Barrett Township Supervisors

Minutes of Workshop Meeting on September 16, 2026 – 6:30 P.M

A Workshop meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday September 16,2026, at the Administrative Offices at 1200 Route 390 in Cresco, PA. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Grant Hilfiger.

Present**:** Grant Hilfiger, Patti O'Keefe, Bill Pipolo, Sean Anlauf, Janine Sopko, and the public.

Grant Hilfiger began the meeting, reminding those in attendance that this is a workshop with no votes or formal actions to be taken. Discussions were for informational purposes only.

EQUITABLE RETIREMENT

Steven DeRiancho from Equitable Financial Life Insurance Company spoke about the retirement plan for the Barrett Township Employees. Grant asked if Steven was interested in coming into the BARC office to speak to the employees and he said yes.

Carol Hardy asked if the township was giving retirement to the Police department. Grant responded by saying the previous Barrett Police that transferred to Pocono Mt. Regional are what he believes are on the 457B plan which is a employee contribution plan. Steven said the Barrett Township are not making any contributions to the police department.

BARC ACCESSIBILITY

Grant spoke about the BARC ADA Accessibility review and that they asked Advanced Code to come up with a review on the BARC building. Advanced Code came in and took pictures and measurements of the building to help make it more ADA compliant. John DeCusatis from Advanced Code spoke about what they came up with as far as what needs to be done in the building from the parking lot, the doors and restrooms. Grant spoke about what the township would like to do first and what they can do in house.

Tom Stivers asked if there had been an electrical inspection done. Grant said there has not been one this year. Grant asked John DeCusatis and Shawn Leidy from Advanced Code if one has been done, they both said not since they have been with the township.

Grant spoke about putting some of the work out for bid, start budgeting and maybe some fundraising to help get the work done.

Mark Fisher asked about the parking and grant said they were talking about adding more handicap parking.

Tom Stivers asked the supervisors if they thought getting an electrical inspection done was a good idea. Grant responded by saying that he has been over this building and nothing stands out to him as unsafe. Tom said it's not a big cost and it could help keep liability down. Tom mentioned that he used to be an electrical inspector. Tom said the inspection should be done yearly. Grant asked John what his thoughts were on this and he said there had to be an inspection done with the change of use.

SHORT TERM RENTALS

Grant spoke about the current Short-Term Rentals. Several residents voiced their opinions on possible ideas of how to get the Barrett Airbnb owners to update their permits and also about fining the non-compliant owners. John DeCusatis spoke to the board and the residents about how Advanced Code would start to get the owners up to date by sending letters when the permits are 30 – 40 days from expiring. Jen Amantea spoke about

Carol Hardy and Hazel Gifford both voiced questions about Short Term Rentals. Grant explained the process of how an ordinance works. Several other residents also gave suggestions about the ordinance.

TRICK OR TREATING

Grant spoke about the traffic on Oak Lane and Prices Drive during trick or treating. It was suggested that lights be brought in to light up the streets, also to make it one-way during the hours of trick or treating. Residents suggested closing the street down, but Grant stated that it would be too hard to shut the street down with people trying to get home from work. Several residents offered to donate lights for that evening.

RIGHT OF WAY ORDINACE

Grant spoke about the Right of Way ordinance and said that the supervisors did receive the changes back and that it will be addressed in the next meeting.

SUPERVISORS' MEETING SCHEDULE

Grant discussed possibly changing the supervisor's meetings from two meetings a month to one meeting plus keeping the workshop. Patti said that she did not think it was a good idea to change it, she mentioned that two meetings would help to keep the meetings shorter. Grant said that if the agenda was too long, they could also add another meeting.

TOWNSHIP EVENTS

- **Sat. September 19 – Spaghetti Dinner**
  4:00pm – 7:00pm – Mountainhome United Methodist Church
  Spaghetti Dinner $10.00 includes dessert & beverage. Take out available
  For more information call 570-595-2077

OCTOBER 2026

- **Sat. October 3 – Fall Festival**
  12pm – 4pm - Fall Festival at High Acres – Pavilions 2 & 3
  More information in the coming months.
- **Fri. October 16 – Revolutionary War in Pennsylvania**
  2:00pm – 3:00pm – Barrett Paradise Friendly Library
  The Barrett Township Historical Society presents Author John L. Moore
- **Sun. October 18 – Halloween Parade**
  Barrett Halloween Parade (Rain Date Oct. 25th)
  2:00pm – Route 390 from the BARC building to Brutzman Rd.
  for more information visit rotarypoconos.com

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Hazel Gifford spoke about the Historical Society looking for members. She said they are hoping to get help from the community. Grant asked how people donate and she said they can go to the historical Center or online.

Mark Fisher asked about the property in canadensis getting a septic permit, Grant replied that No, there has been no septic permit.

Tom Stivers spoke about the trees on the lines. Grant said the trees are on the Verizon line and that the township did reach out to Verizon and were told that it is the property owners' responsibility. Tom voiced more on the issue and Grant replied by saying it is not a township road and unfortunately there was nothing they could do about it.

Tom also spoke about speeders in the township. Grant told him to call the police and report it every time so that it is documented. It was recommended to put an empty police car in town to slow down the speeders.

Grant thanked everyone for coming and all the comments and hopefully work through the issues.