

**Barrett Township Supervisors  
Minutes of Regular Meeting on January 22, 2025**

A Regular Meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, 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, Jeryl Rinehart, and the public.

Karl Stearns commented on the Auditors' Meeting that he attended. His observation was that it was interesting, and he thought the grilling of Pam Gardsy was a little over the top for justifying her compensation. He said there were some good questions and some good answers. He thinks it would be good for people to expose themselves more to the process and understand it by attending the meeting.

The Reorganization Meeting Minutes and the Regular Meeting Minutes for January 6, 2025, and the Workshop Meeting Minutes for January 15, 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 8, 2025 – General Fund - \$ 69,444.95, LST Fund - \$ 36,452.91, Fire Fund – \$ 300.00, Park and Recreation Fund - \$ 169.74, State Fund - \$461.66, Open Space Fund - \$ 85.00, Library Fund - \$ 0.27, Ambulance Fund - \$ 0.10
- January 15, 2025 – General Fund - \$9,119.72, Fire Fund - \$ 926.88, Open Space Fund - \$ 286.69, Library Fund - \$ 1,683.57, Ambulance Fund - \$ 560.54

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

**Reports:**

a. The Police Report for December 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 Road Report for December 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.

c. The Ambulance Report was read. For the month of December, PMR EMS responded to 45 incidents in Barrett Township, bringing the year-to-date to 543. PMR EMS responded to a total of 601 incidents in December, bringing the year-to-date to 7,002. On a motion made by Pam Gardsy and seconded by Darryl Speicher and carried, the report was accepted as read. All Supervisors voted aye.

d. The Auditors' Meeting Minutes were received. On a motion made by Pam Gardsy and seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried, the minutes were accepted. All Supervisors voted aye.

e. The Monthly Call Statistics for December 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.

f. The Fire Chief's Report for December was received. Pam Gardsy made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

g. The Treasurer's Report for December 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.

**Old Business:**

a. Pam Gardsy made a motion to appoint Riley & Co. to do the 2024 Annual Audit. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. Pam Gardsy made a motion to appoint Darryl Speicher as the Chief Administrator Officer. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

c. Pam Gardsy made a motion to table the adoption of the Firemen's Tax Rebate Ordinance and Resolution. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

d. It was noted that the Zoning Board Hearing for Jason Delp was canceled on Thursday, February 6, 2025.

New Business:

a. Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve the payroll for January 7, 2025, in the amount of \$ 25,602.83 for gross wages, \$ 786.01 for state tax liability, \$ 5,181.67 for federal tax liability and \$ 20,421.16 for net wages. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Correspondence:

a. A letter was received from the Monroe County Vector Control informing the Supervisors that they are providing mosquito-surveillance and mosquito-control functions to reduce the risks of vectored diseases such as West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis.

b. Two letters were received from the Monroe County Conservation District informing the Supervisors that they have reviewed the application for the N.P.D.E.S. Permit and found it complete. They have also prepared the draft Individual N.P.D.E.S. Permit for the Spruce Lake Retreat Cabins Project.

c. A letter was received from the Monroe County Conservation District informing the Supervisors that they reviewed the Erosion and Sediment Control Plan for Perloff, 421 Golf Drive, and found it adequate.

d. It was noted that the Technical Memo Summary was received from the PA Department of Environmental Protection for the gas release incident on February 15, 2023, at Starner's Quik Shoppes.

Miscellaneous:

a. It was noted that certificates of insurance were received from Ace Electric, Inc., H & K Group, Inc., 209 Enterprises, Inc., Building Inspection Underwriters of PA, Inc., and MSG Associates, Inc.

Peter Pipolo thanked the Road Maintenance Department for taking care of the Hometown Hero banners. He discussed having more man-hours for the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Department at the Halloween Parade. He also asked if the meeting minutes were recorded and if there was any way to publish them because the meeting minutes are very vague. Pam Gardsy said they are looking into doing the meetings by Zoom, and the recordings would be made available to the public. Karl Stearn suggested forming a volunteer Task Force of residents to help the Supervisors get information to the public. Discussion was also held on the amount of money budgeted for the building permit fees and the reasons for the increase in 2025.

Ralph Megliola, Emergency Management Coordinator, discussed the recent power outages and creating a database of residents who need help during these events.

Pam Gardsy discussed updating the Township logo or designing a new one.

Pam Gardsy made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:35 a.m. to discuss personnel. The motion was seconded by Patti O'Keefe and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Pam Gardsy made a motion to reconvene the meeting at 9:51 a.m. The motion was seconded by Patti O'Keefe and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

As there was no further business or public comment, Patti O'Keefe made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 a.m. The motion was seconded by Pam Gardsy and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Terry Ruckert*