

**Barrett Township Supervisors
Minutes of Regular Meeting on September 27, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at the Municipal Building on Route 390 in Mountainhome, PA. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chairman Pam Gardsy.

Pam Gardsy made a motion to amend the agenda to add Louise Troutman with Pocono Heritage Land Trust to discuss the trail entrance at Grace Avenue. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

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

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

The Minutes of the September 13, 2023 Meeting and the Workshop Meeting Minutes for September 20, 2023 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:

- September 6, 2023 - General Fund - \$ 2,621.70, Admin/Rec Complex Fund – \$ 12,524.29, Park and Recreation Fund - \$ 2,580.00, Library Fund – \$ 935.71, Ambulance Fund – \$ 311.65, Fire Fund – \$ 300.00, LST Fund – \$ 11,166.73
- September 20, 2023 - General Fund - \$ 62,249.13, Admin/Rec Complex Fund – \$ 2,400.87, Park and Recreation Fund - \$ 3,351.48, Library Fund – \$ 341.28, Ambulance Fund – \$ 113.65, Fire Fund – \$ 1,637.97, State Fund – \$ 1,819.05, Open Space Fund - \$ 1,609.89

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

Reports:

a. The Police Report for August was read. On a motion made by John Seese and seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried, the report was accepted as read. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. The Ambulance Report was read. For the month of August, PMR EMS responded to 44 calls in Barrett Township, with a year-to-date of 304 calls. PMR EMS responded to a total of 631 calls in August, with a year-to-date of 4,666 calls. On a motion made by Pam Gardsy and seconded by Darryl Speicher and carried, the report was accepted as read. All Supervisors voted aye.

Old Business:

a. Discussion was held on updates for the Barrett Administrative and Recreation Complex. Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve the purchase of two water bottle filling stations to replace broken water fountains. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye. Troy Mechanical is waiting to receive the hot water valves and connect the propane for hot water. A fence will be placed around the propane tanks for safety reasons. John Seese contacted Aqua PA to perform the backflow test in September. Vector Security has installed the door key fobs locking device for the administrative office.

New Business:

a. Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve the payroll for September 19, 2023, in the amount of \$ 17,871.03 for gross wages, \$ 548.63 for state liability, \$ 4,270.78 for federal tax liability and \$ 14,123.00 for net wages. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. Discussion was held on purchasing a backhoe loader to replace the existing one. John Seese made a motion to purchase a 2024 Caterpillar 420-07XE Backhoe Loader in the amount of \$ 157,400.00. The motion was seconded by Patti O’Keefe and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

c. A letter was received from the Monroe County Historical Association informing the Supervisors that they are holding a capital campaign to expand the Stroud Mansion, which serves as their museum. They requested the Supervisors consider helping to support their effort.

d. A letter was received from PennDot notifying the Supervisors that the estimated Liquid Fuels Allocation for 2024 is \$ 187,557.00.

e. Louise Troutman from Pocono Heritage Land Trust was present to discuss the trail access easement off East Grace Avenue. The property owner, The Shepherds of Monroe County granted the trail access easement to the Pocono Heritage Land Trust. The trail access connects through the Cranberry Creek Preserve, the Nothstein Preserve, Henry Crossing Road, the Paradise Price Preserve, Route 447 to the Delaware State Forest. John Seese made a motion to approve two dedicated parking spaces and placing a sign on East Grace Avenue. The motion was seconded by Pam Gardsy and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Correspondence:

a. A Thank You letter was received from the LaBar Family for the memorial donation for Chief Robert Labar.

b. A letter was received from the Office of Voter Registration and Election, reminding the Supervisors that the Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, at the Barrett Administrative and Recreation Complex.

c. It was noted that the 2022 Annual Report for PA One Call was received.

d. A letter was received from PA DEP informing the Supervisors that they reviewed the request for an alternate time frame for submitting a complete Site Characterization Report for the release incident at Starner’s Quik Shoppes.

e. A letter was received from E.R.M. notifying the Supervisors that J.A. Reinhardt & Co., Inc. has submitted an Act 2 Final Report to the PA DEP for the property located at 3319 Spruce Cabin Road.

f. A letter was received from Buck Hill Falls Company advising the Supervisors that they are applying to PA DEP for the renewal of the N.P.D.E.S. Permit to discharge wastewater.

Miscellaneous:

a. It was noted that a certificate of insurance was received from Bulls and Boards, Inc., Stephens Sawmill and Horse Logging.

Patti O’Keefe reported that Darryl and Jackie Speicher were presented with the Kettle Creek Award.

As there was no further business or public comment, Pam Gardsy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 a.m. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,

