

Borough of Robesonia Council

Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2023

The regular advertised meeting of the Borough of Robesonia Council was held on Monday, March 6, 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

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

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 February 6, 2023 Council Meeting. Seconded by Dean Johnson. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Michael Martin to approve the minutes from the February 20, 2023 Workshop Meeting. Seconded by Matthew Miller. Motion carried.

Bills: A motion was made by Mark Spotts to pay and ratify the bills from February 7 to March 6, 2023. Seconded by Matthew Miller. Motion carried.

Police Report

- Chief Matthew Hook highlighted and reviewed his February Police Report for the Council.
- President Harvey Marshall addressed a letter received from David Hartman regarding speeding on South Church Street.

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

Kennon Rice: Mr. Rice read a statement from the Library Board to the Council. After a discussion, Harvey Marshall stated that 3 members of the Library Board will meet with 3 members of Council to discuss the pending Lease Agreement.

John Schoener: Mr. Schoener had a discussion with the Council regarding pedestrian crossing signs in the Borough. President Harvey Marshall stated that he will check with other Boroughs to see what has been successful for them. Mark Spotts asked if the Borough has heard from the Conrad Weiser School District regarding their potentially hiring of a crossing guard. Secretary Elizabeth Miller stated that we have not heard anything further.

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Cindy Murdough: Ms. Murdough asked for an update on No Nonsense Neutering. President Harvey Marshall stated that the Borough will reach out to No Nonsense Neutering and will notify the residents when more information becomes available.

Solicitor's Report

- After a brief discussion, Mark Spotts made a motion to approve Resolution #2023-4 which continues the existence of the Robesonia Municipal Authorities for 50 years. Seconded by Dean Johnson. 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 March 15, 2023 if needed.

Secretary

- Berks County Tax Collection Committee Appointment: After a brief discussion, Michael Martin made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-2, which appoints Keegan Worley as Primary delegate and Gloria Grim as alternate. Seconded by Matthew Miller. Motion carried.
- Jack Frost Parade: After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mark Spotts for the Borough to draft a letter of support to Trinity Lutheran Church to apply for a PennDOT permit. Seconded by Dean Johnson. Motion carried.
- UCC Appeals Board: After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mark Spotts for the Borough to join the UCC Appeals Board. Seconded by Dean Johnson. Motion carried.
- Carpet and Painting Quotes: The Council reviewed quotes received for painting, carpet and tables. A motion was made by Michael Martin to approve renovation quotes. Seconded by Jamie Burrus. Motion carried. The American Rescue Plan Committee will have a meeting on March 20, 2023.
- St. Francis de Sales Church Procession: After a discussion, a motion was made by Michael Martin for St. Francis de Sales Church to hold a procession in town. Seconded by Matthew Miller. Motion carried. The route was forwarded to the SHPD and Chief Hook.

Committee Reports

Finance Administration:

- Minutes for review.

Streets/Highway/Building/Sewers Committee:

- Minutes for review.

Parks and Recreation:

- Minutes for review.

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- Tracy Rice stated that the Parks and Recreation Board meeting will be on Thursday, March 9th at 7 PM. MRC Recreation will make a presentation.
- Tracy Rice thanked Harvey Marshall for fixing the benches at the creek.

Library Board Liaison: Leah Ruth asked for an update on the Certificate of Estimated Costs Form. Mark Spotts stated that the form has been forwarded to the Finance Committee and will be discussed when Council meets with the Library Board.

Council Member Reports

Mayor:

- Mayor Rodney Soliday gave a summary of his Berks County Management Coordinator Meeting with Donnie Swope. The Council had a discussion with citizens and visitors regarding emergency procedures.

Marshall:

- Sidewalk Inspector: After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dean Johnson to appoint Technicon Enterprises as the Borough sidewalk inspectors. Seconded by Tracy Rice. Motion carried.
- Land Application of Leaf Waste Agreement: After a discussion, a motion was made by Mark Spotts to approve signing a Land Application of Leaf Waste Agreement with Jack Keener for a Recycling Grant. Seconded by Matthew Miller. Motion carried.
- Fulton Bank LOC: After a discussion, motion was made by Michael Martin to go with the SOFR interest rate for the Fulton Bank Line of Credit. Seconded by Matthew Miller. Motion carried.

Communications: The following Reports/Minutes were received.

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

Adjourn Meeting

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Miller
Robesonia Borough, Secretary