

**Barrett Township Supervisors
Minutes of Regular Meeting on May 11, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, May 11, 2022, 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, Kelly Slinger, Patti O'Keefe, John Seese, Darryl Speicher, Solicitor Deborah Huffman, Jeryl Rinehart and the public.

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

The Minutes of the April 27, 2022 Meeting were approved on a motion made by Pam Gardsy and seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

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

- April 28, 2022 - General Fund - \$ 54,295.67, Park and Recreation Fund 4,307.07, Ambulance Fund - \$ 5,023.48, Library Fund - \$ 15,087.29, State Fund - \$ 2,872.32
- May 4, 2022 – General Fund - \$ 18,298.50, Park and Recreation - \$ 357.78, Fire Fund - \$ 300.00, LST Fund - \$ 594.78, Open Space Fund – \$ 149.89

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

Reports:

a. The S.E.O. (3), Zoning (8) and Building (8) Reports for April 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.

b. The Treasurer's Report for April 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 High Acres Park Committee Meeting Minutes from March 23, 2021 were read and discussed. Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve the Memorial Day Ceremony for Monday, May 30, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye. Jeryl Rinehart reported that the Committee is planning to have two community events at High Acres Park this year. The first event will be a Community Kids Day in August and the second event will be a Halloween/Fall Festival in October. On a motion made by Pam Gardsy and seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried, the minutes were accepted as read. All Supervisors voted aye. Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve the planting of a tree in memory of Sumner Shumway at High Acres Park at the Memorial Day Ceremony. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Subdivision/Land Development/Lot Combination:

a. Marcus and Marissa Mitchell, 125 Bridge Street, Jonathon Shupp, PLS, Lot Combination Plan – The Applicants are proposing to consolidate five lots into one lot. The combined parcel area will be 10.9577 acres. There is an existing house, garage, and driveway on Lots 1 and 2. The Brodhead Creek traverses through Lot 1, 2 and 3. The lots are not from a previous subdivision. A final review letter dated May 11, 2022, was received from Township Engineer Deanna Schmoyer, recommending approval of the lot combination plan. Darryl Speicher made a motion to approve the lot combination plan. The motion was seconded by Patti O'Keefe and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. Gaetano Pace, 127 Timber Lake Drive, Jonathon Shupp, PLS, Lot Combination Plan – The Applicant is proposing to consolidate seven lots (Lot 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 85 and 86) into one lot (new 7A). The combined parcel area will be 11.11 acres. There is an existing house on Lot 7, with no structures on the other six lots. Pam Gardsy made a motion to table the lot combination plan until

more information is submitted to Township Engineer Deanna Schmoyer for her final review. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Old Business:

a. A letter was received from Deanna Schmoyer, D & D Engineering & General Construction, LLC, on behalf of Franconia Mennonite Camp Association for the Spruce Lake Cabins Project. The letter states that they are granting an extension of time, under the Municipal Planning Code, for the review of the Land Development Plan for the Spruce Lake Cabins Project. The extension shall be until May 2023. Pam Gardsy made a motion to accept the extension of time and to contact the Engineer for a clarified letter. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

New Business:

a. Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve the payroll for May 3, 2022, in the amount of \$ 36,043.34 for gross wages, \$ 1,106.52 for state liability, \$ 10,139.58 for federal tax liability and \$ 27,080.23 for net wages. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. Discussion was held on the transition of Actuarial Services for the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan. John Markley with The Retirement Advantage, Inc. will no longer provide actuarial services, effective July 31, 2022. They recommended Conrad Siegel for the actuarial services. Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve the authorization of transition to have Conrad Siegel take over the actuarial services. The motion was seconded by Patti O'Keefe and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

c. The Pocono Mountain Council of Governments will be holding their Spring Dinner at the Barley Creek Brewing Company on Thursday, June 2, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

d. Pam Gardsy made a motion to open a new account for the new Community Center. The motion was seconded by Patti O'Keefe and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

e. Pam Gardsy made a motion to authorize the wetland delineation being done by Sparnon Wetland Services in the amount not to exceed \$ 4,500.00 at the Gunderson property. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

f. John Seese made a motion to prepare a policy for closing the office for emergencies. The motion was seconded by Pam Gardsy and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

g. Discussion was held on suggestions for naming the new Community Center at the Gunderson property.

h. A letter was received from Gracyn Beckhorn asking permission to plant milkweed at High Acres Park and other public land owned by Barrett Township for Monarch butterflies. John Seese made a motion to grant permission to plant milkweed at the Township parks and Skywood Park in Paradise Township. The motion was seconded by Daryl Speicher and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

i. Pam Gardsy made a motion to authorize Solicitor Todd Weitzmann to file a quiet title for the Golten property on Spruce Cabin Road. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Correspondence:

a. It was noted that there was no Correspondence.

Miscellaneous:

a. It was noted that there were certificates of insurance received for Burke Construction LLC and Stone Ridge Diesel LLC.

John Seese reported that there have been some issues with people parking illegally on Township roads and right of ways. Jeryl Rinehart will review the Ordinances and give an update to the Supervisors at the next meeting.

Patti O'Keefe reported that there was discussion at the last Council of Government meeting about other Township's having problems with people dumping construction debris from out of state on properties in Monroe County and if permits were required. Jeryl Rinehart confirmed that Ordinance No. 156, the Property Maintenance Ordinance regulates the placement of debris and garbage on properties.

Pam Gardsy reported that she met with Deborah Boyle from the Friendly Community Center to discuss the possible use of the meeting room at Municipal Building for their classes.

As there was no further business or public comment, Pam Gardsy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 p.m. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,

