

Barrett Township Supervisors
Minutes of Regular Meeting on February 11, 2026 – 6:30 P.M.

1. Executive session was held from 5:30pm – 6:30pm to discuss personnel and litigation.
2. A regular meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday February 11, 2026, at the Administrative Offices on Route 390 in Cresco, PA. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Patti O’Keefe

Present: Patti O’Keefe, Bill Pipolo, Darryl Speicher, Nichole Irvin, and the public.

Guest: Todd Weitzmann, Township Solicitor

Absent: Grant Hilfiger

3. Patti O’Keefe opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

****An amendment to the agenda was addressed by Patti O’Keefe to include a motion to approve an item for the Barrett Maintenance/Road Crew Dept.****

4. Patti O’Keefe addressed public comments on the agenda items. There were none.
5. Patti O’Keefe made a motion to approve the Supervisor Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2026. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.
6. Patti O’Keefe made a motion to approve the Supervisor Workshop Minutes of January 28, 2026. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.
7. Patti O’Keefe made a motion to approve the EAC Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2026. The motion was seconded by Bill Pipolo. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.
8. Patti O’Keefe read the bills for January 27, 2026, and February 4, 2026. Darryl Speicher made a motion to accept the bills for January 27, 2026. The motion was seconded by Patti O’Keefe. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried. Patti O’Keefe read the bills for February 4, 2026. The only bill was from General Fund for \$18, 601.03. Patti O’Keefe made a motion to accept the payment of the bill. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

Bills from January 27, 2026	
- General: \$41,993.12	- Open Space: \$85.00
- Fire: \$5,269.43	- Library: \$958.09
- Park: \$85.00	- Ambulance: \$389.69

9. Reports

- a. Bill Pipolo made a motion to table the payroll for pay period ending February 3, 2026, stating that Grant Hilfiger was not present to discuss his questions about the payroll. The motion was seconded by Patti O’Keefe. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

b. Patti O’Keefe read the Barrett permits issued report for January 2026. Patti O’Keefe made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

Permits Issued – January 2026

- Building Permits – 1
- Zoning Permits – 3
- Septic – 1
- Short Term Rental - 15

c. (refer to permits issued)

d. Darryl Speicher discussed the Barrett Road Crew report including:

- preventative maintenance on trucks (washing, rinsing, etc.)
- plow and cinder during winter events
- service township equipment
- tree/brush clean-up from winds
- install speed limit signs at BARC
- receive 240 tons salt at maint.

General reminders to residents:

- Please refrain from placing trash cans in the roadway during snow emergencies
- Please refrain from plowing, blowing, or shoveling snow in the roadway
- Prior to snow emergencies, please ensure that your mailbox is securely fixed to the post
- Unless you have to get on the road, please stay home and let the road crews do their job keeping the residents of Barrett Township safe.

Patti O’Keefe made a motion to approve the road report. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

e. Patti O’Keefe discussed the December 2025 Pocono Mountain Regional Police Report for Barrett Township. Patti O’Keefe mentioned that compared to the total 133 criminal incidents in the department total, 8 of them were in Barrett Township. Patti O’Keefe made a motion to accept the police report. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

December 2025 Police Report	
- Total Calls:92	- Total Calls YTD: 1055
- Criminal Arrests: 1	- Criminal Arrests YTD: 47
- Traffic Arrests: 5	- Traffic Arrests YTD: 161
- Vehicle Code Warnings: 12	- Vehicle Code Warnings YTD: 179
- Ordinance Arrests: 2	- Ordinance Arrests YTD: 8

f. Patti O’Keefe read the January 2026 Pocono Mountain EMS Report noting that 42 calls were dispatched to Barrett Township to date in 2026 and 582 calls were dispatched within the service area. Patti O’Keefe made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Bill Pipolo. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

g. Patti O’Keefe read the Monroe County Control Center report for overdoses, which were none. Patti O’Keefe made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

10. Old Business

a. The supervisors acknowledged the Waiver of Time Decision for Green Gables Land Development. Bill Pipolo abstained from comment as he was not appointed at the time of approval.

11. New Business

a. Patti O’Keefe made a motion to adopt the Resolution accepting the Monroe County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The motion was seconded by Bill Pipolo. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

b. Patti O’Keefe explained the Deputy Tax Collector resolution which is meant to appoint an individual to fulfil the duties of the Tax Collector in the event the current Tax Collector can no longer fulfil their duties. The Deputy Tax Collector resolution appoints Gratz Washelik. Patti O’Keefe made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

c. Patti O’Keefe made a motion to approve the Berkheimer Resolution appointing Janine Sopko, Barrett Township Administrative Assistant, as its authorized representative. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

d. Patti O’Keefe discussed the recent joining of Advanced Codes USA as Barrett Township BCO consultant and made a motion to accept their fee schedule. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

e. Patti O’Keefe amended the agenda at this time to include a motion to purchase a fuel tank for a Township maintenance vehicle, as well as the purchase of a truck cab. Darryl Speicher included that the truck cab purchase will be \$3,300.00 with installation being done by maintenance. Darryl Speicher included the fuel tank cost will be \$1,350.00. Darryl Speicher made a motion to accept the purchases totaling \$4,650.00. The motion was seconded by Patti O’Keefe. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

f. Patti O’Keefe made a motion to approve the Holiday Craft Fair Date at BARC of November 14, 2026. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

g. Patti O’Keefe made a motion to approve the Breakfast with Santa date at BARC of December 12, 2026. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

h. Patti O’Keefe made a motion to approve the Johnson Controls Proposal and Service contract to replace (1) Audible Visible Device in the women’s restroom near rm. 53 at BARC that failed at the most recent fire alarm inspection. The cost of replacement will be \$320.00. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. All supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

i. Patti O’Keefe discussed the “Pick Up the Poconos” event on Earth Day, April 25, 2026 that will be happening at the Earth Day Celebration at High Acres Park.

12. Correspondence

a. Monroe County Conservation District letter – Matthewson Residence; NPDES permit inspection

b. Monroe County 2025 Mosquito Season Summary discussion. It was noted that 4 samples from 1 site returned positive results for West Nile Virus from July to September and was identified in Barrett Township. It was encouraged by the Supervisors to reduce any standing water.

13. Miscellaneous/Non-Agenda Business:

a. Anna Lopez – Candidate for PA State Representative visit at next weeks workshop

b. Certificates of Insurance

- Frank Crum – Big Wave Roofing and Solar
- Corbin Electric Services, Inc.
- A wiz inc.

14. Public Comment:

Mark Fisher: Do we know the expected longevity of the repairs on the maintenance vehicles?

Darryl explained that the maintenance crews do need new vehicles, and he would like to work on the budget to see how to better fund maintenance. Bill Pipolo explained that Grant Hilfiger did go over maintenance to go over the truck and found that the frame, motor, and transmission is in good condition as well as brakes. He expected a few more years out of the vehicle.

Jeff Price: I wanted to let you know that one of the bigger trucks blew up on one of the last snows.

Darryl explained that the truck wasn't in great condition last year, but it did pass inspection.

Nate Covington: Asking if the motion could be passed about the Green Gables Land Development since Bill Pipolo abstained from the vote; referencing votes that were tabled at reorganization due to not having enough votes.

Todd Weitzmann explained that it was actually an acknowledgement because it was the applicant who was granting the extension, not the Supervisors.

Gerri Murphy: How long is the extension [for green gables]?

The supervisors explained it was April 9, 2026

Mark Fisher: Requesting a full reinspection of 180 Glenmere Dr. for building, zoning, and property maintenance. Including asking about a PILOT program in lieu of taxes on the parcels associated.

Patti O'Keefe informed Mark that the supervisors would look into the PILOT program. Nichole Irvin requested any and all zoning or building matters to be submitted on a Township complaint form so that it can be shared with Advanced Code officially for BCO matters.

Bill Pipolo stated he was thankful to Jenn Amantea and the BTCC (Barrett Township Citizens Coalition) for their numerous hours of research and working with the Township and Nichole.

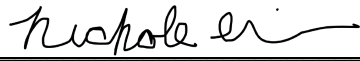
Jenn Amantea said she and BTCC has 90 or more STR complaints.

Anna Lopez: Stated she is a candidate for Pennsylvania State Representatives and a Director on the Pocono Mountain School Board. She said that she was supposed to be on the agenda for next week, but people have been calling her to come sooner so that she could let people know that she is running.

Krista Paolucci: Invited the BOS and Township staff to an "open house" to see the progress they have made over the last year.

Patti O'Keefe made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM. The motion was seconded by Darryl Speicher. All Supervisors voted aye and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Nichole Irvin".

Nichole Irvin

Zoning Officer/Recording Secretary