

**Barrett Township Supervisors  
Minutes of Regular Meeting on October 11, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, October 11, 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, Darryl Speicher, John Seese, Patti O'Keefe, Kelly Slinger, Jeryl Rinehart and the public. Solicitor Todd Weitzmann was absent.  
There were no public comments on the agenda items.

The Minutes of the September 27, 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:

- September 27, 2023 - General Fund - \$ 78,892.02, Administrative Recreation Complex Fund - \$ 392,920.26, Park and Recreation Fund - \$ 4,587.59, LST Fund - \$ 1,955.80
- October 4, 2023 - General Fund - \$ 10,722.06, Administrative Recreation Complex Fund - \$ 12,091.86, Park and Recreation Fund - \$ 2,876.77, LST Fund - \$ 655.66, Open Space Fund - \$ 1,319.96, Fire Fund - \$ 300.00, Library Fund - \$ 708.57, Ambulance Fund - \$ 306.61

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

**Reports:**

a. The Treasurer's Report for September 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.

b. The S.E.O. (3), Zoning (10) and Building (6) Reports for September 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 August and September were read. On a motion made by John Seese and seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried, the reports were accepted as read. All Supervisors voted aye.

d. The High Acres Park Committee Meeting Minutes from July 18, 2023, were received.

Pam Gardsy made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

**Old Business:**

a. A letter was received from Keystone Consulting Engineers LLC asking the Supervisors to waive the specific requirement set forth in the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance and the Municipalities Code requiring a decision within ninety (90) days from the receipt date. Pam Gardsy made a motion to waive the specific time requirement until December 14, 2023. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. A letter was received from R.K.R Hess asking the Supervisors to waive the specific requirement set forth in the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance and the Municipalities Code requiring a decision within ninety (90) days from the receipt date. Pam Gardsy made a motion to waive the specific time requirement until October 25, 2023. 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 October 3, 2023, in the amount of \$ 24,695.42 for gross wages, \$ 758.17 for state liability, \$ 5,750.30 for federal tax liability and \$ 19,705.55 for net wages. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve Trick or Treat Night for Tuesday, October 31, 2023 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

c. Steve DeRiancho from Country Values Financial was present to discuss the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan. John Seese made a motion to make the switch to the new investment platform.

d. John Seese made a motion to approve the 2024 Pocono Mountain Regional Police Department Budget. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher and carried. All Supervisors voted aye. Solicitor Todd Weitzmann will prepare a resolution to be adopted at the next Supervisors Meeting.

e. Discussion was held on the High Acres Park Committee doing a float for the Halloween Parade. The Committee asked the Supervisors to donate candy for the parade. Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve the donation of \$ 500.00 for the purchase of candy for the parade. The motion was seconded by Patti O'Keefe and carried. All Supervisors voted aye. It was noted that the High Acres Park Committee will also donate \$ 500.00 for the purchase of candy.

f. Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve the 2024 P.A.R.C. Budget. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

g. Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve the University of Pets Dog Training at the Dog Park on Saturday, September 14, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Correspondence:

a. A letter was received from the Monroe County Control Center presenting their proposed 2024 Operating Budget and informing the Supervisors that the per capita dispatching fees are proposed to increase by approximately 17 % and their operating expenses are projected to increase by approximately 4 % this year.

b. A letter was received from the Monroe County Waste Authority informing the Supervisors that the Monroe County Commissioners have appointed the Solid Waste Advisory Committee to revise the Monroe County Municipal Waste Management Plan.

c. A letter was received from PA DEP acknowledging the receipt of the Final Report for the remediation for J.A. Reinhardt at 3319 Spruce Cabin Road.

d. A letter was received from the Monroe County Conservation District informing the Supervisors that they conducted an inspection of earth disturbance activities at the Dollar General Cresco, 967 Route 390.

e. A letter was received from the Monroe County Meals on Wheels thanking the Supervisors for hosting a Household Essential Drive on Wheels Day 2023.

Miscellaneous:

a. It was noted that a certificate of insurance was received from R.W. Buff, Inc.

Darryl Speicher reported that he received sixty (60) tree seedlings from Edie Stevens, from the Brodhead Watershed Association. Discussion was held on the location to plant the trees. Darryl

proposed drafting something to show the tree locations and having the students from his Environmental Science class help him plant them in the fall.

Discussion was held on the update to the Barrett Administrative and Recreation Complex. Buck Hill Music Festival is doing renovations to the gym to expand the stage. They will be acquiring retractable seating for their events and discussion was held on storing them in another location near the gym. Pam Gardsy reported that Amazon has a community outreach program, and they will be donating items for the foyer area such as a small couch, some seats, artificial plants, a TV on wheels and a mounted TV. The program also has groups of people who sign up to volunteer to do projects. Pam spoke with the representative from Amazon and the volunteers will be able to paint the gym area. Discussion was also held on what type of lighting should be installed in the gym. The installation of the carpet in the library will start on Monday, October 16th.

Darryl reported that the train would be coming to the Cresco Train Station on Sunday, October 15th at 12:30 p.m. He also requested support from the Supervisors for the Barrett Township Historical Society in the amount of \$ 2,000. The Supervisors will discuss it further at the Budget Workshop in November.

As there was no further business or public comment, Pam Gardsy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,

