

Borough of Robesonia Council

Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2025

The regular advertised meeting of the Borough of Robesonia Council was held on Monday, November 3, 2025 at the Robesonia Borough Hall located at 75 S. Brooke Street Robesonia, PA. The following Council members attended:

Harvey W. Marshall, President
Mark Spotts, Vice President
Matthew Miller, President Pro-Tem
Jame Burrus - Absent
Jerry Laboranti
Michael Martin
David Bright

Also in attendance; South Heidelberg Detective Robert Heiden, Solicitor Andrew George, and Borough Manager Elizabeth Miller.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by President, Harvey Marshall with the pledge of allegiance.

Recording of Meeting

Beth Sattizahn and Terri Groff stated that they were recording the meeting.

Meeting Minutes

- A motion was made by Michael Martin to approve the October 6, 2025 Council meeting minutes and the October 20, 2025 Council Workshop meeting minutes. Seconded by Jerry Laboranti. Motion carried.

Bills:

- A motion was made by David Bright to pay and ratify the bills from October 7, 2025 to November 3, 2025. Seconded by Michael Martin. Motion carried.

Police Report

- Detective Robert Heiden in place of Police Chief Matthew Hook gave Council a summary of his October police report.

Scheduled Guests:

- Steve Bright representing the Womelsdorf Robesonia Joint Authority presented Council with a Letter of Support to re-appoint Barbara Orth to the Board next month.

Solicitor

- A motion was made by Michael Martin to adopt Ordinance 2025-3 to extend the life of the Robesonia Wernersville Joint Sewer Authority for fifty years. Seconded by Matthew Miller. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Michael Martin to execute the Deed of Dedication for Smokering Drive. Seconded by Mark Spotts. Motion carried.

Engineer

- The Council reviewed the monthly Inspector's and Engineer's Reports.
- Council had a lengthy discussion regarding the lease agreement between Robesonia Borough and the Furnace Hill Community Association for the usage of the community room within the Borough garage. The lease agreement was tabled and the Borough will have a legal review done prior to a decision.
- After reviewing a recommendation letter from Technicon Enterprises, a motion was made by David Bright to approve a security release in the amount of \$91,586.75 and establish a maintenance security in the amount of \$89,974.80 for Furnace Village I & II. Seconded by Mark Spotts. Motion carried.

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Planning Commission

- The next Planning Commission meeting will be held on November 19, 2025 if necessary.

Manager

- No new business at this time.

Committee Reports

Finance Administration:

- A motion was made by Michael Martin to authorize the advertisement of the proposed budget for 2026. Seconded by Matthew Miller. Motion carried. The proposed budget will be posted on the Boroughs Facebook and website for residents to view and submit any questions or comments.

Personnel:

- Council agreed to advertise for Part-Time Snow Plow Drivers. The Borough Manager and Roadmaster will interview and recommend individuals to Council.

Public Safety:

- Michael Martin stated that the Pioneer Hose Fire Company is in the middle of their donation period.

Streets/Highway/Building/Sewers Committee:

- A motion was made by Michael Martin for the Borough to purchase a 2011 GMC pickup truck from Heidelberg Township for \$15,500. The Borough will use this truck in addition to the other vehicles for snow removal since a plow is included in the purchase. Seconded by Matthew Miller. Motion carried.
- After a discussion, Council decided to table the issue of paving the base drain installation in a section of South Church Street until additional questions are answered.
- A motion was made by Mark Spotts to amend the current agenda. Seconded by Matthew Miller. Motion carried. A motion was made by Matthew Miller to approve the Borough garage roof repair which is an emergency repair due to it leaking. The repair will be under \$10,000.00 and PPL will be contributing around \$5,000.00 due to damage caused. Seconded by Michael Martin. Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation:

- Matthew Miller will organize and be in charge of the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and House Decorating Contest at this time due to Parks & Recreation currently being dis-banded. Jerry Laboranti will assist as well.

Shade Tree Commission:

- No new business at this time.

Robesonia Community Library Report:

- President, Leslie Pirl Roth provided Council with an update of upcoming library fundraising events. Leslie also asked that Council re-appoint Cheryl Mack to the Library Board next month.

Old Business

- A motion was made by David Bright to accept Perry Lloyds letter of resignation with regret. Seconded by Jerry Laboranti. Motion carried
 - David Bright, representing the Robesonia Municipal Authority stated that the Board would suggest to Council to appoint Elizabeth Miller to fill Perry Lloyds term. A motion was made by Michael Martin to appoint Elizabeth Miller. Seconded by David Bright. Matthew Miller abstained. Motion carried.
- Elizabeth Miller stated that the Borough is awaiting an official quote from General Code on ordinance codification.

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- Council will continue to review the information provided by Technicon Enterprises regarding a Test and Learn Enforcement Program and then discuss further.
- Harvey Marshall reported that a meeting has been scheduled to discuss the Boroughs shade tree ordinance.
- The paperwork will be filed with Reading-Berks Auto Club Foundation with suggestions used from last month's meeting.
- The review and adoption of a new Parks & Recreation Board ordinance has not been completed yet.

Council Member Reports

- Marshall:
 - Harvey Marshall had a discussion with Council regarding the issue of feral cats in the Borough. Council reviewed an email and potential contract with No Nonsense Neutering for their review.
 - A motion was made by Matthew Miller to approve a resolution to be prepared to go along with the LSA Grant that will be filed to seek a new truck. This resolution allows the Borough Manager and Borough Council President to sign paperwork and be in charge of the process. Seconded by Michael Martin. Motion carried.
- Spotts:
 - Per a notice that was sent to the Borough regarding the Grande remediation and building plans, Mark Spotts suggested that the Borough Engineer notify the appropriate parties that the Borough would like to be involved in the entire process. All of Council were in agreeance.

Authorities: The following Reports/Minutes were received.

- Robesonia Municipal Authority Meeting Minutes & Treasurer's Report
- Womelsdorf-Robesonia Joint Water Authority Meeting Minutes & Treasurer's Report
- Robesonia-Wernersville Municipal Authority Meeting Minutes
- Western Berks Ambulance Report

Public Comment

- Beth Sattizahn read a statement regarding her previous censure resolution.
- Cindy Murdough encouraged citizens to continue to participate in Borough affairs.
- Dave Fegley asked a question regarding Western Berks Ambulance.
- Charlia Koch encouraged Council to utilize the microphones properly.
- Tracy Rice questioned if the playground inspection had yet taken place and expressed meeting concerns.
- Barry Kolbach had a discussion with Council regarding North Church Street parking concerns.
- Dave Bartomalucci had a discussion with Council regarding the feral cat issue and concerns.

Adjourn of Meeting

A motion was made by David Bright to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 PM. Seconded by Matthew Miller. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Miller
Borough Manager
Robesonia Borough