

**Barrett Township Supervisors
Minutes of Regular Meeting on September 25, 2024**

A Regular Meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at the Municipal Building on Route 390 in Cresco, PA. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chairman Pam Gardsy.

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

Pam Gardsy made a motion to amend the agenda to include the ATM machine placement. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

The Regular Meeting Minutes for September 11, 2024, 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 11, 2024 – General Fund - \$ 67,631.86, Park and Recreation Fund - \$ 279.77, Open Space Fund - \$ 85.00, Library Fund – \$ 518.16, Ambulance Fund - \$ 172.57, Fire Fund - \$ 3,397.74, State Fund - \$ 33.30
- September 18, 2024 – General Fund - \$ 56,350.19, Park and Recreation Fund - \$ 158.83, Open Space Fund - \$ 96.70, Library Fund – \$ 9.67, Ambulance Fund - \$ 3.23

The motion was seconded by John Seese 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 incidents in Barrett Township, bringing the year-to-date to 345. PMR EMS responded to a total of 583 incidents in August, bringing the year-to-date to 4,505. On a motion made by Pam Gardsy and seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried, the report was accepted as read. All Supervisors voted aye.

Old Business:

a. Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve the piano moving cost in the amount of \$ 650.00 to A & J Moving Co. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. A letter was received from Deanna Schmoyer with D & D Engineering requesting a partial release from the Escrow Funds associated with the Spruce Lake Retreat Cabins project in the amount of \$ 235,713.50. Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve the request for a partial release of the Escrow Funds for the Franconia Mennonite Camp Association. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

c. A quote was received from Gerger Electric & Property Maintenance LLC for the installation of the outside electrical panels in the amount of \$ 9,825.00. The discussion was tabled until further information could be obtained.

New Business:

a. Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve the payroll for September 17, 2024, in the amount of \$ 22,326.86 for gross wages, \$ 685.43 for state tax liability, \$ 4,954.46 for federal tax liability and \$ 17,372.40 for net wages. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. A letter was received from the Monroe County Control Center informing the Supervisors of their proposed 2025 Operating Budget. Pam Gardsy made a motion to accept the proposed 2025 Operating Budget. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

c. Discussion on the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Department 2025 Budget Draft was tabled for Executive Session.

d. Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve the 2025 Minimum Municipal Obligation for Pocono Mountain Regional Police Pension in the amount of \$ 691,138 and the Non-Uniform Pension in the amount of \$ 11,922. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye. It was noted that if state aid is received, these numbers may decrease.

e. Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve and proceed with the ATM placement in the lobby. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Correspondence:

a. A Thank You note was received from Boy Scout Troop 89 Leaders, Scouts and Committee Members for their space that they share with Cub Pack 89 and the Girls Scouts at the B.A.R.C.

b. A letter was received from the Monroe County Historical Association asking the Supervisors to honor their rich history through the purchase of commemorative bricks or pavers to preserve the history of Monroe County.

c. A letter was received from the Monroe County Meals on Wheels thanking the Supervisors for hosting the Client Needs pantry Drive during the month of August.

d. A letter was received from Karl Stearns asking the Supervisors to have the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Department post No Parking signs in various locations prior to the Halloween Parade. John Seese will follow up with the Police Department.

Miscellaneous:

a. It was noted that a certificate of insurance was received from Pop of Color Décor, LLC.

Karl Weiler reported that Clark Bartholomew and Greg Batzel donated the time and materials for the construction of the wooden structures in front of the AC Units. The Supervisors thanked Karl Weiler for coordinating the effort and covering the remaining costs.

John Seese reported that he spoke with Peter Pipolo concerning the Halloween Parade, and the approved parking area. He also discussed locating the water line near the area where the Christmas tree is being planted.

Pam Gardsy made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:23 a.m. to discuss personnel. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Pam Gardsy made a motion to reconvene the meeting at 9:13 a.m. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Pam Gardsy made a motion to appoint Jim Seese as Maintenance Superintendent, as of November 1, 2024, at a rate of \$ 28.00 per hour. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Pam Gardsy made a motion to advertise the position of equipment operator with CDL to replace Jim's position. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

As there was no further business or public comment, Pam Gardsy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 a.m. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

