

**Barrett Township Supervisors
Minutes of Regular Meeting on December 13, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, 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.

Pam Gardsy made a motion to amend the agenda to add the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Department. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye. John Seese made a motion to approve and sign the amended agreement to have Tunkhannock Township representation adjusted. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors.

The Minutes of the November 22, 2023 Meeting were approved on a motion made by Pam Gardsy and seconded by Kelly Slinger. All Supervisors voted aye.

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

- November 29, 2023 - General Fund - \$ 78,900.94, Administrative Recreation Complex Fund - \$ 18,913.88, Fire Fund - \$ 14,765.37, Library Fund - \$ 439.77, Ambulance Fund - \$ 146.41, Open Space Fund - \$ 170.00
- December 6, 2023 - General Fund - \$ 73,759.76, Administrative Recreation Complex Fund - \$ 416,191.60, Park and Recreation Fund - \$ 258.24, State Fund - \$ 2,396.42, Open Space Fund - \$ 7.00, Fire Fund - \$ 300.00, Road Machinery Fund - \$ 11,189.83, Library Fund - \$ 525.21, Ambulance Fund - \$ 174.91

The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Reports:

a. The Treasurer's Report for November was read. On a motion made by Pam Gardsy and seconded by Darryl Speicher and carried, the report was accepted as read. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. The S.E.O. (3), Zoning (2) and Building (3) Reports for November 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.

c. The Roadmaster's Report for November 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 Police Report for November 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.

e. The Ambulance Report was read. For the month of November, PMR EMS responded to 38 calls in Barrett Township, with a year-to-date of 448 calls. PMR EMS responded to a total of 546 calls in October, with a year-to-date of 5,932 calls. On a motion made by Pam Gardsy and seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried, the report was accepted as read. All Supervisors voted aye.

Subdivision/Land Development/Lot Combination:

a. George C. Peck, Sr., 114 Deer Run Lodge Road, RKR Hess, Minor Subdivision Plan – Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve signing the PA DEP Component 1 Planning Modules. The motion was seconded by Patti O’Keefe and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Old Business:

a. Pam Gardsy made a motion to cancel the Workshop Meeting on Wednesday, December 20, 2023. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. Pam Gardsy made a motion to advertise the Reorganization Supervisors Meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. and the Auditors Meeting on Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

c. Discussion was held on replacing the flooring in the gymnasium. The Supervisors had several questions about the type of flooring, the warranty, and the durability of the weight of the seating. Pam will follow up with the company to have the questions answered and will discuss it further at the next meeting.

d. Discussion was held on the Act 167 Stormwater Ordinance. Pam Gardsy made a motion to advertise the Ordinance for a Public Hearing on Wednesday, December 27, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

e. Pam Gardsy made a motion to adopt the 2024 Budget. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

f. Pam Gardsy gave an update on the Breakfast for Santa on Saturday, December 16, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The number of people who have responded is 118. Dave Cook from Cook’s Family Restaurant is donating the pancakes for the breakfast.

g. The sale of the Municipal Building was tabled for Executive Session.

New Business:

a. Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve the payroll for November 28, 2023, in the amount of \$ 18,505.76 for gross wages, \$ 568.14 for state liability, \$ 4,413.07 for federal tax liability and \$ 14,639.47 for net wages. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. A letter was received from Linder Bookkeeping, Inc. informing the Supervisors that beginning January 1, 2024, the rate will increase to \$ 1,025 per month, additional work will be billed at an hourly rate of \$ 60.00. Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve the increase. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

c. Pam Gardsy made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 121323, fixing the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2024. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

d. Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve the Fireworks Permit for Skytop Lodge on Sunday, December 31, 2023, at 10:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

e. Pam Gardsy made a motion to authorize Administrative Assistant, Janine Sopko, to become a notary. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

f. The temporary part-time office help discussion will be tabled for Executive Session.

Correspondence:

- a. The Monthly Call Statistics were received from the Monroe County Control Center.
- b. A letter was received from PA DEP informing the Supervisors that they reviewed the Act 2 Final Report for J.A. Reinhardt & Co., Inc.
- c. A letter was received from Monroe County Conservation District advising the Supervisors that they conducted an inspection of earth disturbance activities at the Spruce Lake Retreat Cabin Project.
- d. A letter was received from the PA DEP informing the Supervisors that they received the Final Report for the PPL Skytop Transformer Release.

Miscellaneous:

- a. It was noted that certificates of insurance were received from A & E Glass, Inc., and Stone Ridge Diesel LLC.

Pam Gardsy made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:03 p.m. to discuss litigation and personnel. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Pam Gardsy made a motion to reconvene the meeting at 6:33 p.m. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

John Seese made a motion to hire Kylie Ferraro for temporary part-time office help. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher and carried. Pam Gardsy abstained. All other Supervisors voted aye.

As there was no further business or public comment, Pam Gardsy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,

