grant Writer re-appointment. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

6. Grant Hilfiger read the bills for December 31, 2025 and January 7, 2026. Darryl Speicher made a motion to approve payment of the bills from December 31, 2025 and January 7, 2026. There were no bills for Dec. 24, 2025. The motion was seconded by Pam Gardsy. All supervisors voted aye, and the motion carried.

Bills from December 31, 2025	
- General: $31,846.80	- Park & Rec: $85.00
- Fire: $430.76	- Open Space: $170.00

Bills from January 7, 2026	
- General: $18,706.98	- State: $467.19
- LST: $744.74	- Library: $901.81
- Park and Rec: $172.45	- Ambulance: $300.29

7. Reports

a. Grant Hilfiger read the payroll for pay period ending January 6, 2026. Grant made a motion to accept the payroll report. The motion was seconded by Pam Gardsy. All supervisors voted aye, and the motion carried.

- Gross Wages: $32,373.96
- State Tax Liability: $993.86
- Federal Tax Liability: $2,096.38
- Net Wages: $26,005.51

b. Darryl Speicher read the road report for December 2025. The road crews prepared equipment for winter events and plowed and cindered 15 times, putting out 1,227 tons of mixed material. The crews also washed the equipment, performed maintenance at BARC, anti-rust on the trucks, brakes on trucks #4 and #7, installed a new heater, trimmed back brush on Pocono Plateau Road, and performed storm clean up from wind. Darryl made a motion to accept the road report. The motion was seconded by Pam Gardsy. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

c. Grant Hilfiger read the permits report for December 2025. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

Permits Issued: December 2025
Building: 8
Zoning: 5
Septic: 0

d. Grant Hilfiger reads the Treasurers Report for December 2025. Grant made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

December 2025 Treasurers Report	
- General Fund: $212,299.05	- Library Fund: $1.20
- State Fund: $29,154.39	- Road Machinery Fund: $25,165.84
- Fire Fund: $107,461.25	- LST Fund: $33,012.83
- Ambulance Fund: $1.09	- Open Space: $45,277.43
- FK Capital Purchase Loan: $503,768.00	- Park & Rec: $23,008.83

e. Grant Hilfiger read the Monroe County Control Center Overdose report for December 2025 in Barrett Township. There were (0) zero overdoses in December and (6) six year-to-date. Grant made a motion to accept the overdose report. The motion was seconded by Pam Gardsy. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

f. Grant Hilfiger read the Pocono Mountain EMS Dispatch Report for December 2025 in Barrett Township. There were 45 calls in Barrett Township in December 2025, with 628 year-to-date. Grant made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

g. Grant Hilfiger read the Barrett Township Volunteer Fire Dept call report for December 2025. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

December 2025 Barrett Vol. FD	
- Fires	38
- Rescue & EMS	73
- Hazardous Cond. (no fire)	15
- Service Call	7
- Good intent call	6
- False Alarm & False Call	71
- Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	5
- Special Incident type	5
total:	220

8. Old Business

a. Grant Hilfiger made a motion to approve the Boy Scouts Lease at BARC. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

9. New Business

a. Barrett Township Solicitors Fee Proposal; Grant Hilfiger explained that the proposal is the same fees and contract approved at the Supervisors reorganization meeting on January 5th, 2026. Darryl Speicher made a motion to accept Todd Weitzmanns fee proposal. The motion was seconded by Pam Gardsy. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

b. Grant Hilfiger made a motion to confirm polling at BARC on May 19, 2026 for the Primary Election and November 3, 2026 for the General Election. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

c. Grant Hilfiger made a motion to approve the engagement of Riley and Co. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

d. Pam Gardsy explained purchasing updated office computers due to malfunctions and the computers shutting down unexpectedly. Additionally, the current desktops are not compatible with the new windows software. The IT company provided some quotes. Pam found the same computers on Amazon for about half of the price. Pam made a motion to purchase 3 new computers for the office for a total of $2,441,97. The motion was seconded by Grant Hilfiger. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

e. Grant Hilfiger discussed the proposed 2026 Township Clean-up dates. Grant Hilfiger proposed 3 clean-up days, instead of 5 due to cost-related reasons. Pam Gardsy asked Jim Seese, the Township Road Foreman who believed that 3 days a year could be managed but would have to order more containers. A resident asked if it was possible to have a clean-up day on a Friday for those who are unable to come to a clean-up on Saturdays. Grant Hilfiger made a motion to have 4 clean-up days:

- May 2, 2026, 8am-12pm
- July 10, 2026 12:30pm-3:00pm
- July 11, 2026 8am-12pm
- September 12, 20226 8am-12pm

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

f. Grant Hilfiger discussed the proposed Rotary Club of the Pocono Events at BARC. Pam Gardsy discussed that the Rotary Clubs Car show on June 6th, proposed, may be a conflict due to the Polish School having June 6th as their rain date for an end-of-year event. Grant Hilfiger otherwise made a motion to approve the Rotary events at BARC while waiting to hear on a new date from Peter Pipolo for the Car Show:
Concert in the Park: June 30, 2026 – 4:30 PM / Rain Date: July 1, 2026
Clothes Swap: March 15, 2026
Halloween Parade: October 18, 2026 – 2:00 PM / Rain Date: October 25, 2026
Christmas Tree Lighting: December 4, 2026
The motion was seconded by Pam Gardsy. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

g. Pocono Mountain East Little League President, Darren Leonard requesting use of the gym for baseball clinics, and additional use of the gym for the first and second week of April. Grant Hilfiger and Darryl encouraged Darren to send an email providing more information for them to review for consideration and which days on the BARC calendar would be available to them.

10. Correspondence:

a. Irrevocable standby letter of credit for Bestway

11. Miscellaneous/non-agenda

a. Certificates of Insurance received:
- Ace Electric
- Bolognese Electric, Inc.
- JG Contracting Company
- Alan Kunsman Roofing and Siding, inc.
- C&D Contractor and Sons, Inc.
- MSG Associates Inc.

12. Public Comment:

Mark Fisher: Suggests to the Board of Supervisors to reach out to BEDCo to assist lower income residents with Township clean-up days.
Grant Hilfiger explained that there have been conversations with Michael Allegretti to engage with residents in this way by working with Palmisano. It's a work in progress.

Nicole Abrahms: Is the Rotary paying rent for the use of BARC?
Carol Hardy: There should be a fee schedule.
Pam and Grant discussed that non-profits should have a special exclusion for use of space at BARC and setting up an official fee schedule would help to clear the confusion.
Darryl discussed that a basic nominal fee may be appropriate.

Christine Esposito: Expressed comments about her nonprofit and other nonprofits utilizing space at BARC and the benefits they serve for the Barrett Township Community
Grant Hilfiger thanked Christine for her comments.

Mark Fisher: Requested the BOS to begin applying more pressure to PennDOT to resurface the state roads within Barrett Township.
Grant Hilfiger thanked Mark for his comments.

Eli Berkowitz: Thanking the Barrett Road crew for putting the road mirror up on Evergreen Ln. and RT 447.
The Board thanked Jim Seese, Roadmaster.

Krista Paolucci: Reporting a pothole at the beginning of Monomonock Rd. Krista Paolucci also shared her concerns for Karl Weiler and the negative feedback often associated with him and calling for an end to all the public shaming.
Grant Hilfiger thanked Krista for her comments.

Sally Duffy: Expressing comments related to the policy on public comments at Supervisor Meetings and asking that those in attendance remember that respect for the supervisors and one another is within the policy.
Sally also asked if the Data Center Ordinance could be amended [in the future]? She stated that she saw on the news that Microsoft is pledging to renew the power and water used for Data Centers where development exists as well as funding the cost of updates to the power grid and other overhead costs related to power wherever a Data Center is proposed. Sally Duffy recommended the Supervisors to consider those provisions in a future amendment to the Data Center Ordinance.
Darryl Speicher said that, yes, the ordinances can be amended. Grant Hilfiger thanked Sally for her comments.

Mark Fisher: Where do we stand with filling in the vacancy on the Board and filling the vacancy for Building Codes?
Grant Hilfiger explained that the next meeting is a workshop and would discuss the Supervisor vacancy and Building Codes, then.

Nicole Prussman: Explained that she has an Employee Handbook and would like to know who created the handbook?
Pam Gardsy explained that it began with previous Boards and was not completed until Pam Gardsy and Kelly Slinger worked on it together. Pam explained it was drafted from another Township.

Adjourn

As there were no further public comments, Grant Hilfiger made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 PM to enter into executive session to discuss personnel and litigation. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

Grant Hilfiger made a motion to reconvene at 8:22 P.M. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

Grant Hilfiger made a motion to adjourn at 8:22 P.M. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nichole Irvin
Zoning Officer/Recording Secretary