

# Borough of Robesonia Council

## Meeting Minutes

### July 1, 2024

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The regular advertised meeting of the Borough of Robesonia Council was held on Monday, July 1, 2024 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  
Dean Johnson - Absent  
Michael Martin  
Mayor Rodney Soliday

Staff: Solicitor Andrew George and Borough Manager Elizabeth Miller.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Harvey Marshall with the pledge of allegiance.

#### Swearing in of David Bright to the Vacant Council Seat

- Mayor Rodney Soliday swore in David Bright to the vacant seat on Borough Council. David Bright took his seat the Council table and Council congratulated David on his appointment.

#### Meeting Minutes

- A motion was made by Mark Spotts to approve the June 3, 2024 Council meeting minutes. Seconded by Matthew Miller. Motion carried. David Bright abstained.
- A motion was made by Mark Spotts to approve the June 17, 2024 Council workshop meeting minutes. Seconded by Matthew Miller. Motion carried. David Bright abstained.

#### Bills:

- A motion was made by Michael Martin to pay and ratify the bills from June 4, 2024 to July 1, 2024. Seconded by Jame Burrus. Motion carried. David Bright abstained.

#### Police Report

- Police Chief Matthew Hook summarized the June Police Report for Council.
- Chief Hook reported that the National Night Out will be held on August 6, 2024 at 5:30 PM.

#### Scheduled Guests:

No scheduled guests.

#### Solicitor's Report

- Proposed Ordinance Amendment: Borough Council reviewed the proposed Ordinance amending the Keeping of Pets, Section 403.D.11 prior to the hearing that will be held on July 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. A quorum is needed for this meeting. This proposed ordinance will affect Marion Township only; however, all five municipalities; Robesonia Borough, Heidelberg Township, North Heidelberg

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Township, Marion Township and Womelsdorf Borough in the Western Berks Joint Zoning must agree.

#### Engineer's Report

- The Council reviewed the monthly Inspector's and Engineer's Reports.
- Letter of Support for BCPC to Apply for Grant Funding to Update the Western Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan: A motion was made by Michael Martin for the Borough to write a letter of support for the Berks County Planning Commission to apply for grant funding to update the Western Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan. Seconded by Matthew Miller. Motion carried.

#### Planning Commission

- The next Planning Commission meeting will be held on July 17, 2024 if necessary.

#### Manager

- TextMyGov Proposal: Manager, Elizabeth Miller, presented to Council a proposal from TextMyGov which would be used to notify residents of ongoing or upcoming events within the Borough through text messaging. Borough Council had a discussion and decided to table the proposal for now while they continue to consider.

#### Committee Reports

##### Finance Administration:

- Meeting minutes for review.

##### Personnel:

- No new business at this time.

##### Public Safety:

- No new business at this time.

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

- No new business at this time.

##### Parks and Recreation:

- Parks and Recreation Board members Harvey Marshall and Elizabeth Miller gave an update on upcoming Parks & Recreation events in the Borough.

##### Library Board Liaison:

- No new business at this time.

#### Council Member Reports

- No Council Member or Mayor reports at this time.

Authorities: The following Reports/Minutes were received.

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

#### Public Comment

- Beth Sattizahn: Beth Sattizahn had several questions and comments for Borough Council including the suggestion of purchasing a microphone for meetings and which building code is used for code enforcement in the Borough.
- Terri Groff: Terry Groff stated that there is a ditch on Mountain Road that is accumulating water. Harvey Marshall stated that the Streets Department will look into it.
- Susie Zerbe: Susie Zerbe suggested that the Borough look into other spay and neuter programs. Harvey Marshall and Elizabeth Miller will look into this issue.
- Leslie Pirl-Roth: Leslie Pirl-Roth stated that the library looks forward to hearing back from the Borough regarding the library lease agreement.
- Tracy Rice: Tracy Rice asked if the Borough had applied for the MRC grant for the playground replacement project which Harvey Marshall stated, yes. Tracy Rice also suggested updating the Western Berks Joint Zoning.
- David Randler: David Randler read a statement to Council and the citizens regarding his volunteering and service on the Library Board, Parks & Recreation Board, Conrad Weiser Community Pool and the Robesonia Municipal Authority. David Randler stated that effective immediately he is resigning from the Library Board, Parks & Recreation Board and Robesonia Municipal Authority.

#### Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:50 PM by Mark Spotts. Seconded by Matthew Miller. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Miller  
Borough Manager  
Robesonia Borough