

# Borough of Robesonia Council

## Workshop Meeting Minutes

### April 20, 2026

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The regularly advertised Workshop Meeting of the Borough of Robesonia Council was held on Monday, April 20, 2026 at the Robesonia Borough Hall located at 75 S. Brooke Street Robesonia, PA. The following Council members attended:

**Mark Spotts, President**  
**Randall Gartner, Vice-President**  
**Harvey Marshall**  
**Matthew Miller**  
**James Burrus - VIA Phone**  
**Beth Sattizahn**  
**John Schoener**  
**Mayor Dennis Rick**

Staff: Borough Manager Elizabeth Miller, Secretary Amanda Sechrist

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by President Mark Spotts with the pledge to the flag.

#### Recording of Meeting:

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

#### Matters of Business:

- Conrad Weiser Community Pool:
  - The Borough Manager reviewed for Council previous years of expenditures regarding the Conrad Weiser Community Pool. Council had a lengthy discussion regarding the pros and cons of purchasing pool passes, community nights and playground program days. A motion was made by Harvey Marshall to purchase 200 pool passes, two community nights and two playground program days for a total of \$5,000.00. Seconded by Jame Burrus. The motion failed to carry by a vote of 3-4. President Spotts will reach out to Kevin Snyder and discuss other purchasing options.
- Playground Replacement Project Options:
  - Council had a lengthy discussion regarding the future of replacing the Borough playground. Matthew Miller and Harvey Marshall stated that they reviewed the playground equipment and have come up with a repair plan. President Spotts stated that the deficiencies identified in the recent inspection report do not necessitate a closure of the playground. Beth Sattizahn asked that her concerns for the Boroughs liability be noted on the record. President Spotts also recommended that Council decide how much they are willing to allocate toward a new playground going forward in the 2027 budget. Council will continue to discuss and debate this matter.
- 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration Update:
  - Beth Sattizahn provided an update on the Borough's participation in the 250th Celebration. Beth emphasized the importance of community involvement and issued a call for volunteers from Council and the community to assist with the upcoming festivities.
- Shade Tree Ordinance:
  - Jame Burrus discussed his concern regarding the Borough's current Shade Tree Ordinance. Jame suggested Council consider removing the ordinance entirely.
- Snow Emergency Ordinance:
  - Council had a discussion regarding an updated, draft snow emergency ordinance prepared by Jame Burrus.

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#### Council Members Reports

- Mayor:
  - Mayor Dennis Rick introduced Tim Crouse as the Boroughs new Public Works Supervisor. Tim's first day will be Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Spotts:
  - President Spotts welcomed Tim Crouse to the Borough.
- Miller:
  - Matthew Miller made a statement regarding a Facebook post which spread lies and inaccuracies concerning the upcoming Borough Car Show. Matthew Miller clarified the facts of the event and corrected the misinformation presented on social media. Randy Gartner suggested discussing with the Borough Solicitor if any legal action can be taken.
- Sattizahn:

Beth Sattizahn recognized everyone involved in the recent production of *Les Misérables* at the high school, inquired about the proper complaint process with Technicon, including the correct procedures and timeline for issuing a Notice of Violation and questioned whether or not the Borough had a policy on relationship thresholds for hiring services or employees. She was invited by President Spotts to bring a potential policy to Council for consideration.

#### Public Comment

David Bright: David Bright inquired about resident interest in an all-inclusive playground.

Tracy Rice: Tracy Rice inquired about Heidelberg Townships contribution to the playground program and informed the Borough of a County MS4 "Swag Bus."

David Randler: David Randler addressed Council regarding his tenants and potential complaints related to his property.

#### Executive Session

Council entered into an Executive Session at 8:55 PM to discuss personnel matters.

The meeting reconvened at 9:07 PM with no action taken.

#### Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 9:08 PM by Harvey Marshall. Seconded by Randy Gartner. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Miller  
Borough Manager  
Robesonia Borough