

**Barrett Township Supervisors
Minutes of Regular Meeting on July 10, 2024**

A Regular Meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, 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, Patti O'Keefe, Kelly Slinger, Darryl Speicher, John Seese, Solicitor Todd Weitzmann, Jeryl Rinehart, and the public.

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

The Minutes of the June 26, 2024 Meeting were approved on a motion made by Pam Gardsy and seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

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

- June 26, 2024 - General Fund - \$ 69,629.18, Park and Recreation Fund - \$ 2,640.47, Fire Fund - \$ 600.80, State Fund - \$ 5,099.67, Administrative/Recreation Fund - \$ 54,342.31, Open Space Fund - \$ 1,123.22, Library Fund - \$ 512.64, Ambulance Fund - \$ 170.67, LST Fund - \$ 1,840.56
- June 3, 2024 - General Fund - \$ 9,628.50, Park and Recreation Fund - \$ 252.73, Open Space Fund - \$ 119.95, Fire Fund - \$ 300.00

The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Reports:

a. The Treasurer's Report for June 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. (2), Zoning (8) and Building (11) Reports for June 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 Monthly Call Statistics for June 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.

d. The Roadmaster's Report for June was read. On a motion made by John Seese and seconded by Darryl Speicher and carried, the report was accepted as read. All Supervisors voted aye.

e. The High Acres Park Committee Meeting Minutes from June 11, 2024, were received. Pam Gardsy made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Old Business:

a. Solicitor Todd Weitzmann gave an update on the Disturbance of the Peace Ordinance. He has been researching and revising the draft ordinance for review at the next Supervisors Meeting.

b. Discussion was held on the update for the Solar Panels. Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve signing the agreement, contingent on Solicitor Todd Weitzmann's revisions. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

c. Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve the installation of the Fire Alarm Monitoring System in the amount of \$ 895.00 and the Wi-Fi monitoring in the amount of \$ 35.00 per month with Vector Security. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

d. Discussion was held on the Warren Miller Property. Louise Troutman sent a letter because she was unable to attend the meeting. She gave an update on the survey and informed the Supervisors that Warren Miller and his family have decided that they do not want any public access on their property. They will pay the \$ 15,000.00 endowment. The title search and the conservation easement are in progress and as soon as the survey is completed, they will close on the

property. Discussion was also held on whether there was sufficient public benefit from this open space project to justify paying the balance of the survey. Patti O'Keefe made a motion to pay for the balance of the survey in the amount of \$ 9,000.00. John Seese seconded the motion. Darryl Speicher abstained based on a conflict of interest. The vote was 2 in favor and 2 opposed. Because of the tie vote, Darryl Speicher was authorized to vote. He voted in favor and the motion carried with a vote of 3 to 2.

e. Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve the cost of \$ 1,880.00 for Troy Mechanical to install the sign on top of the stone pillars. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye. It was noted that because the height of the columns changed, the wooden sign on top is too small and a larger sign will need to be made.

f. Pam Gardsy made a motion to have Martin and Rogers do the design of the new generator and prepare the bid packet. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher and carried. All Supervisors voted aye. It was noted that Karl Weiler and the Weiler Family have donated \$ 22,500.00 to pay for the design.

g. Pam Gardsy made a motion to have Solicitor Todd Weitzmann advertise the cancellation of the Supervisors Workshop on Wednesday, July 17, 2024. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

New Business:

a. Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve the payroll for June 25, 2024, in the amount of \$ 22,657.97 for gross wages, \$ 695.60 for state liability, \$ 4,993.71 for federal tax liability and \$ 17,664.26 for net wages. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. John Seese made a motion to have Dylan Yerkes remove a dead ash tree in the amount of \$ 1,525.00 near the Forest Fire Crew Building on Route 191. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher and carried. All Supervisors voted aye. John Seese asked the Supervisors if they were interested in donating the Forest Fire Crew building and truck to them. John Seese made a motion to authorize Solicitor Todd Weitzmann to investigate the donation of the property. The motion was seconded by Patti O'Keefe and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

c. John Seese made a motion to have Troy Mechanical, Inc. repair the bridge in the amount of \$ 12,000.00 on Gravel Road. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

d. John Seese made a motion to approve the removal of the old swing set frame by Jennifer Velasquez. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Correspondence:

a. A letter was received from the PA Department of Transportation notifying the Supervisors of the National Bridge Inspection Standards and they will be doing inspections on the bridges on Monomonock Road and Glenmere Road.

b. A letter was received from PA DEP informing the Supervisors that the Surface Mining Permit for the Cresco Quarry Operation has been corrected to revise the Module 16: Blast Plan.

Miscellaneous:

a. It was noted that a certificate of insurance was received from Wayco, Inc.

David Niper was present to complain about the condition of the Pocono Plateau Road.

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Pam Gardsy made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:17 p.m. to discuss personnel. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

John Seese made a motion to reconvene the meeting at 6:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Pam Gardsy and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

As there was no further business or public comment, Darryl Speicher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m. The motion was seconded by Pam Gardsy and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeryl Rinehart