

**Barrett Township Supervisors  
Minutes of Regular Meeting on February 12, 2025**

A Regular Meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at the Municipal Building on Route 390 in Cresco, PA. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Pam Gardsy.

Present: Pam Gardsy, Kelly Slinger, Patti O'Keefe, Grover Cleveland, Darryl Speicher, Solicitor Todd Weitzmann, Jeryl Rinehart, and the public.

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting for January 22, 2025, and the Minutes of Special Meeting for January 29, 2025, were approved on a motion made by Pam Gardsy and seconded by Darryl Speicher and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

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

- January 22, 2025 - General Fund - \$ 12,943.55, Park and Recreation Fund - \$ 85.00, Fire Fund - \$ 520.93, State Fund - \$ 15,748.68
- January 29, 2025 - General Fund - \$ 5,753.80, Park and Recreation Fund - \$ 85.00, Open Space Fund - \$ 85.00, Library Fund - \$ 198.27, Ambulance Fund - \$ 66.04, Fire Fund - \$ 245.27, State Fund - \$ 825.51
- February 5, 2025 - General Fund - \$ 77, 447.58, Park and Recreation Fund - \$ 43.71, LST Fund - \$ 654.42, Fire Fund - \$ 1,469.08, State Fund - \$ 2,100.02

The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

**Reports:**

a. The Treasurer's Report for January 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. (0), Zoning (8) and Building (12) Reports for January 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 Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes for January 15, 2025, were read. On a motion made by Patti O'Keefe and seconded by Darryl Speicher and carried, the meeting minutes were accepted as read. All Supervisors voted aye.

d. The Monthly Call Statistics for January were received from the Monroe County Control Center. 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. The Applicant, Eugene and Nancy Forrey, are proposing to subdivide approximately 0.40 acres from Lot 2 (Tax ID # 01.25.2.40-2) and combine it with Lot 1 (Tax ID # 01.25.2.40-1). Lot 1 is currently undeveloped, and Lot 2 has a residential house on the property. The property is located in the Commercial Resort Hotel (CRH) District. Discussion was held on Township Engineer Deanna Schmoyer's Review Letter dated February 12, 2025. Jonathon Shupp was present to discuss the plan.

Patti O'Keefe made a motion to approve the modification request from the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance:

*Section 450-14.B – Overview of procedures. The following plans are required for all subdivision and land developments: Existing Resources and Site Analysis plan, Conceptual Preliminary Plan, Detailed Final Plan Preparation, and Detailed Final Plan Submission.*

The motion was seconded by Pam Gardsy and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Patti O’Keefe made a motion to approve the modification request from the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance:

*Section 450-43.G.(3) - Flooding. Where any area within the proposed subdivision or land development is subject to flooding, such area shall be clearly marked “subject to periodic flooding” on the plan and shall not be plotted in streets or lots.*

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

Patti O’Keefe made a motion to approve the modification request from the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance:

*Section 450-43.H - Required easements. Slope and drainage easements on the plan.*

The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Patti O’Keefe made a motion to approve the modification request from the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance:

*Section 450-49.E – Net Lot Area. Net lot areas shall be determined in accordance with this section.*

The motion was seconded by Pam Gardsy and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Patti O’Keefe made a motion to approve the modification request from the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance:

*Section 450.54.E. – Land Dedication. Any subdivision regulated under this chapter shall be required to dedicate the specified amount of common open space, unless the Board of Supervisors requires the payment of recreation fees in lieu of land, the construction of recreational facilities, the reservation/donation of common open space through an allowed alternative ownership method, or a combination of any of the foregoing.*

The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Patti O’Keefe made a motion to approve the minor subdivision plan contingent on the Township Engineer Deanna Schmoyer’s Review Letter comments, dated February 12, 2025, being addressed.

The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

#### Old Business:

a. Pam Gardsy made a motion to purchase a video conference camera in the amount of \$ 1,127.00 from Amazon to live stream the Supervisors Meetings. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. Pam Gardsy made a motion to set the part time hourly rate for the new Zoning Officer at \$ 22.00 per hour. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

c. Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve and sign the Cell Tower Lease Option Agreement at High Acres Park. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

d. Pam Gardsy made a motion to have Solicitor Todd Weitzmann advertise the Volunteer Fire Tax Credit Ordinance for the meeting on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Grover Cleveland and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

#### New Business:

a. Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve the payroll for February 4, 2025, in the amount of \$ 21,928.35 for gross wages, \$ 673.19 for state liability, \$ 4,609.92 for federal tax liability and \$ 17,318.43 for net wages. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. A letter was received from Jonathon Shupp requesting a Zoning District change for the property owned by V & B Enterprises, 2518 Route 390. The property currently falls within two separate Zoning Districts, Commercial Resort Hotel (CRH) and Mixed-Use Village (MU-V). The owners would like to make the entire parcel zoned Mixed-Use Village. Pam Gardsy made a motion to have Solicitor Todd Weitzmann prepare a Zoning Ordinance Amendment to change the Zoning Map and refer it to the Barrett Township Planning Commission and the Monroe County Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye. It was noted that the Monroe County Planning Commission will prepare the change to the Zoning District Map.

c. Vinny Sturdevant and Bryan Long were present to discuss volunteering and serving the community. Kelly Slinger prepared a list of organizations and contacts that need help with volunteers.

d. A letter was received from Harry Ladlee informing the Supervisors that he was interested in being appointed as an alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board. Pam Gardsy made a motion to appoint Harry Ladlee as an alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board. The motion was seconded by Patti O'Keefe and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

e. A letter was received from Tina Transue informing the Supervisors that she was interested in serving on the P.A.R.C. Committee. Patti O'Keefe made a motion to appoint Tina Transue to the P.A.R.C. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

f. Pam Gardsy made a motion to schedule the following dates for the 2025 Spring Clean Up: Saturdays, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on April 5, May 3, June 7, July 12, August 2, September 6 and October 4. The motion was seconded by Grover Cleveland and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

g. Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve the B.A.R.C. for the polling place for the Office of Voter Registration and Election on May 20, 2025 and November 4, 2025. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

h. The Memorandum of Understanding for the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Department was tabled, until it could be discussed in Executive Session.

i. Darryl Speicher made a motion to approve the Eagle Scout Project for Jayden Snyder at B.A.R.C. Jayden will be doing a wedding venue restoration with a paver pathway, restoring the benches and planting and mulching flowers for the District Magistrate. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

j. Pam Gardsy made a motion to appoint Grover Cleveland as the representative to the Monroe County Association of Township Officials. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

**Correspondence:**

a. A letter was received from the PA One Call System informing the Supervisors that they would be receiving the 2024 refund in the amount of \$ 74.17.

b. A letter was received from the Monroe County Conservation District informing the Supervisors that they conducted an inspection of earth disturbance activities at Spruce Lake Retreat.

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Miscellaneous:

- a. It was noted that no certificates of insurance were received.

Pam Gardsy made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:15 p.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 6:24 p.m. The motion was seconded by Patti O'Keefe and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Outstanding with the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Department contingent on Solicitor Todd Weitzmann's verification that the MOU contains the same terms as the underlying agreement between Barrett Township and Steve Williams as well as correcting the typos. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Discussion was held on having a contest for residents to design a new logo for Barrett Township.

Discussion was held on forming a committee called the B.A.R.C. Success Committee. The committee would be a group of volunteers who are interested in the future of B.A.R.C., who have ideas of events and programs for the community.

Pam Gardsy made a motion to allow the Friendly Community Center to add a line to the Township's phone plan and to have Solicitor Weitzmann prepare a phone agreement. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Discussion was held on the demolition of the old C.A.M.E. building at High Acres Park and the Fire Company using the building for training until the building is taken down.

Darryl Speicher reported that he met with Jim Seese and Shane Schratt to discuss the condition and use of the maintenance vehicles and equipment.

As there was no further business or public comment, Pam Gardsy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,

