

# **Borough of Robesonia Council**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **February 6, 2023**

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The regular advertised meeting of the Borough of Robesonia Council was held on Monday, February 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 Elizabeth Miller.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Harvey Marshall with the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes: A motion was made by Michael Martin to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2023 Council Meeting. Seconded by Matthew Miller. Motion carried.

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

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

Randy Gartner: Mr. Gartner had a discussion with the Council regarding the WRJA appointment. The Council thanked Mr. Gartner for his participation in the various boards over the years.

Beth Sattizahn: Ms. Sattizahn had a discussion with the Council regarding police personnel matters. She was referred to the South Heidelberg Township meetings to answer her questions. Ms. Sattizahn had a few additional questions dealing with the Pioneer Hose Company #1 and donations.

Connie Keller: Ms. Keller had questions pertaining to the WRJA appointment. Council stated that Mr. Gartner was sent an email from the Borough Office requesting that he send a letter of interest for the WRJA Board.

J.C. Hoffa: Mr. Hoffa had a discussion with the Council regarding the Street Fair. Mr. Hoffa stated that the Street Fair Committee would be paying for the electric to hook up the food trucks. Mr. Hoffa also stated that he will coordinate with the Borough Office when to order the dumpster and other items needed.

John Christian: Mr. Christian submitted to the Council the 2022 Fire Police Yearly Report.

Geneva Berger: Ms. Berger had a complaint regarding the parking at Castenadas Restaurant. The Council turned the matter over to the SHTPD for action.

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Joel Costenbader: Mr. Costenbader stated that Michael Martin has returned to his position as President of the Pioneer Hose Company Social Quarters. Mr. Costenbader asked about who the contact was for events at the Friends of the Furnace property. Council stated that he would have to speak to the Friends of the Furnace directly.

#### Police Report

Acting Chief Matthew Hook highlighted his January Police Report.

#### Solicitor's Report

- Solicitor Andrew George stated that UCC Board of Appeals agreement is tabled.

#### 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 January 18, 2023 if needed.

#### Secretary

- No Nonsense Neutering: President Harvey Marshall stated that the Borough has been a participating member of No Nonsense Neutering. A motion was made by Mark Spotts to renew the Boroughs contract with No Nonsense Neutering for 2023. Seconded by Dean Johnson. Motion carried.
- Exoneration Request: The Council had a discussion regarding a possible tax exoneration request. A motion was made by Michael Martin to grant the request. Seconded by Mark Spotts. Motion carried.
- Little People Nursery School Graduation: A motion was made by Tracy Rice to waive the pavilion rental fee for the Little People Nursery School Graduation. Seconded by Dean Johnson. Motion carried.

#### Committee Reports

Finance Administration:

- Minutes for review.

Streets/Highway/Building/Sewers Committee:

- Minutes for review.

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- Remediation Cleanup: President Harvey Marshall stated that the remediation cleanup project is complete. The ground has been seeded and straw has been put down. The area will be reseeded in the spring as well if needed.

#### Parks and Recreation:

- The Parks and Recreation Board will hold their February meeting on Thursday, the 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.

Library Board Liaison: The library is continuing their search to hire a director. They are also looking to hold a pickle ball fundraiser in the near future.

#### Council Member Reports

Mayor:

- Mayor Rodney Soliday stated that the Robesonia Municipal Authority will be working on their man hole lining project on February 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

Marshall:

- President Harvey Marshall reported that there will be a bridge inspection on the Freeman Street bridge which will take place on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM.
- Engineer Jennifer Van Dyke will provide an update on the MS4 permit.

Rice:

- Tracy Rice reported that the food pantry gave out over 900 pounds of food for 2022.
- A congratulations to the Conrad Weiser Varsity Cheerleading team.

Spotts:

- Mark Spotts asked if the Borough had received a response from Superintendent Ryan Giffing regarding the potential to hire a school crossing guard. No response has been received as of yet.
- A motion was made by Dean Johnson to create a sub webpage for the Robesonia Wernersville Womelsdorf COG off of the Robesonia Borough website. Seconded by Tracy Rice. Motion carried.
- Mark Spotts stated that Steve Bright has been appointed as the new Chairman of the WRJA.

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

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Executive Session:

The Council entered into an executive session at 7:52 PM to discuss litigation matters.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:23 PM. No action taken.

#### Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:26 PM by Michael Martin. Seconded by Matthew Miller. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Miller  
Robesonia Borough, Secretary