Barrett Township Supervisors
Minutes of Regular Meeting on September 24, 2025 – 8:00 A.M.

A regular meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday September 24, 2025, at the Administrative Offices on Route 390 in Cresco, PA. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.M. by Pam Gardsy

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

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 Workshop Minutes from September 17, 2025. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. All supervisors voted aye, and the motion carried.
It was noted that an amendment would be made to the Workshop Minutes to include Grant Hilfiger comments. *(as noted in the public comment section of these minutes)*

Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve the Supervisors Meeting Minutes from September 10, 2025. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. All supervisors voted aye, and the motion carried.

Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve payment of the bills from September 10, 2025, and September 18, 2025. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger. All supervisors voted aye, and the motion carried.

Bills from September 10, 2025	
- General: $26,292.15	- State: $152,922.26
- LST: $744.74	- Open Space: $85.00
- Fire: $551.04	- Library: $409.65
- Parks & Rec: $180.12	- Ambulance: $136.36

Bills from September 18, 2025	
- General: $91,143.48	- Parks & Rec: $6,756.50
- LST: $354.78	- Open Space: $67.28
- Fire: $639.41	- Library: $410.90
- Ambulance: $136.82	

Reports:

Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve payroll for weeks ending September 16, 2025. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger. All supervisors voted aye, and the motion carried.

- Gross Wages: $ 20,784.11
- State Tax Liability: $638.06
- Federal Tax Liability: $1,508.67
- Net Wages: $16,394.76

Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve the Treasurers report for August 2025. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. All supervisors voted aye, and the motion carried.

August 2025 Treasurers Report	
- General Fund: $643,340.04	- Library Fund: $113.40
- State Fund: $187,142.49	- Road Machinery Fund: $24,583.37
- Fire Fund: $112,713.72	- LST Fund: $36,066.65
- Ambulance Fund: $38.44	- Open Space: $46,588.66
- FK Capital Purchase Loan: $553,768.00	- Park & Rec: $43,052.67

Patti O'Keefe made a motion to accept the Pocono Mountain Regional Barrett Police report for August 2025. The motion was seconded by Grover Cleveland. All supervisors voted aye, and the motion carried.

- Total calls in Barrett: 95
- Complaints: 88
- Criminal Arrests: 3
- Vehicle Code Warnings: 6
- Total calls in Barrett YTD: 100
- Accidents: 7
- Traffic Arrests: 12
- Ordinance Arrests: 0

Darryl Speicher made a motion to accept the road report which consisted of:

- Trimming at intersections to improve sight distances
- Township cleanup on August 2nd
- Preventative maintenance on the dump trucks in preparation for snow removal
- Pothole patching
- Blacktop swale on Oak Ridge

The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger. All supervisors voted aye, and the motion carried.
It was noted that there was an issue obtaining asphalt for pothole patching because asphalt plants were out of material.

Old Business

Pam stated that the Sign Ordinance would not be advertised as there were multiple inconsistencies found throughout the ordinance such as definitions not in the definition section, and different terms for the same types of signs among other various items found. It would be reviewed again at the next Supervisors Workshop on October 15 at 6:30 PM.

New Business

Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve spending $150 on fall decorations (Mums, hay bales, corn stalks, pumpkins, etc.) outside the front of BARC. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger. All supervisors voted aye, and the motion carried.

Correspondence

A letter was received by the Office of Voter Registration and Elections as a reminder that November 4th elections would be held in the Meeting Room at BARC.

Miscellaneous Business

A. Certificate of Insurance:
- Alvin H. Butz, Inc.

Public Comment:

Grant Hilfiger: Asked if the previous meeting workshop minutes could be amended to reflect him asking to have an agenda or notice to residents on important discussions such as ordinances.
Pam Gardsy and Darryl made motions to have the workshop minutes amended. Nichole Irvin agreed to change the minutes.

Sherry Sneed: Data Centers; Provided information to the BOS on information she gathered and received on data centers from Senators Brown and Argyl from a Co-Sponsored memo on data centers. Some information included a pre-application period that would need to be presented to the township prior to development.
Pam Gardsy expressed she was aware of some of these things and thanked Sherry for bringing it up.

Mark Fisher: Expressed a concern for the bottom of Bear Town Rd where the trees require trimming. He also asked for an update on if somebody from PennDOT would be visiting at a Township meeting.
Pam Gardsy explained that there was a response from PennDOT recently. They said that they would have an answer for the Township shortly. Nichole Irvin explained further that everyone else should encourage PennDOT to make the repairs on State Roads that they're hoping for since everyone in the room is a taxpayer as well.

Carole Hardy: Suggested that the BEDCO ordinances go up for referendum in the November election to be voted on by the whole township.
Pam Gardsy explained that a final version of the ordinance would have to be submitted in order for the ordinances to be voted on.

Frank DelNero: Expressed concern about the railroad bridge on 390 in Cresco. In regard to beautifying Barrett, he felt that bridge needed maintenance work and repairs.
Pam Gardsy said Thank You and we will include that in our messages to PennDOT.

Sherry Sneed: Said she lives on Treachery Hill. "Has there been thought about rip rap along the edges?" (with concern to washouts from storm water on the edges of the road in the last year.)
Darryl Speicher stated that there needed to be proper shoulders installed.

Peter Pipolo: Do you have a time frame for when you think the Data Center Ordinance will be in place? Could a mandate be put in place to temporarily ban them until an ordinance is in place?
Pam Gardsy stated it would be finished by the end of this year. Barrett and Monroe County Planning Commissions needed to review it.

Mark Fisher: Suggested parking a police car in town with a dummy to slow people down from speeding.
Patti O'Keefe said she would bring up the idea at the next Police Meeting she attended.

****Non Agenda Item***: Supervisors reminded Residents of Events coming up in October:*
October 3: Movie Night at BARC: Hocus Pocus
October 4: Fall Festival at High Acres Park
October 12: Barrett Fire Department Open House
Excursion from Steam town coming to Cresco Station
October 19: Barrett Halloween Parade

Executive Session

Pam Gardsy made a motion to go into executive session at 8:25 AM to discuss personnel. 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 9:06AM. 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 9:06 AM. The motion was seconded by Patti O'Keefe. All supervisors voted aye, and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nichole Irvin
Zoning Officer/Recording Secretary