

# Borough of Robesonia Council

## Meeting Minutes

### May 4, 2026

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The regular advertised meeting of the Borough of Robesonia Council was held on Monday, May 4, 2026 at the Robesonia Borough Hall located at 75 S. Brooke Street Robesonia, PA. The following Council members attended:

Mark Spotts  
Randall Gartner  
Harvey Marshall  
Matthew Miller – Absent  
James Burrus  
Beth Sattizahn  
John Schoener

Also in attendance; Mayor Dennis Rick, South Heidelberg Police Chief Matthew Hook, Solicitor Andrew George and Borough Manager Elizabeth Miller.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by President Mark Spotts with the Pledge to the Flag

#### Recording of Meeting:

Christine Burrus, Beth Sattizahn and Terri Groff stated they were recording the meeting.

#### Meeting Minutes:

- A motion was made by Randy Gartner to approve the April 6, 2026 Borough Council meeting minutes. Seconded by James Burrus. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Randy Gartner to approve the April 20, 2026 Borough Council Workshop meeting minutes, seconded by Beth Sattizahn. Following a discussion which included suggested revisions and additions, Randy Gartner withdrew his motion. The Workshop meeting minutes will be tabled until the May Workshop meeting.

#### Bills:

- A motion was made by James Burrus to approve and ratify the bills presented for payment subject to audit. Seconded by Mark Spotts. Motion carried.

#### Police Report:

- Police Chief Matthew Hook reviewed and summarized the April Police Report for Borough Council.

#### Fire/EMS Report:

- Fire Chief John Christian and EMS Chief Anthony Tucci gave monthly reports to Borough Council.

#### Robesonia Community Library Report:

- Library Board Member Christine Burrus provided Council with an update on upcoming library events.

#### Scheduled Guests:

- David Bright, representing the Patriotic Sons of America Camp 113, requested that the Streets Department place barricades for their Memorial Day Remembrance Event.

#### Solicitor:

- No new business at this time.

#### Engineer:

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

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#### Planning Commission:

- The next Planning Commission meeting will be held on May 20, 2026 if necessary.

#### Manager:

- A motion was made by Beth Sattizahn to hire Rowan Rice, Brylee McCollum and Jya Lewis as the Boroughs Playground Program Leaders for the 2026 Playground Program. Seconded by Randy Gartner. Harvey Marshall abstained. Motion carried.

#### Committee Reports

##### Finance Administration:

- No new business at this time.

##### Shade Tree Commission:

- No new business at this time.

#### Old Business

- Borough Council discussed the possibility of the Playground Program attending a pool during the upcoming season. Council reviewed last year's expenditures for the Conrad Weiser Community Pool. For this year, Conrad Weiser Community Pool offered a rate of \$500 per day for the Playground Program to attend, while the Womelsdorf Pool offered a rate of \$200 per day.

After a discussion, a motion was made by Jame Burrus to purchase two Playground Program pool days, 200 pool passes for distribution, and two community nights. The motion was seconded by John Schoener. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Jame Burrus, yes; Harvey Marshall, yes; Mark Spotts, no; John Schoener, yes; Randy Gartner, no; and Beth Sattizahn, no. With the vote resulting in a tie, Mayor Dennis Rick cast the tie-breaking vote of no. The motion failed to pass.

A motion was then made by Beth Sattizahn to purchase two pool visits from Womelsdorf Pool for a total cost of \$400. The motion was seconded by Randy Gartner. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Jame Burrus, no; Harvey Marshall, no; Mark Spotts, yes; John Schoener, no; Randy Gartner, yes; and Beth Sattizahn, yes. With the vote again resulting in a tie, Mayor Dennis Rick cast the tie-breaking vote of yes. The motion passed.

#### Council Member Reports:

- Spotts:
  - o Mark Spotts welcomed Tim Crouse to Robesonia Borough and reviewed the complaint procedure for Council.
- Gartner:
  - o Randy Gartner thanked Harvey Marshall for his time serving as Roadmaster.
- Sattizahn:
  - o Beth Sattizahn thanked Harvey Marshall for his years of service as the Boroughs Roadmaster and for the many things that he did that did not go unnoticed.
  - o Beth Sattizahn stated that she received letters of interest from individuals who would like to serve on the Playground Replacement Committee. The Playground Replacement Committee was developed.
  - o Borough Council discussed the possibility of resuming the Borough newsletter. Liz Miller will discuss the matter with the Secretary and report back at the Workshop meeting.
  - o Beth Sattizahn provided an update on the America's 250th celebration events in conjunction with the Street Fair.

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- Schoener:
  - John Schoener asked Harvey Marshall about the status of the trees that are to be removed at the creek potentially prior to the Fishing Rodeo. Tim Crouse will contact New Castle to discuss the matter.
- Burrus:
  - Jame Burrus presented an updated Snow Emergency Ordinance to Council for their review.
  - Jame Burrus presented Council with two options regarding the Shade Tree Commission. The first option is to abolish the Commission entirely and transfer responsibility for the trees to the property owners. The second option is to retain the Shade Tree Commission but limit its role to serving solely as an advisory committee. Council will review both options, and the matter may be considered as an action item at the June meeting

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:

- David Bright thanked Harvey Marshall for bringing up the trees at the creek.
- Karen Gamby discussed the possibility of refurbishing the tennis courts. Karen also expressed interest in adding more pickleball courts.
- Jennifer Coldren requested that an Event Permit be prepared between the Street Fair and the Borough, along with a Noise Exemption Permit for signature. Elizabeth Miller will prepare the necessary paperwork.
- David Randler, representing Heidelberg Township, asked about expenses associated with the Playground Program.
- Terri Groff suggested to Council that the Borough take back over the newsletter.

#### Executive Session

Borough Council entered into an Executive Session at 8:49 PM to discuss personnel matters and potential litigation.

#### Reconvening of Meeting

The meeting reconvened at 9:28 PM with no action taken.

#### Adjourn of Meeting

A motion was made by Beth Sattizahn to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 PM. Seconded by Harvey Marshall. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Miller  
Borough Manager  
Robesonia Borough