Barrett Township Supervisors
Minutes of Regular Meeting on September 10, 2025 – 6:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday September 10, 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, Darryl Speicher Nichole Irvin, and the public.
Guests: Todd Weitzmann, Barrett Township Solicitor
Absent: Kelly Slinger

Pam Gardsy opened the meeting addressing members of the public if anyone had a comment on the agenda items. There were none.

Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve the Supervisors Meeting Minutes from August 27, 2025. The motion was seconded by Patti O'Keefe. All supervisors voted aye, and the motion carried.

Pam Gardsy read the bills from August 27, 2025, and September 3, 2025. Patti O'Keefe made a motion to approve payment of the bills. The motion was seconded by Grover Cleveland. All supervisors voted aye, and the motion carried.

Bills from August 27, 2025			
-	General: $7,478.77	-	Open Space: $750.38
-	Fire: $241.74	-	Ambulance: $130.61
-	Parks & Rec: $935.88	-	Library: $392.27

Bills from September 3, 2025			
-	General: $11,295.86	-	Parks & Rec: $85.00
-	LST: $2,024.62	-	Library: $112.40
-	Fire: $2,520.92	-	Ambulance: $37.44

Reports:

Patti O'Keefe made a motion to approve payroll for weeks ending September 2, 2025. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher All supervisors voted aye, and the motion carried.

- Gross Wages: $ 19,769.40
- State Tax Liability: $606.91
- Federal Tax Liability: $1,424.58
- Net Wages: $15,563.43

Pam Gardsy read the permits issued report for August 2025, and a motion was made by Patti O'Keefe to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

Permits Issued August 2025

- Building Permits: 10
- Zoning Permits: 12
- Septic Permits: 3

Pam Gardsy read the Monroe County Control Center August 2025 overdose report. In August there were zero (0) overdoses. Year-to-date: 4. Patti O'Keefe made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Grover Cleveland. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

Pam Gardsy read the Pocono Mountain Regional EMS Call Volume report for August 2025. PMR EMS responded to 72 calls in Barrett Township, and 444 calls in Barrett Township YTD.
- *In August 2024, PMR EMS responded to 44 calls, and 345 YTD.*
Darryl Speicher made a motion to approve the PMR EMS report. The motion was seconded by Patti O'Keefe. All supervisors voted aye, and the motion carried.

Old Business

Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve the resolution for the PennDOT Winter Maintenance Service Agreement. The motion was seconded by Patti O'Keefe. All supervisors voted aye, and the motion carried.

Pam Gardsy made a motion to appoint Claudia Shoesmith-Fox as Barrett Township Bookkeeper. The motion was seconded by Patti O'Keefe. All supervisors voted aye, and the motion carried.

New Business

Pam Gardsy discussed the LSA grant for $280,000.00 which would cover the remaining funds needed for a $600,000.00 500 kilowatt generator that would run power for the entire BARC facility. Pam noted that last year a grant was received for $170,000.00, and that another community contribution of $150,000.00 will be donated at the time of project completion. Pam made a motion to approve the resolution for the LSA grant. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. All supervisors voted aye, and the motion carried.

Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve the purchase of a new mailing machine with FP Mailing Systems for the office at BARC since the current Pitney Bowes contract increased by over 50% in monthly fees. The new contract for 13 months would be $34.95 monthly. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. All supervisors voted aye, and the motion carried.

Correspondence

Monroe County Meals on Wheels sent a "Thank You" letter for hosting the Client Needs Pantry Drive during August.

Miscellaneous Business

Certificates of Insurance:
- Dale R. Johnson Construction
- Johnson Controls US Holdings, Inc.

Public Comment:

Grant Hilfiger:
- Asking if a salary was negotiated for the appointed bookkeeper, Claudia Schoesmith-Fox.
Pam Gardsy responded that since Claudia is not a township employee, she is a contractor, she will keep the same rates as Judy Linder, the current Bookkeeper.
- Asking what pay Pam Gardsy was collecting during the daytime Supervisor meetings or evening meetings? (Administrative & Operations Director)
Pam explained that she clocks out and is covered by her Barrett Supervisors pay for meeting time.

Mark Fisher:
- Has the township reached out to PennDOT?
Pam explained that there has been communication with PennDOT to report road concerns in Barrett Township in various ways including the online customer portal. Nichole Irvin also explained that emails have been sent to the Monroe County PennDOT County Manager inviting a representative to a supervisor's meeting and there is ongoing discussion.
Mark expressed further concern about smaller state roads in Barrett Township like Golf Dr. and Sand Spring Rd.

Executive Session

Pam Gardsy made a motion to go into executive session at 6:42 PM to discuss litigation. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. All supervisors voted aye, and the motion carried.

Adjourn

Pam Gardsy made a motion to reconvene the meeting at 7:21 PM. 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 7:22 P.M. The motion was seconded by Patti O'Keefe. All supervisors voted aye, and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nichole Irvin
Zoning Officer/Recording Secretary