

Borough of Robesonia Council

Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2025

The regular advertised meeting of the Borough of Robesonia Council was held on Monday, October 6, 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
Jerry Laboranti - Absent
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 7:00 PM by President, Harvey Marshall with the pledge of allegiance.

Meeting Minutes

- A motion was made by Michael Martin to approve the September 2, 2025 Council meeting minutes. Seconded by Jame Burrus. David Bright abstained due to absence. Motion carried.

Bills:

- A motion was made by David Bright to pay and ratify the bills from September 3, 2025 to October 5, 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 September police report.

Scheduled Guests:

- None

Solicitor

- A motion was made by Jame Burrus to authorize advertising an ordinance to extend the life of the Joint Sewer Authority (Robesonia Wernersville Municipal Authority) for fifty years. Seconded by Mark Spotts. Motion carried.
- Mark Spotts made a motion to accept the letter of resignation from Perry Lloyd from the Robesonia Municipal Authority. Seconded by David Bright. After a discussion, Mark Spotts withdrew his previously made motion. Council will table this item until the Robesonia Municipal Authority can find a replacement.

Engineer

- The Council reviewed the monthly Inspector's and Engineer's Reports.
- Lindsey Holzman-Hain who resides at 310 South Freeman Street addressed Council regarding a letter she received from Technicon which discussed the parking of a RV/Major Vehicle on the street. After a lengthy discussion, Council decided to have a code enforcement officer go to the property to show the owner the property setbacks and discuss a grace period for removal.

Planning Commission

- The next Planning Commission meeting will be held on October 15, 2025 if necessary.

Manager

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- Council decided Trick or Treat Night in Robesonia Borough will take place on Friday, August 31st from 6:00 – 9:00 PM.
- After a recommendation from the Borough Manager, David Bright made a motion to hire Heather Eby as a Part-Time Secretary/Clerical Assistant. Seconded by Mark Spotts. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Finance Administration:

- The Finance Committee presented Council with a draft 2026 budget for their review.

Personnel:

- No new business at this time.

Public Safety:

- Michael Martin stated that the Pioneer Hose Fire Company donation letters have been sent out to residences.

Streets/Highway/Building/Sewers Committee:

- A motion was made by Matthew Miller to approve the handicap parking application that was received for 101 East Penn Avenue. Seconded by Jerry Laboranti. Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation:

- Elizabeth Miller read the Chairmans Report on behalf of Matthew Miller.

Shade Tree Commission:

- A motion was made by Mark Spotts to approve bids presented from the Shade Tree Commission for work totaling \$3,000.00. Seconded by Michael Martin. Motion carried.

Robesonia Community Library Report:

- President, Leslie Pirl Roth provided Council with an update of upcoming library fundraising events.

Old Business

- Elizabeth Miller stated that the Borough is awaiting an official quote from General Code on ordinance codification.
- Council will continue to review the information provided by Technicon Enterprises regarding a Test and Learn Enforcement Program and then discuss further.
- A motion was made by Jame Burrus to post the perimeter of the remediation project grounds until the Borough comes up with a plan for the property. Seconded by Matthew Miller. Motion carried.
- Elizabeth Miller stated that email addresses were created for each Council member. The email addresses will be posted on the Boroughs website.
- Harvey Marshall reported that a meeting will soon be scheduled to discuss the Boroughs shade tree ordinance.
- Mark Spotts suggested that Council contact The Reading-Berks Auto Club Foundation and see if the Borough would be eligible to receive a portable radar speed sign. Elizabeth Miller will look into this.
- A motion was made by Mark Spotts to appoint Yuri Topolnicki as the alternate for the Zoning Hearing Board. Seconded by Jame Burrus. Motion carried.

Council Member Reports

- Mayor:
 - A motion was made by Michael Martin to approve Mayor Rodney Soliday to write a letter to Major General John R. Pippy to see if it would be possible to have a helicopter fly over during the local Veterans Walk. Seconded by Jame Burrus. Motion carried.
- Marshall:

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- Harvey Marshall presented Council with a potential 5-year municipal agreement with Western Berks Ambulance to provide emergency ambulance services to residents of the Borough for Council to review. Harvey Marshall stated that there is money allocated for this in the proposed budget for 2026. Mark Spotts suggested that this item be placed on the December agenda once the budget is approved. All of Council was in agreeance.
- Burrus:
 - A motion was made by Jame Burrus to approve the quote from Safe4Play for \$975 to perform an official inspection of the Borough playground. Seconded by Matthew Miller. Motion carried.
- Bright:
 - A motion was made by David Bright to discontinue any further consideration of an “all-inclusive” playground until and if the Borough decides to reconsider this as an option for the replacement of the playground equipment at the Borough playground. Seconded by Jame Burrus. Motion carried.

Authorities: The following Reports/Minutes were received.

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

Public Comment

- Terri Groff thanked Harvey for removing the no outlet sign near her property. Terri also stated that she believes two more individuals should be added to the Parks & Recreation Board.
- Beth Sattizahn expressed her disappointed on Councils decision to no longer pursue the all-inclusive playground replacement project. She also stated that she believes tree roots raising sidewalks are a concern in the Borough.

Executive Session

- Council entered into an Executive Session at 8:24 PM to discuss personnel issues.
- The regularly scheduled meeting reconvened at 8:56 PM with no action taken at this time.

Adjourn of Meeting

A motion was made by Jame Burrus to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 PM. Seconded by Matthew Miller. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Miller
Borough Manager
Robesonia Borough