

**Barrett Township Supervisors
Minutes of Regular Meeting on June 26, 2024**

A Regular Meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday, June 26, 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.

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

Pam Gardsy made a motion to amend the agenda to include the time-sensitive matter of the Fireworks Permit application for Camp Canadensis. This was added to New Business, Section e. Also added was the Johnson Control Agreement. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

The Regular Meeting Minutes for June 12, 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:

- June 12, 2024 – General Fund - \$ 18,607.89, Park and Recreation Fund - \$ 593.79, Road Machinery Fund - \$ 37,726.19, State Fund - \$ 435.78, Administrative/Recreation Fund – \$ 52,827.00
- June 19, 2024 – General Fund - \$ 35,594.86, Open Space Fund - \$ 129.83, Library Fund – \$ 857.12, Ambulance Fund - \$ 285.37, Fire Fund – \$ 1,423.19

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

Reports:

a. The Roadmaster's Report for May 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.

b. The Police Report for May 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.

c. The Ambulance Report was read. For the month of May, PMR EMS responded to 43 incidents in Barrett Township, bringing the year-to-date to 215. PMR EMS responded to a total of 563 incidents in May, bringing the year-to-date to 2933. 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 adopt Resolution No. 062624, establishing a maximum of \$ 100 for cash payments accepted for Township taxes and other debts. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. The Solar Project for B.A.R.C. was discussed. A grant in the amount of \$ 300,000.00 was received. The upfront payment is \$ 756,000.00. The Township will receive federal money back for going solar, and P.P. & L. will reimburse the Township with additional funds. There will also be a yearly reimbursement from P.P. & L. In the end, the Township will spend \$ 297,000.00 and there will be a savings of approximately \$ 3,000 per month for electricity. Pam Gardsy made a motion to utilize the loan for capital purchases to fund the Solar Project in the amount of \$ 450,000.00, contingent on the structural engineer's determination. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

New Business:

a. Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve the payroll for June 11, 2024, in the amount of \$ 20,679.09 for gross wages, \$ 634.84 for state tax liability, \$ 4,563.43 for federal tax liability and \$ 16,115.66 for net wages. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve the Fireworks Permit for Buck Hill Falls Company on Thursday, July 4, 2024, at 9:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

c. Pam Gardsy made a motion to accept the Monroe County Control Center 2023 Annual Audit. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

d. John Seese made a motion to lease a new color copier from Office Direct in the amount of \$ 127.00 per month. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

e. Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve the Fireworks Permit for Camp Canadensis on Thursday, July 4, 2024, at 9:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Correspondence:

a. Pam Gardsy made a motion to participate in the Meals on Wheels Household Essentials Drive. The motion was seconded by John Seese and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

b. A letter was received from PA DEP informing the Supervisors that they reviewed and approved the Spruce Lake Retreat Cabins Project for the Act 537 Revision to the Official Sewage Plan.

c. A letter was received from the Kettle Creek Environmental Fund thanking the Supervisors for their donation.

Miscellaneous:

a. It was noted that a certificate of insurance was received from Scott Stephens.

Discussion was held on PA DEP's interest in renting space at B.A.R.C.

Pam Gardsy reported that a company called Ken's Crew, which works doing job placement for young adults, will be renting Room # 2 for two days of training, Wednesday, July 10th, and Thursday, July 11th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Pam Gardsy made a motion to approve and sign the agreement in the amount of \$ 3,200.00 per year with Johnson Control to cover the equipment for the fire system. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Kelly Slinger reported that the Rotary Club's Concert in the Park will be held on Tuesday, July 9th, at B.A.R.C.

Darryl Speicher reported that the Barrett Township Historical Society's Train Excursion has been rescheduled to Sunday, August 25th.

As there was no further business or public comment, Pam Gardsy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 a.m. The motion was seconded by Kelly Slinger and carried. All Supervisors voted aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teryl Ranehart