Borough of Robesonia Council
Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2026

The regular advertised meeting of the Borough of Robesonia Council was held on Monday, October 5, 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
Scott Miller
John Schoener

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by President Mark Spotts with the Pledge to the Flag.

Recording of Meeting

Beth Sattizahn stated she was recording the meeting.

Meeting Minutes

- A motion was made by Randy Gartner to approve the September 8, 2026 Borough Council meeting minutes. Seconded by Harvey Marshall. Motion carried.

Bills:

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

Police Services Contract Public Hearing

- President Spotts explained the purpose of the public hearing and advised that public comments would be limited to the contracted hours of service, the types of police services provided, and the handout outlining the current contracted services and hours.

  Comments from citizens and taxpayers were as follows:

  - Beth Sattizahn: Expressed support for adding additional police hours and raised concerns regarding speeding.
  - David Bright: Expressed support for adding additional police hours and cited concerns regarding speeding.
  - Jared Renshaw: Expressed support for police services and emphasized the importance of ensuring that borough taxes can cover the cost of the proposed contract.
  - Cindy Murdough: Expressed support for adding additional police hours and raised concerns regarding speeding.
  - JC Hoffa: Expressed support for police services.

Police Report

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

Fire/EMS Report:

- Michael Martin presented Council with a review of fundraising activities and results for 2026.

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Robesonia Community Library Report:

- President Leslie Pirl-Roth provided Council with a financial presentation outlining the library's finances and gave an update on upcoming fundraising events.

Scheduled Guests:

- No scheduled guests.

Solicitor

- A motion was made by Jame Burrus to adopt Ordinance 2026-2 as the Boroughs new snow emergency ordinance. Seconded by Randy Gartner. Motion carried.

Engineer

- The Council reviewed the monthly Inspector's and Engineer's Reports.
- A motion was made by Harvey Marshall to approve the engineer's recommendation for a release of security for Maple Avenue Apartments in the amount of $201,175.70. Seconded by Randy Gartner. Motion carried.

Planning Commission

- The next Planning Commission meeting will be held on October 21, 2026 if necessary.

Manager

- A motion was made by Randy Gartner to declare October 31st from 6:00 PM. to 9:00 PM. as Trick-or-Treat night in the Borough.
- A motion was made by Harvey Marshall to approve the 2027 Western Berks Regional Police Pension Plan MMO. Seconded by Randy Gartner. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Randy Gartner to accept Jesse Krause's Letter of Resignation from the Streets Department. Seconded by Jame Burrus. Motion carried.
- Council was presented with the first draft of the 2027 budget. Presidents Spotts stated that if any Councilmember has any comments or questions to send them to the Borough Manager.

Roadmaster

- No new information at this time.

Committee Reports

Finance Administration:

- No new information at this time.

Shade Tree Commission:

- John Ravert had a discussion with President Spotts regarding the future of the Shade Tree Commission.

Old Business

- Locust Alley Paving Proposal:
    - Council discussed the paving proposal for Locust Alley submitted by David Randler. President Spotts stated that the solicitor recommended obtaining a total of three bids before making a decision and advised that the Borough enter into an agreement directly with the selected company. No motion was made.

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Council Member Reports

- Gartner:
  - Liberty Painting Playground Swings Quote:
    - Council discussed the possibility of painting the playground swing set. The Borough Manager advised that the grant submitted by the Borough, if awarded, would provide for the complete replacement of the swing set.
- S. Miller:
  - Scott Miller thanked President Spotts and the Borough Manager for helping him get up to speed in his role as a new Council member.

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 Randler: David Randler expressed support for the Borough retaining SHPD and inquired about how EMS billing would be handled for apartments and businesses within the Borough.
- JC Hoffa: JC Hoffa expressed his support for SHPD.
- David Bright: David Bright expressed his support for SHPD.
- Beth Sattizahn: Beth Sattizahn provided comments regarding several Borough-related issues.
- Cindy Murdough: Cindy Murdough discussed the feral cat issue with Council, including the Borough's need to purchase additional vouchers from NNN. This matter will be added to the October Workshop meeting agenda for an upcoming workshop meeting.

Executive Session

Council entered into an Executive Session to discuss personnel issues, the Furnace Hill Lease Agreement and the police contract at 8:44 PM.

The regularly scheduled meeting reconvened at 9:35 PM.

Adjourn of Meeting

A motion was made by Jame Burrus to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 PM. Seconded by Randy Gartner. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Miller
Borough Manager
Robesonia Borough