

Borough of Robesonia Council

Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2026

The regular advertised meeting of the Borough of Robesonia Council was held on Monday, August 3, 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
James Burrus
Beth Sattizahn
John Schoener

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

Mayor Dennis Rick was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 7:020 PM by President Mark Spotts with the Pledge to the Flag.

Executive Session

Council entered into an Executive Session at 7:04 PM to discuss a personnel matter.

Reconvening of General Meeting

The regularly scheduled meeting reconvened at 7:46 PM.

Recording of Meeting

Christine Burrus, Dave Fegley, Terri Groff, Beth Sattizahn and a WFMZ News Reporter stated they were recording the meeting.

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- A motion was made by Harvey Marshall to approve the July 6, 2026 Borough Council meeting minutes. Seconded by Randy Gartner. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Randy Gartner to approve the July 20, 2026 Workshop Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Mark Spotts. Motion carried.

Bills:

- The Finance Committee reviewed all submitted bills and recommended that they be approved for payment. A motion was made by Randy Gartner for approval. Seconded by Jame Burrus, subject to audit. Beth Sattizahn voted nay. Motion carried.

Police Report

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

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Fire/EMS Report:

- No representatives present.

Robesonia Community Library Report:

- Library Board President Leslie Pirl-Roth provided an update regarding upcoming fundraising activities.

Scheduled Guests:

- None

Council President:

- Borough Update:
 - President Spotts reviewed with Borough Council and those in attendance the procedures and next steps to be followed following the Borough's receipt of a letter of resignation from Mayor Dennis Rick.
- Police Contract Update:
 - President Spotts reported that he, Randy Gartner, and Elizabeth Miller met with representatives of South Heidelberg Township and the Police Department regarding the contract renewal negotiations.
- 2027 Budget Update:
 - President Spotts provided Council with a budget timeline and stated that the Borough Manager is responsible for presenting the proposed budget to Council for review and recommendations.
- Public Works Supervisor Update:
 - President Spotts reported that the Public Works Supervisor and Part-Time Streets Department positions have been advertised and resumes have been received.
- Establish Interview Panel:
 - President Spotts stated that any Council members interested in serving on the interview panel should notify him.
- Status of Playground Rehabilitation and Playground Committee:
 - Council held a lengthy discussion regarding the future of the Borough playground. Randy Gartner recommended discontinuing the all-inclusive playground project and focusing on repairs to the existing playground. A motion was made by Matthew Miller to disband the Playground Replacement Committee and repair the existing playground for the time being. Seconded by Jame Burrus. Beth Sattizahn and John Schoener voted nay. Motion carried.
- Discussion to Proceed with LSA Grant:
 - Following a discussion, Randy Gartner made a motion to authorize the Borough Manager to work with Sean McKee to apply for an LSA Grant for the playground. Seconded by Harvey Marshall. Beth Sattizahn voted nay. Motion carried.

Solicitor

- No new business at this time.

Engineer

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

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- 117/119 North Robeson Street Lot Annexation Plan:
 - Jame Burrus and Harvey Marshall, representing the Planning Commission, recommended approval of the separation/annexation plan. Harvey Marshall made a motion to approve the plan. Seconded by Randy Gartner. Motion carried.
- Furnace Hill Security Release Recommendation of \$118,471.96:
 - After receiving a recommendation from the Borough Engineer, a motion was made by Beth Sattizahn to approve the security release recommendation. Seconded by Randy Gartner. Motion carried.

Planning Commission

- The next Planning Commission meeting will be held on August 19, 2026 if necessary.

Manager

- Borough Hall Roof Repair Estimate:
 - After a discussion, a motion was made by Jame Burrus to approve Scholl Design and Construction LLC's estimate for the Borough Hall roof repair. Seconded by Harvey Marshall. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Finance Administration:

- No new business at this time.

Shade Tree Commission:

- Council had a discussion with John Ravert regarding legal memos provided by the Borough Solicitor concerning the Shade Tree Commission.

Old Business

- None.

Council Member Reports

- Burrus:
 - Jame Burrus stated that he does not condone inappropriate or disrespectful social media comments regarding fellow Council members.
 - Jame Burrus thanked the Shade Tree Commission members for their years of service and discussed the future responsibilities of the Commission and the Borough.
 - Jame Burrus asked that the most recent draft of the Snow Emergency Ordinance be sent to the Borough Solicitor for review.
- Gartner:
 - Randy Gartner stated that he had discussions with Alan Piper regarding the borough crosswalks and also met with Steve Bright to discuss roadwork.
- Sattizahn:
 - Beth Sattizahn read a statement regarding her experience on Borough Council.

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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

- Amanda McGuire: Amanda expressed her interest in being appointed Mayor.
- Dave Fegley: Dave inquired about issues concerning a neighbor's tree.
- David Randler: Dave presented Council with photographs documenting an incident that occurred in the parking lot involving Council Member Beth Sattizahn.
- Cindy Murdough: Cindy expressed her disappointment regarding the Borough's decision to disband the Playground Replacement Committee.
- Mike Zerbe: Mike expressed concern regarding trees on North Church Street.
- Kyrsten Bohn: Kyrsten inquired about meeting procedures.
- Susie Zerbe: Susie raised concerns and asked questions regarding shade trees in the Borough.

Adjourn of Meeting

A motion was made by Beth Sattizahn to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 PM. Seconded by Harvey Marshall. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Miller
Borough Manager
Robesonia Borough