

Borough of Robesonia Council

Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2022

The regular advertised meeting of the Borough of Robesonia Council was held on Monday, December 5, 2022 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 - Absent
Michael Martin
Matthew Miller
Tracy Rice

Staff: Solicitor Andrew George, Police Chief Leon Grim, Secretary Elizabeth Miller.

Visitors: Sign in sheet available upon request.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Harvey Marshall with the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes: A motion was made by Michael Martin to approve the minutes from the November 7, 2022 Council Meeting. Seconded by Matthew Miller. Motion carried.

Bills: A motion was made by Mark Spotts to pay and ratify the bills from November 8 to December 5, 2022. Seconded by Michael Martin. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Untrue Social Media Posts: David Randler brought up the issue of untrue facts being posted to social media. The Council had a discussion over this issue and will look into the possibility of sending a cease-and-desist letter in the future if this continues.

Berks Community Cats: Allison Kostaras from Berks Community Cats had a discussion with Council regarding their trap, neuter and release program. Council stated that they will consider the information she provided.

Solicitor's Report

- Conrad Weiser School District Road Safety Crossing: Council had a discussion over the letter received from Ryan Giffing, Superintendent of Conrad Weiser School District regarding the potential hiring of a crossing guard. A motion was made by Mark Spotts for Solicitor Andrew George to send a joint letter with Heidelberg Township requesting the School District to hire and train the potential Crossing Guard. Seconded by Matthew Miller. Motion carried.

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Engineer's Report

- Next Planning Commission meeting will be held on December 21, 2022 if needed.

Secretary

- Resolutions 2022-23 and 2022-24 - Technicon Fees for 2023: A motion was made by Michael Martin to approve Resolutions 2022-23 and 2022-24. Seconded by Mark Spotts. Motion carried.
- Resolution 2022-22 - Administrative Fees for 2023: A motion was made by Michael Martin to approve Resolution 2022-22. Seconded by Matthew Miller. Motion carried.
- Tax Collector Audit: After a brief discussion, Mark Spotts made a motion to proceed with a 2021 audit of the Tax Collector to be completed by Stanilla, Siegel and Maser LLC. Seconded by Matthew Miller. Motion carried.
- Soccer Shots: After a brief discussion, Tracy Rice made a motion to approve Soccer Shots spring/summer schedule at Robesonia Park and also to waive any fee. Seconded by Michael Martin. Motion carried.
- Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement: Council had a discussion over the Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement. Council agreed to table the discussion.
- Borough Insurance for 2023: After a discussion, Michael Martin made a motion to approve Enders Insurance Quote. Seconded by Matthew Miller. Motion carried.
- Library Lease Agreement: After a discussion, Mark Spotts made a motion to approve the Library Lease Agreement. Council will sign the agreement, provide the library with the agreement and give them 30 days to respond. Seconded by Matthew Miller. Motion carried.
- Swift911: After a discussion, Harvey Marshall made a motion to stop using Swift911, as they are transitioning to an emergency only system. Seconded by Tracy Rice. Motion carried.
- No Nonsense Neutering: After a discussion, Council stated that they will look into the services that No Nonsense Neutering provides.
- Robesonia Municipal Authority: After a discussion, Harvey Marshall stated that the Planning Commission will write a letter of support to the Robesonia Municipal Authority for an upcoming grant opportunity.

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Committee Reports

Police: The Council reviewed the November Police Report.

Streets/Highway/Building/Sewers Committee:

- Council reviewed minutes from the November 21, 2022 meeting.
- Bridge on Freeman Street: A review of the bridge on Freeman Street was completed. The letter and its findings will be forwarded to Technicon to evaluate what work needs to be completed.

Parks and Recreation:

- Council reviewed minutes from the November 17, 2022 meeting.
- C2C Site Survey: Tracy Rice reported that the new quote provided by C2C to survey the existing playground site is still under review. After a discussion, Mark Spotts made a motion to approve the quote at \$1,800. Seconded by Tracy Rice. Motion carried.
- Canceled Parks and Recreation Meeting: Tracy Rice reported that the Parks and Recreation meeting is canceled this month.

Library Board Liaison:

- Leah Ruth informed Council that starting in January of 2023, the library will no longer collect late fees on books and DVDs.

Council Member Reports

Mayor:

- Financial Report: Mayor Rodney Soliday reported that going forward the Robesonia Municipal Authority will be providing a financial report to Council bi-monthly.
- Leaf Picking: Mayor Rodney Soliday thanked the Borough for the great job they have done with leaf picking this year.

Tracy Rice:

- Food Pantry: Tracy Rice reported that the Food Pantry will be having their pickup on December 15, 2022 this month.

Communications: The following Reports/Minutes were received.

- Womelsdorf-Robesonia Joint Water Authority Meeting Minutes
- Robesonia-Wernersville Municipal Authority Meeting Minutes

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Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:25 PM by Michael Martin. Seconded by Matthew Miller. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Miller
Robesonia Borough, Secretary