

**Barrett Township Supervisors
Minutes of Regular Meeting on February 14, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at the Municipal Building on Route 390 in Mountainhome, PA. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Pam Gardsy.

Present: Pam Gardsy, Patti O’Keefe, Kelly Slinger, Darryl Speicher, John Seese, Solicitor Todd Weitzmann, Jeryl Rinehart and the public.

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

The Minutes of the January 24, 2024 Meeting were approved on a motion made by Pam Gardsy and seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve the payment of the following bills:

- January 24, 2024 - General Fund - \$ 14,548.68, Open Space Fund - \$ 85.00, Capital Purchases Fund - \$ 211,449.37
- January 31, 2024 – General Fund - \$ 25,195.10, Park and Recreation Fund - \$ 444.45, Library Fund - \$ 82.29, State Fund - \$ 8,593.03, Ambulance Fund - \$ 27.41
- February 7, 2024 – General Fund - \$ 74,085.20, Park and Recreation Fund - \$ 222.71, Open Space Fund - \$ 85.00, Administrative Recreation Complex Fund - \$ 1,915.00, Fire Fund - \$ 3,871.28, State Fund - \$ 453.37

The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Reports:

a. The Ambulance Report was read. For the month of January, PMR EMS responded to 43 incidents in Barrett Township. PMR EMS responded to a total of 627 incidents in January. On a motion made by Pam Gardsy and seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried, the report was accepted as read. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. The Roadmaster’s Report for January was read. On a motion made by Pam Gardsy and seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried, the report was accepted as read. All Supervisors voted aye.

c. The Fire Chief’s Report for January was read. On a motion made by Pam Gardsy and seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried, the reports were accepted as read. All Supervisors voted aye.

d. The Treasurer’s Report for January was read. On a motion made by Pam Gardsy and seconded by John Seese and carried, the report was accepted as read. All Supervisors voted aye.

e. The S.E.O. (1), Zoning (0) and Building (1) Reports for January were read. On a motion made by Pam Gardsy and seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried, the reports were accepted as read. All Supervisors voted aye.

Subdivision/Land Development/Lot Combination:

a. Eli and Miriam Berkowitz and Bias Menachem, Evergreen Lane, William Schoenagel, PLS, Subdivision/Lot Combination Plan – A letter was received from Miriam Berkowitz requesting the withdrawal of the subdivision/lot combination plan. Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve the request to withdraw the plan. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher and carried. All Supervisors voted aye. It was noted that the Supervisors approved the plan on August 9, 2023, contingent on Township Engineer, Deanna Schmoyer’s comment letter dated August 8, 2023, being addressed.

Old Business:

a. The following updates to the B.A.R.C. were discussed:

- Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve the quote from Valley Glass & Copper Works in the amount of \$ 7,550.00 for the removal of the existing door in the boiler room and the replacement of a new door. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.
- Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve paving the parking area near the exterior doors for the gymnasium entrance for better access. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher and carried. All Supervisors voted aye. It was noted that the Maintenance Department will be doing the work, and the estimated cost will be between \$ 7,500 and \$ 10,000.
- Discussion on the installation of destratification fans in the gymnasium was tabled to obtain another quote.
- Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve the request from Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 to bring a special needs student to do light duty work for several hours on Wednesday. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors votes aye.
- Discussion on artsTechsolutions using the gymnasium for theater programs was tabled until more information can be obtained to determine pricing on renting the space.
- Discussion on C-K Alarm Systems was tabled until comparative pricing can be received.
- Discussion was held on Forever Dedicated Youth Basketball Program utilizing the gymnasium on Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., year-round. The pricing for the space with be discussed at the next Workshop Meeting.
- Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve the installation of a drain insert to fix a leak in the roof by Alan Kunsman Roofing & Siding in the amount of \$ 1,600.00. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve the request from Kevin Williams to hold a memorial event at Pasold Farms Community Garden for his father, Donald Williams on Saturday, April 13, 2024. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

c. The Zoning Board Hearing for the Verizon Wireless Cell Tower at Steelmantown Cemetery, Route 447 is scheduled for Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

New Business:

a. Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve the payroll for February 6, 2024, in the amount of \$ 23,021.79 for gross wages, \$ 706.75 for state liability, \$ 5,884.13 for federal tax liability and \$ 17,646.50 for net wages. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. Pam Gardsy made a motion to adopt the Public Comment Policy. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

c. Pam Gardsy made a motion to set the 2024 Township Clean-up dates on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on May 4th, June 1st, July 13th, August 3rd, September 7th and October 5th. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All supervisors voted aye.

d. A letter was received from the Office of Voter Registration and Election, confirming with the Supervisors that the General Primary will be held on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, and the General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, at the Barrett Administrative and Recreation Complex. Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve the use of the building for the elections. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

e. Pam Gardsy made a motion accept the Final Draft of the Monroe County Waste Management Plan. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Correspondence:

a. The Monroe County 2024 Demolition Fund Program Guidelines and Application Instructions were received from the Monroe County Commissioners' Office.

b. The 2023 Money County Land Bank Annual Report was received from the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Monroe.

c. A letter was received from the Monroe County Conservation District informing the Supervisors that they conducted an inspection of earth disturbance activities at Patmos St. John Monastery on Route 390.

d. A letter was received from the Monroe County Conservation District informing the Supervisors that they have reviewed the Co-Permittee Application dated February 5, 2024, for the NPDES Permit for Bestway Lumber on Route 191.

Miscellaneous:

a. It was noted that there were no certificates of insurance submitted.

Dina Rinehart thanked John Seese for fixing the large pothole on Route 447.

Frank Del Nero asked when Pleasant Ridge Road would be paved. John Seese informed him that it was on the list for the 2024 Paving Projects.

Darryl Speicher reported that on Monday, April 8, 2024, at 3:00 p.m., there will be a Solar Eclipse and the Evergreen School will be holding a special event at B.A.R.C. They will be inviting the community for the event.

As there was no further business or public comment, Pam Gardsy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 p.m. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,

