Barrett Township Supervisors
Minutes of Regular Meeting on June 10, 2026 – 6:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday June 10, 2026, at the Administrative Offices (BARC) on Route 390 in Cresco, PA.

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Grant Hilfiger.

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

3. Grant Hilfiger noted that there were no public comments on agenda items.

4. Grant Hilfiger made a motion to approve the Supervisor Meeting Minutes of May 27, 2026. The motion was seconded by Bill Pipolo. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

5. Bills

a. Grant Hilfiger made a motion to approve the bills for May 27, 2026 and June 3, 2026. The motion was seconded. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

Bills from April 22, 2026	
General: $72,247.25	Fire: $7,158.18
LST: $2,227.08	Library: $6,035.65
Ambulance: $2,484.91	

Bills from June 3, 2026	
General: $21,534.54	Open Space: 85.00
Fire: $300.00	

6. Reports

a. Grant Hilfiger made a motion to approve payroll for the pay period ending May 27, 2026. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

Payroll PPE: May 27, 2026	
Gross Wages: $ 21,574.76	Federal Tax Liability: $ 1,431.79
State Tax Liability: $ 662.25	Net Wages: $ 17,223.46

b. Grant Hilfiger made a motion to accept the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Report for May 2026. The motion was seconded by Sean Anlauf. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

May 2026 PMR Police Report for Barrett Township

Total Calls: 107 (up from 59 in April)

Hours over allocation in May: 131 hours

Year-to-Date Hours Under Allocation: 101.19 hours

Discussion followed regarding a speed monitoring sign installed on Oak Lane due to frequent speeding complaints. Over a 9-day period, the sign recorded an average of 352 cars per day, with an average speed of 20 mph, a minimum speed of 10 mph, and a maximum recorded speed of 52 mph. Grant expressed that the sign appeared to have a positive effect on slowing traffic and hoped the trend would continue through the summer.

c. Grant Hilfiger made a motion to accept the Pocono Mountain Regional EMS Report. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

May 2026 EMS Report – Barrett Township	
April Calls: 59	Year-to-Date Calls: 210

d. Grant Hilfiger made a motion to approve the Monroe County Call Center Overdose Report. The motion was seconded by Sean Anlauf. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

May 2026 Overdose Report	
May Overdoses: 3	Year-to-Date Overdoses: 3

e. Grant Hilfiger made a motion to accept the May 2026 Permits Issued report. The motion was seconded by Sean Anlauf. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

May 2026 Permits Issued	
Building Permits: 6	Zoning Permits: 7
Septic: 3	

f. Darryl Speicher presented the Road Department Report. Grant Hilfiger made a motion to accept the road report. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried. Report highlights included:

- First cleanup of the year held on May 2nd.
- Swale repairs completed on Price's Drive.
- Extensive use of new crack sealer equipment.
- Work on and around guardrails; ongoing brush trimming.
- Sightline improvement work completed.
- Shoulder work completed at Park Road.

- Repairs on Monomonok Road and Hardytown Road; brush clearing on Hardytown Road to improve sight lines.
- Replaced floor on dump truck number 2's body.
- Road work schedules posted online to keep residents informed.
- Darryl also provided an update on PennDOT communications. A meeting was held with PennDOT regarding a bridge repair project at Brinker's Bridge (end of Mill Creek Road). PennDOT confirmed the project is currently in the 2031 budget pipeline, but earlier funding could accelerate the timeline. PennDOT also assisted in preparing the bid package for the upcoming township paving project. No updates were available on Routes 390 or 447, which addressed a public comment by Mark Fisher on the status of communications with Barrett and PennDOT on state roads within the Township.

g. Grant Hilfiger made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

May Treasurer's Report	
General Fund: $680,380.48	State Fund: $201,886.48
Fire Fund: $183,595.03	LST: $17,932.03
Road Machinery Fund: $53,773.78	Open Space: $56,714.57
Park and Rec: $54,916.36	Library: $1.00
Ambulance: $1.00	FK Capital Purchase Loan: $503,768.00

7. Old Business

a. High Acres Park Tree Donation. Grant Hilfiger acknowledged a community donation for a dying tree at High Acres Park. Jeff Price and Price Family Nursery donated a replacement tree, planted it, and mulched around it at no cost to the township. The board expressed gratitude on behalf of the township.
b. SOS Pet Rescue – Free pet vaccination event: SOS Pet Rescue requested use of township property for a free pet vaccination event on July 11, 2026. The organization requested use of one room for up to 100 attendees and 12 volunteers, at no charge to the township. Requirements discussed included submission of a certificate of insurance, a veterinarian on-site, and documentation of services provided. A motion was made by Patti O'Keefe to approve of the event. The motion was seconded by Grant Hilfiger. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried, subject to submission of certificate of insurance and other required paperwork.

8. New Business

a. Sky Tops Fireworks Application. A motion was made by Grant Hilfiger to approve the Sky Top Fireworks application for June 30, 2026 (rain date July 3, 2026), contingent on Grover Clevelands review and signature. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

b. Buck Hill Fireworks Application. A motion was made by grant Hilfiger to approve the Buckhill Fireworks application for July 4, 2026 at 9:15 PM, contingent on Grover Clevelands signature. The motion was seconded by Patti O'Keefe. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

c. Camp Canadensis Fireworks Application. A motion was made by Grant Hildfiger to approve the Camp Canadensis Fireworks application for July 4, 2026 at 9:45 PM, contingent on Grover Clevelands signature. The motion was seconded by Sean Anlauf. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

d. Water Obstruction and Encroachment Inspection Report. Sean and Daryl clarified that the Monroe County Conservation District routinely sends municipalities copies of letters sent to property owners following inspections. Both the water obstruction and encroachment inspection reports originated from the conservation district and were treated as informational items. No formal motion was required beyond acknowledgment.

e. Resolution No. 2026-061026 – Lease Policy. A motion was made by Grant Hilfiger to accept Resolution No. 2026-061026, establishing a lease policy for rental space at Barrett Township. The resolution was clarified as applying to long-term leases, not hourly or daily rentals. The motion was seconded by Sean Anlauf. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

f. Resignation of D&D Engineering and General Construction (Deanna). Grant Hilfiger announced the resignation of Deanna from D&D Engineering and General Construction. Deanna has been with the township for some time and is transitioning to pursue work in the public sector. The board expressed appreciation for her service. A motion was made by Grantto accept her resignation. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. Patti O'Keefe volunteered to draft a formal thank-you letter to Deanna. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

g. Paving Project Advertisement – Spruce Cabin Road and Oak Lane Road. A motion was made by Grant Hilfiger to advertise paving projects for Spruce Cabin Road and Oak Lane Road for sealed bids. PennDOT assisted in preparing the bid package. Advertisement will begin the following week in the Pocono Record and on the township website. Sealed bids will be opened at a public meeting, and bid award will require a formal motion. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. Discussion followed regarding where the public could find the advertisement; Grant confirmed the Pocono Record and Barrett website, and offered to provide copies of the bid package. Discussion also arose about speed bumps on Oak Lane; the supervisor noted they are not ideal long-term due to plowing challenges, but the speed sign showed positive results. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried

9. Correspondence

a. A second notice of violation from the Monroe County Conservation District was received, related to the same property as a previous Chapter 102 violation. The property address is Manhart Drive, Canadensis. The notice was treated as an informational item and noted for the record. No formal action was taken.

10. Miscellaneous / Non-Agenda Business

a. Certificate of Insurance received from Johnson Kendall and Johnson Inc. Noted for the record.

11. Public Comment

- Chris Gifford: **Morning Meeting Schedule Change.** Discussion was held on eliminating the morning meeting and consolidating to evening meetings. Grant raised the idea of eliminating the morning meeting. Patti O'Keefe expressed concern that residents who work evenings would lose access to an official meeting, but noted that the same attendees tend to appear at both morning and evening meetings, and that it may be more convenient to consolidate all meetings to the evening. A motion was made by Grant Hilfiger to change the morning meetings to 6:30 PM. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried. The change will take effect starting with the June meeting; the website will be updated
- Hazel Gifford: Hazel submitted a letter requesting a public discussion on a matter related to Amanda Seagraves. The letter was sent in the morning of the meeting day; Grant acknowledged receiving it but had not had sufficient time to prepare a thorough response. Grant noted the 24-hour agenda posting requirement and the need for fairness in preparation time. Hazel requested an open discussion; Grant

committed to replying by end of the week and scheduling a proper discussion. Grant confirmed the letter was forwarded to all supervisors.

- Matt Long: BEDCo. Representative, presented updates on three programs:

  Commercial Property Improvement Program: Grants of up to $10,000 for exterior improvements (signage, paint, landscaping, windows, steps, etc.) for Barrett Township businesses. Funded entirely by charitable contributions; not a loan. Website: betterbarrett.org.

  Community Cleanup Program: Two free curbside junk removal days for residents, covered by BEDC up to $20,000. Township handles pickup; BEDCo. covers the bill. July date already fully booked; a second date planned for fall. Sign-up at betterbarrett.org.

  Five Villages Live Music Festival: Two-day outdoor music festival on July 25–26 at the BARC. Features national artists, Pennsylvania natives, and regional bluegrass bands. Supported by Eric Pettis and the Pettis Family Music Foundation. Sponsors include: The Pour House, Simpson Financial, Classic Properties, Skytop Lodge, Michelle Farley, JPA Masonry, Amantea Real Estate, Momentum, Camelback, Swiftwater, and Barley Creek. Tickets: $30/day; Barrett residents receive 50% discount. Proceeds donated to the local Rotary Club, volunteer fire department, and (if profitable) the Pocono Mountains Music festival.

- Philip Conroy: raised concerns about the scope and structure of the proposed vacant property registration ordinance. Philip asked the Board to clarify the current status of the proposed property maintenance, quality of life, and vacant property registration ordinances. A supervisor indicated no definitive answer yet due to the volume of items currently on the table. Philip expressed concern that the ordinance as written could apply to vacant land, woodland, inherited property, recreational property, and conservation land that poses no public health or safety risk. The phrase "not actively used" was flagged as vague and potentially subject to inconsistent interpretation. Philip raised concerns about the proposed $350 annual registration fee and $100 per day penalty, which could become a significant financial burden for owners of naturally maintained vacant land. Philip urged the Board to limit registration requirements to properties presenting genuine health and safety concerns and to remove vacant land provisions. Philip also requested that future versions of ordinances be made publicly available well in advance of consideration. The board acknowledged the comments; no formal decision was made; ordinance status remains under consideration.

- Chris Gifford: Request to replace the American Flag at BARC, stating it is tattered. Grant acknowledged and stated it would be replaced.

12. Executive Session

13. Adjournment

- Grant Hilfiger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 P.M. The motion was seconded by Bill Pipolo. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary