

Borough of Robesonia Council

Meeting Minutes

July 3, 2023

The regular advertised meeting of the Borough of Robesonia Council was held on Monday, July 3, 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 - Absent
Mayor Rodney Soliday

Staff: Solicitor Kourtney Bernecker, Secretary/Treasurer Elizabeth Miller.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Harvey Marshall with the pledge of allegiance.

Public Hearing

A Public Hearing was held at 7:02 PM to consider the vacation of West Maple Avenue in Robesonia Borough. Solicitor Kourtney Bernecker entered documents into the record. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:09 PM.

Minutes: A motion was made by Michael Martin to approve the minutes from the June 5, 2023 Council Meeting. Seconded by Dean Johnson. Motion carried.

Bills: A motion was made by Mark Spotts to pay and ratify the bills from June 6 to July 3, 2023. Seconded by Michael Martin. Motion carried.

Police Report

- Chief Matthew Hook highlighted and reviewed his June Police Report for the Council.

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

Anthony Tucci: Anthony Tucci, Chief of Western Berks Ambulance Association had a discussion with Council regarding LSA Grant Opportunities.

Leah Ruth: Leah Ruth gave the Council an update regarding the library which included notifying them that the library is currently looking for another new Director and that there will be Board of Trustee vacancies forthcoming.

Ellen Rissinger: Ellen Rissinger notified the Council that there is currently a petition formed that will ask PennDOT to perform a nonbiased traffic study regarding the Maple Avenue Apartments.

Cindy Murdough: Cindy Murdough asked the Council for the potential to upload all Borough Ordinances online for residents to review. The matter will be looked into.

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Solicitor's Report

- Perpetual Sanitary Sewer Easement Agreement: A motion was made by Michael Martin to approve the Perpetual Sanitary Sewer Easement Agreement between the Borough of Robesonia and the Robesonia Municipal Authority. Seconded Matthew Miller. Motion carried.
- Ordinance No. 2023-2: A motion was made by Michael Martin to approve Ordinance No. 2023-2 which amends motor vehicle & traffic parking along a portion of Penn Avenue (SR-422) beginning at the intersection of Penn Avenue (SR-422) and Bernville Road (SR-2022) / May Street and extending West along Penn Avenue (SR-422) 425 Feet. Seconded by Jamie Burrus. Motion carried.
- Ordinance 2023-3: A motion was made by Matthew Miller to approve Ordinance No. 2023-3 which vacates a portion of West Maple Avenue, bordering properties located at and identified as 6 Bernville Road, 413 West Penn Avenue, May Street and May Street in the Borough of Robesonia and amending the official map of the Borough of Robesonia to reflect said vacation. Seconded by Dean Johnson. Motion carried.
- Wawa Improvements Agreement: A motion was made by Michael Martin to approve the Improvements Agreement for Robesonia Penn Developers, LLC – Proposed WAWA Fueling Station. Seconded by Matthew Miller. Motion carried.
- Wawa Stormwater Facilities Maintenance Agreement: A motion was made by Jamie Burrus to approve the Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Agreement Stormwater Management Best Management Practices (SWM BMPS) for Robesonia Penn Developers, LLC, - Proposed WAWA Food Market & Fueling Station. Seconded by Matthew Miller. Motion carried.

Engineer's Report

- The Council reviewed the monthly Inspector's and Engineer's Reports.
- Keener Heights (Furnace Village I) Security Release Recommendation / Furnace Village II Security Recommendation: A motion was made by Dean Johnson to release financial security in the amount of \$265,626.63. The Security/Withholding amount for Keener Heights/Phase 1 is \$153,734.62. The Recommended Furnace Village (Phase 2) Security to be posted is \$35,974.95. Which makes the net release for Keener Heights (Phase 1) for a total of \$75,917.06. Seconded by Matthew Miller. Motion carried.

Planning Commission

- The next Planning Commission meeting will be held on July 19, 2023 if needed.
- Maple Avenue Apartments Preliminary Plan and Waivers: After a discussion, a motion was made by Jamie Burrus to approve the Maple Avenue Apartments Preliminary Plan and requested waivers (SALDO Sections 602.3 and 602.4) contingent upon Technicon Enterprises Inc., review letter dated June 27, 2023 and C2C Design Group waiver request letter dated June 16, 2023. Seconded by Dean Johnson. Motion carried.

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- Conrad Weiser Youth Baseball Program: A motion was made by Dean Johnson to allow Conrad Weiser Youth Baseball to use the Borough baseball field on Monday/Wednesdays and Weekends from August – October free of charge. Seconded by Michael Martin. Motion carried.
- TV Quote for Council Meeting Room: A motion was made by Mark Spotts to approve SmrtGuys quote for \$836.00 for a TV in the Council meeting room. Seconded by Matthew Miller. Motion carried. The TV will be paid with ARP funds.

Committee Reports

Finance Administration:

- Minutes for review.

Personnel:

- No report.

Streets/Highway/Building/Sewers Committee:

- Harvey Marshall reported that the large elm tree near the basketball court has been removed.

Public Safety:

- Minutes for review.

Parks and Recreation:

- Minutes for review.
- Trophies for Car Show Quote: A motion was made by Mark Spotts to approve Quality Signs \$500.00 quote for trophies for the Car Show. Seconded by Dean Johnson. Motion carried.

Library Board Liaison:

- Library Liaison Open Position: The Council had a discussion regarding appointing a new Library Liaison.

Council Member Reports

- Rice
 - Food and Drink in Council Meeting Room: The Council had a discussion regarding food and drink being permitted in the Council Meeting Room. Mark Spotts suggested that the Borough Manager and Road Master should make a decision at their discretion. All were in agreement.
- Burrus
 - Crosswalks: A motion was made by Michael Martin for Jamie Burrus to act on behalf of the Borough for looking into potential ways to upgrade and improve the Boroughs crosswalks. Seconded by Matthew Miller. Motion carried.
- Spotts
 - COG Website: After a discussion, a motion was made by Mark Spotts for the WRJA to host the Council of Governments on their website. Seconded by Dean Johnson. Motion carried.

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Communications: The following Reports/Minutes were received.

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

Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:32 PM by Michael Martin. Seconded by Dean Johnson. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Miller
Robesonia Borough, Secretary