

# Borough of Robesonia Council

## Meeting Minutes

### June 5, 2023

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The regular advertised meeting of the Borough of Robesonia Council was held on Monday, June 5, 2023 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  
Jamie Burrus  
Dean Johnson  
Michael Martin  
Matthew Miller  
Tracy Rice  
Mayor Rodney Soliday - Absent

Staff: Solicitor Andrew George, Secretary/Treasurer Elizabeth Miller.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Harvey Marshall with the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes: A motion was made by Michael Martin to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2023 Council Workshop Meeting. Seconded by Dean Johnson. Motion carried.

Bills: A motion was made by Michael Martin to pay and ratify the bills from May 2 to June 5, 2023. Seconded by Mark Spotts. Motion carried.

#### Police Report

- Chief Matthew Hook highlighted and reviewed his May Police Report for the Council.

Citizens and Visitors: Sign in sheet is available upon request.

Elsa Wertz: Elsa Wertz had a discussion with the Council regarding emergency evacuation plans and procedures.

David Bright: David Bright reported that the POS of A will hold a Flag Retirement Ceremony on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 8 AM.

Tim Rowe: Tim Rowe had a discussion with the engineer with regards to the PennDOT permitting for Wawa. Mr. Rowe had additional questions regarding the flood management plan.

Attorney Jonathan Long: Attorney Jonathan Long stated that he was representing Mike Manno in regards to the Maple Avenue Apartments. Attorney Long addressed the Council and read a statement of Mr. Manno's concerns with regards to the development of the Maple Avenue Apartments.

#### Solicitor's Report

- School Crossing Guard Ordinance: A motion was made by Mark Spotts to approve Ordinance No. 2023-1 which states a Crossing Guard will be placed at the intersection of Robeson Street and Penn Avenue. Seconded by Dean Johnson. Motion carried.
- Draft Ordinance for Penn Avenue parking prohibition: A motion was made by Dean Johnson to authorize Attorney George to do what is necessary to advertise the draft ordinance for Penn Avenue

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parking prohibition for possible adoption at the July 3 Council Meeting. Seconded by Matthew Miller. Motion carried.

- Draft Ordinance for vacation of portion of West Maple Alley: A motion was made by Mark Spotts to authorize Attorney George to do what is necessary to advertise the draft ordinance for vacation of a portion of West Maple Alley for possible adoption at the July 3 Council Meeting. Seconded by Matthew Miller. Motion carried.

#### Engineer's Report

- The Council reviewed the monthly Inspector's and Engineer's Reports.

#### Planning Commission

- The next Planning Commission meeting will be held on June 21, 2023 if needed.
- Maple Avenue Apartments Preliminary Plan and Revised Sketch Plan: After a discussion, a motion was made by Michael Martin to approve the Maple Avenue Apartments Preliminary Plan conditioned upon making Maple Avenue an emergency access and the comments in the Technicon Enterprises Inc., II review letter dated May 31, 2023. Roll call vote: Jamie Burrus, yes. Michael Martin, yes. Matthew Miller, yes. Harvey Marshall, yes. Mark Spotts, yes. Dean Johnson, yes. Tracy Rice, yes. Motion carried.

#### Secretary

- Robesonia Shade Tree Commission Quote: The following quotes were received for tree trimming:
  - Stoltzfus Professional Tree Service, Inc. - \$1,100.00
  - Northern Berks Tree Service - \$1,500.00
  - Schuylkill Tree and Landscape - \$2,000.00

A motion was made by Michael Martin to award the quote dated April 10, 2023 to Stoltzfus Professional Tree Service, Inc. Seconded by Mark Spotts. Motion carried.

- Trinity Lutheran Church: A motion was made by Mark Spotts to approve Trinity Lutheran Church to use the Borough Pavilion at no charge on September 17<sup>th</sup> for a Sunday School lunch. Seconded by Matthew Miller. Motion carried.
- Field of Dreams Baseball Game: A motion was made by Michael Martin to approve use of the Borough baseball field for the yearly Field of Dreams game and practices on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by Tracy Rice. Motion carried.
- Hiring of Playground Leaders: A motion was made by Michael Martin to hire Tyler Kissling and Bella Auchenbach as Playground Leaders. Seconded by Matthew Miller. Motion carried.

#### Committee Reports

##### Finance Administration:

- No report.

##### Personnel:

- No report.

##### Streets/Highway/Building/Sewers Committee:

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- Street line painting has been completed in the Borough.

#### Public Safety:

- The Public Safety Committee will meet Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM.

#### Parks and Recreation:

- Berks County Conservation District review fee of \$1,835.00 for ENS Application for Playground Replacement Project: This matter is tabled at this time with no action taken.
- The Playground Program will begin on Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Community Nights at the CW Pool will be July 8<sup>th</sup> and August 12<sup>th</sup>.
- The Robesonia Street Fair will be June 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### Library Board Liaison:

- The library has hired a new Director.
- Carol Werkheiser will no longer be the Library Board Liaison. Council will pick a replacement who will also sit on the Library Board.

#### Council Member Reports

- Spotts
  - Robesonia-Wernersville-Womelsdorf Council of Governments (COG): A motion was made by Dean Johnson to approve Term 4 (c) in the Robesonia-Wernersville-Womelsdorf Council of Government refuse/recycling agreement dated November 21, 2019. The second extension Term shall commence on January 1, 2024 and end on December 31, 2024. The price increase will be per the CPI as of June 1, 2023. Seconded by Jamie Burrus. Motion carried.
- Miller
  - No Turn Around Sign for Tot Lot Parking Lot: A motion was made by Michael Martin to purchase a no turn around sign to be put at the Tot Lot parking lot. Seconded by Mark Spotts. Motion carried.

Communications: The following Reports/Minutes were received.

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

#### Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:32 PM by Michael Martin. Seconded by Dean Johnson. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Miller  
Robesonia Borough, Secretary