Barrett Township Supervisors
Minutes of Regular Meeting on December 18, 2025 – 6:30 P.M.

1. A regular meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday December 18, 2025, at the Administrative Offices on Route 390 in Cresco, PA. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Pam Gardsy

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

2. Pam Gardsy opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Pam Gardsy addressed public comments on the agenda items.

a. Public comment: Nicole Prussman: opening a petition to conduct an "open appointment process" for the Administrative and Operations Director at BARC. Nicole explained the petition and handed copies of the petition to the BOS.

4. Patti O'Keefe made a motion to approve the Supervisor Meeting Minutes from December 10, 2025. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger. All supervisors voted aye, and the motion carried.

5. Pam Gardsy read the bills for December 10 and 17, 2025. Patti O'Keefe made a motion to approve payment of the bills from December 10 and December 17, 2025. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. All supervisors voted aye, and the motion carried.

Bills from December 10, 2025	
- General: $49,755.29	- Park & Rec: $2,500.00
- Fire: $622.05	- State: $4,045.15

Bills from December 17, 2025	
- General: $71,106.21	- Open Space: $255.60
- Fire: $1,571.08	- Library: $558.24
- Parks & Rec: $109.73	- Ambulance: $185.88
- State: $36.92	

Executive Session:
At this time there was an executive session at 6:34 P.M. to include Grant Hilfiger who was elected to hold Barrett Township Supervisor office in 2026 to discuss 2026 personnel matters. Pam Gardsy made a motion to have executive session. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

The Supervisors meeting reconvened at 7:00 P.M. Pam Gardsy made a motion to reconvene. The motion was seconded by Patti O'Keefe. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

6. Reports:

a. Grover Cleveland read the November 2025 Barrett Township Volunteer Fire Dept. Incident report. Pam Gardsy made a motion to accept the Fire Dept. report, and the motion was seconded by Patti O'Keefe. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

November 2025 Barrett Vol. FD	
- Fires	2
- Rescue & EMS	8
- Hazardous Cond. (no fire)	3
- Service Call	1
- False Alarm & False Call	5
- Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	1
total:	20

7. Old Business:

a. Todd Weitzmann spoke about the proposed Barrett Township Data Center ordinance that has been advertised for adoption for public review and up for adoption to regulate zoning requirements and standards should an application for this type of facility come in. At this time, public comment was welcomed for discussion.
- Sally Duffy: When/if a data center comes in, does it have tenants, or is a data center built for its own needs and if the power grid needs to be upgraded will it cause an increase to taxpayers? *Darryl Speicher explained they are usually built for their own needs. Todd Weitzmann explained that the impact of the use is written into the ordinance such as the resources needed to run a data center. Additionally, Patti O'Keefe provided her comments on some state legislation under review for data centers to become responsible for their own overhead costs.*

As there were no further comments on the adoption of the Barrett Township Data Center Ordinance, Patti O'Keefe made a motion to adopt the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

b. Pam Gardsy explained that the Barrett Township 2026 Budget was advertised for adoption. There was no feedback within the advertising period. Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve the 2026 budget. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried. Additionally, Pam Gardsy stated that there is a resolution for the budget that sets the millage. Pam Gardsy made a motion to adopt Resolution 121825 setting the millage for the 2026 tax year. The motion was seconded by Patti O'Keefe. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

8. New Business:

a. Pam Gardsy stated that a letter of interest was received for the position of Barrett Township Emergency Management Coordinator from Don Slater Jr. It was noted that the position would be discussed at the reorganization meeting.

b. Todd Weitzmann discussed that the Barrett Board of Auditors reached out to him seeking legal opinion. However, it creates a conflict of interest as he serves the Board of Supervisors. He advised the Auditors to seek conflict counsel, which the Township does not have, officially, however the Township does have counsel that works with codes and zoning separate from the supervisors. That counsel is Andrew Wolf with Cramer, Swetz,

McManus, Jordan & Saylor P.C. Todd advised that the Board of Auditors use that counsel to avoid a conflict of interest. Todd Weitzmann suggested appointing Andrew Wolf as conflict Counsel to the Board of Auditors. Patti O'Keefe made a motion to authorize conflict counsel with Attorney Andrew Wolf for the Barret Board of Auditors with 10 hours of counsel time. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

9. Correspondence

a. PA DEP Letter: Bill Barry Excavating application for modification of NPDES permit

10. Miscellaneous/Non-Agenda Business

a. A&E Glass Inc.
b. Heidelberg Materials Northeast LLC.

11. Public Comment:

Jennifer Amantea: Asked if the conflict counsel was independent from the Board of Supervisors, and if the Zoning Officer makes an exception on a permit and gets advisement from Attorney Wolf to do so, when it breaks an ordinance, does that go to the board so you can advise the board as well? Does the Board [and Todd Weitzmann] have to be aware when Andrew Wolf is providing counsel to the Zoning Officer?
Todd Weitzmann explained that itis two separate counsels. Todd Weitzmann also stated that he didn't know what separate topic she was referring to but it was beyond the scope of what is being discussed [in reference to conflict counsel for the Board of Auditors. Todd explained that it's proper for separate attorneys to give separate counsel for the Board of Supervisors, and the Zoning Officer.

Peter Pipolo: I think it's a good idea to have counsel for the Board of Auditors. Can you cap the scope time for attorney fees?
Todd Weitzmann suggested it was a good idea for consideration by the Board. The BOS decided to cap the Board of Auditors to 10 hours.

Mary Greenan: Since the legal fees are an item on the budget has there ever been tracking of the number of times legal counsel has been called, lawsuits per year you've been involved in, or the number of lawyers you've hired.
Pam stated there is an itemized list based on what the attorney is working on.

Nicole Prussman: Is there a response to my comments from the last meeting?
Todd Weitzmann stated that the comment was related to pending litigation, and it was not appropriate to comment on litigation. Generally, he stated that some of the comments were related to lease drafting and he reported that he drafts all the leases at BARC and various other details related to lease drafting.
What about my children on camera in the concession stand? And when will that video be shared for review? And why is that being held on Pams personal electronic?
Pam Gardsy stated that she does not have any pictures of children on her cell phone. She has access to the security cameras at BARC and the videos are saved in cloud storage, not physical devices.

Resident(unknown): This building [BARC] was a great gift, but it is not being run properly by any of you sitting up there [board of supervisors]. I voted for one of you, and the rest of you need to be fired for dereliction of duties.
Pam Gardsy explained that the building is self-sufficient and has enough tenants to cover all the utilities. She additionally stated that the monthly budget report is posted on the Barrett Township website every month with all the expense details. Including keeping the electric bill low with the placement of solar panels. Darryl Speicher added to this response by stating that Pam Gardsy is mainly responsible for the progress at BARC.

Krista Paolucci: (To Todd Weitzmann) Since Todd drafts all the leases, my lease was drafted by Todd Weitzmann, correct?
Todd stated that he was not having questions and answers during public comments on pending litigation.
Krista asked various questions on the cost of the solar panels at BARC and if the cost offsets the energy bill including what the balance is on the BARC building loan.
Pam stated that the capital purchase loan was towards the HVAC system and toward the solar panels, and not just for the building. Pam also stated that the Capital purchase loan at the last supervisors' meeting (Dec. 10, 2025) was around $522,000. Pam then explained the entire purchase of the solar panels and the federal tax credits that would be coming in from PPL.

Carla Price: Discussed a conversation she had with Karl Weiler about a proposed pricing system for short term rental properties in Barrett Township and read email correspondence with the Zoning Officer to clarify with the Board of Supervisors how they might proceed.
Nichole Irvin explained to Carla that any decisions made about ordinances are finalized by the Board of Supervisors, and any discussions had in the office with Pam are just discussions.

Jenn Amantea: Expressing comments about STR enforcements, fines, violations and those items in relationship to the budget.
Pam Gardsy explained that the budget is a working document and the STR ordinance will be revisited in 2026. The Board of Supervisors explained that they do not have to be specifically aware of every permit the Zoning Officer issues.

Sally Duffy: Explained that she knew people who had concerns about Airbnb properties and needed to make complaints, but they didn't because they were fearful that their complaints wouldn't be anonymous.
Pam explained that complaints could be made anonymously.

James Counterman: Explained that he filed Right to Know Requests on septic records for various addresses on route 447 that are STR properties. He explained that the septic systems were "old" and that the records produced from his right to know indicated that there were no records on the properties due to the age of the septic's on the properties.

Gerri Murphy: If this is not the appropriate forum to display our concerns, what is? Do we schedule an appointment?
Pam Gardsy stated that a future meeting agenda will list discussion on Short Term Rentals.

Carla Price: Why are the properties at the corner not paying a $500 vacant property fee, and $100/day if they're not registered?
Pam Gardsy explained that Barrett Township doesn't have a vacant property ordinance, that it was one of the ordinances that BEDCo. suggested.

Peter Pipolo: Thanked the Board of Supervisors for revisiting the Boy Scouts lease and they are moving forward with the lease.

Krista Paolucci: Asked the supervisors to state when they were up for re-election.
Pam Gardsy and Darryl Speicher stated they had 2 years remaining. Patti O'Keefe said she had 4 years remaining.

Pam Gardsy thanked all those who came to movie night at BARC and Breakfast with Santa. There were 90 attendees for movie night and 140 people who came for Breakfast with Santa.

Patti O'Keefe thanked Kelly Slinger and Grover for their supervisor service to Barrett Township.

12. Pam Gardsy made a motion to go into executive session for litigation at 8:00 P.M. The motion was seconded by Patti O'Keefe. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

Pam Gardsy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 P.M. The motion was seconded by Grover Cleveland. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nichole Irvin
Zoning Officer/Recording Secretary