**Barrett Township Supervisors**
**Minutes of Regular Meeting on April 8, 2026 – 6:30 P.M.**

**1.** A regular meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday April 8, 2026, at the Administrative Offices on Route 390 in Cresco, PA. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.M. by Grant Hilfiger.

Present: Grant Hilfiger, Bill Pipolo, Darryl Speicher, Patti O'Keefe, Sean Anlauf Nichole Irvin, and the public.

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

**3.** Grant Hilfiger addressed public comments on the agenda items.

- Hazel Gifford: Asking if the Holding Tank, Sign Ordinance, and Property Maintenance Ordinance were ready to be advertised tonight? *Grant Hilfiger responded that they were not going to be advertised, just a continuation of discussion.* So, if I have any questions or concerns about them, they can be discussed at the Workshop next week? *Grant Hilfiger responded that the ordinances may be part of discussion at the workshop.*

**4.** Grant Hilfiger made a motion to approve the Supervisor Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2026. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

**5.** Grant Hilfiger read the bills for March 25, 2026, and March 1, 2026, and made a motion to approve payment. The motion was seconded by Bill Pipolo. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

| **Bills from March 25, 2026** | |
|---|---|
| - General: $7,346.28 | - Library: $2,272.05 |
| - Open Space: $85.00 | - Ambulance: $756.49 |
| - Fire: $1,071.40 | - |

| **Bills from April 1, 2026** | |
|---|---|
| - General: $77,004.70 | - Ambulance: $2,312.13 |
| - Open Space: $785.60 | - Library: 6,944.66 |
| - Fire: 300.00 | - Park: $4,844.60 |

**6. Reports**

a. Grant Hilifger made a motion to approve payroll for pay period ending March 31, 2026. The motion was seconded by Patti O'Keefe. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

- Gross Wages: $23,565.19
- State Tax Liability: $723.44
- Federal Tax Liability: $1,535.92
- Net Wages: $18,874.60

b. Grant Hilfiger read the Permits issued report for March 2026. There were 5 Building Permits, 7 zoning permits issued, and 3 septic permits issued. Grant made a motion to approve the permit report. The motion was seconded by Sean Anlauf. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

c. Grant Hilfiger read the March 2026 Treasurers Report. Darryl Speicher made a motion to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Patti O'Keefe. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

| **March 2026 Treasurers Report** | |
|---|---|
| - General Fund: $196,010.25 | - Library Fund: $6,945.66 |
| - State Fund: $202,122.21 | - Road Machinery Fund: $29,464.11 |
| - Fire Fund: $95,805.92 | - Open Space Fund: $46,329.48 |
| - LST Fund: $11,550.44 | - Park and Rec Fund: $37,376.95 |
| - Ambulance Fund: $2,313.13 | - FK Capital Purchase Loan: $503,768.00 |

d. Grant Hilfiger read the Pocono Mountain Regional EMS Dispatch Report for Barrett Township. In March 2026, there were 40 dispatches, and 112 year-to-date. Grant Hilfiger made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

e. Grant Hilfiger read the Monroe County Control Center Overdose Statistics Report for March 2026. There were 0 overdoses in Barrett Township in March. Grant made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Patti O'Keefe. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

**7. Old Business**

a. Grant made a motion to table discussion on payroll from February 3, 2026. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

b. Darryl Speicher discussed that he went over FMLA with the maintenance crew as it relates to the Barrett employee handbook, and no changes had been made.

c-e. Grant Hilfiger discussed that the 3 ordinances on the agenda, Holding Tank, Sign, and Property Maintenance, are on-going discussions; Specifically noting that the Property Maintenance ordinance has been reviewed in full by the Planning Commission on December 3rd, 2025, which sent it back to the BOS for their comments and review. The Supervisors discussed whether an itemized list of changes were received from the PC board, so Grant requested Nichole Irvin, recording secretary, to touch base with Brick Linder who chairs the PC board for those noted changes.

- Grant and Todd Weitzmann discussed the Sign Ordinance from October 2025. Todd recalled some areas of the revised version where regulation existed within a definition. He explained that he did a little work on the ordinance to help those areas. Grant asked Todd if he could prepare a new draft of the Ordinance for review at Workshop.
- Grant Hilfiger noted that comments were received from Zach Karasek, the Township SEO on the Holding Tank Ordinance, and planned on passing them on to Todd Weitzmann for his review and incorporation into the Holding Tank ordinance. Patti O'Keefe explained that she reached out to Green Township to see what their procedure was on holding tanks in promised land. She reported that there were only holding tanks on state park properties. Greene Township also reported that they had been asked to adopt a Holding Tank Ordinance, however they did not, possibly due to encouraging long term septic solutions. The supervisors discussed pros and cons of holding tanks in Barrett Township.

f. Patti O'Keefe discussed that she is on the America 250 committee through the Historical Society. There will be events and programs held on July 12th commemorating 250 years of the United States in Barrett Township. Patti requested a $2000.00 donation from the Township to support programming in connection with America 250. Grant Hilfiger and Todd discussed whether the fund could come from Park and Rec. Grant made a motion to table the discussion until next meeting. The supervisors all voted aye

**8. New Business**

a. Grant discussed Resolution # 2026-04082026 reaffirming that when an employee resigns or retires that they are not entitled to payout of their unused personal leave, regardless of past practice. The resolution reaffirms what the Barrett Township employee handbook already states. Grant Hilfiger made a motion to adopt 202604082026. The motion was seconded by Sean Anlauf. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

**9. Correspondence:**

a. Grant Hilfiger briefly went over the flyer that was received from Monroe County Vector Control on the upcoming mosquito season.

**10. Miscellaneous/Non-Agenda Business**

a. Certificates of Insurance

-F&F Paving

- B&B Custom Pools

b. Patti O'Keefe discussed the County PA Keystone for Barrett Township being complete.

**11. Public Comment:**

Carol Hardy: Why haven't there been any commission meetings planned? *Grant Hilfiger discussed that there have not been discussions items for the planning commission to meet on.*
Judy Stevens: I don't understand the difference between the meetings and workshop, because everything you said about the Ordinances on March 18, you're saying again today? *Grant Hilfiger explained that the Planning Commission notes should be discussed from December 3rd.*

Hazel Gifford: I just have an issue with the property maintenance ordinance section on vacant properties, and there being no exemptions for military personnel or litigation. Additionally, I am asking for an explanation on why vacant property needs to be inspected if the outside appears to be maintained well. Or why should there be a point of contact listed on the outside? *Grant Hilfiger pointed out that Active Military Personnel was already listed as exempt from registration*

Michael Allegretti: Are we [the BOS] saying that the Property Maintenance ordinance was passed out of the planning commission with comments, or tabled by the planning commission with comments? My understanding was that it was the former, and the board could very well advertise for comments tonight. *Grant Hilfiger explained that the information was conflicting and the board would need to circle back to see exactly where they were at.*

Danielle Gleason: Does [property maintenance] pertain to Palmisano? *Grant Hilfiger stated that Property Maintenance pertains to Barrett Township.*

Hazel Gifford: Palmisano Property maintenance might look a little different than household property because they are a waste disposal facility. *Grant thanked Hazel for her comments.*

Grover Cleveland: Is the historical Society part of the Township? *Darryl Speicher explained that it is its own entity.* Grover suggested to Patti and Darryl to ask for donations/sponsorships from Businesses in town like the Fire Department does to help host their functions.

Carol Hardy: I have a cow pond, and I live across from the Shepherds. I was wondering if it was possible I could get the mosquitoes they have? [a previous meeting it was noted that west nile was found in a mosquito in that area] *Sean Anlauf stated that we could prepare copies of the correspondence with Carol and get the information onto the website. Darryl Speicher also stated that there are commercial products that can treat mosquito larvae.*

Rich Daly: I would like to know if the Board would like to put on two candidates or two alternate supervisors so that we don't go through what we have in the last few months not having anyone on the board. And why does it take so long to get the minutes out from the meetings?
*Grant Hilfiger explained that there are approved processes that have to be followed, such as receiving resumes from candidates and appointing new board members.*
*Grant and Todd explained that meeting minutes have to be approved at a public meeting prior to be posted publicly.*

Michael Allegretti: Starting around April 15 and April 20th, BEDCo will have a new website, and all of our documents will be online once they're all filed with the federal government. Michael announced two BEDCo sponsored clean up days based on reservations. Michael also announced a two-day country-bluegrass concert at BARC property that will be 50% tickets to Barrett Township residents on July 25th and July 26th. *The Board thanked Michael for the information.*

Hazel Gifford: Is there a new 5-year financial plan for Barrett? *Grant stated that there is not an active 5 year plan currently.*

Michael Hermes: Request for lights, and a speed bump, and additional safety precautions on Oak Lane. Specifically for Halloween when there are hundreds of kids walking the road. *Grant said thank you and they would look into it.*

Judy Stevens: Is the permit number stated the number applied for? Or the number of permits approved? *Grant stated that they are issued permits.*

**12. Executive Session**

Grant Hilfiger made a motion to enter executive session at 7.25 PM. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.
Grant made a motion to reconvene at 7:57 P.M. The motion was seconded by Patti O'Keefe. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

**13. Adjournment**

Grant Hilfiger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 P.M. The motion was seconded by Bill Pipolo Speicher. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nichole Irvin
Zoning Officer/Recording Secretary