

Borough of Robesonia Council

Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2022

The regular advertised meeting of the Borough of Robesonia Council was held on Monday, October 3, 2022 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

Staff: Solicitor Andrew George, Police Chief Leon Grim, Manager Gloria Grim, Secretary Elizabeth Miller.

Visitors: Sign in sheet available upon request.

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

Minutes: A motion was made by Mark Spotts to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2022 Council Workshop Meeting and September 22, 2022 Special Meeting. Seconded by Dean Johnson. Motion carried.

Bills: A motion was made by Mark Spotts to pay and ratify the bills from September 7 to October 3, 2022. Seconded by Dean Johnson. Motion carried.

Appointments

Mayor

Mayor Resignation: A resignation for Mayor was received by Randy Gartner, effective September 30, 2022. After a discussion, a motion was made by Michael Martin to regretfully accept Randy Gartner's resignation as Mayor. Seconded by Matthew Miller. Motion carried. Harvey Marshall along with the Council thanked Randy Gartner for all of his dedication and countless hours of volunteering while serving our community as Robesonia Mayor.

Mayor Appointment: The Council reviewed letters of interest for the mayor appointment. After a discussion and nomination, a motion was made by Matthew Miller to appoint Rodney Soliday as Robesonia Borough Mayor. Seconded by Michael Martin. Motion carried.

Robesonia Municipal Authority Appointment: The Council reviewed letters of interest for the Municipal Authority appointment. After a discussion and nominations, a motion was made by

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Mark Spotts to appoint David Bright to the Robesonia Municipal Authority. Seconded by Dean Johnson. Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation Board Appointments: The Council reviewed letters of interest for the Parks and Recreation Board Appointments. After a discussion and nominations, a motion was made by Michael Martin to appoint Elizabeth Miller, David Randler, and Andrew Kingsbury. Andrew Kingsbury withdrew his nomination, and Jen McCollum was appointed in his place. Seconded by Mark Spotts. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Crossing guard update: Conrad Weiser Superintendent Ryan Giffing had a discussion with the Council about the possibility of hiring crossing guards. He went on to state that he will send a formal letter for the Council to review.

Question: Tim Rowe inquired if there were any updates on Wawa, the Council stated that there were no updates at this time.

Solicitor's Report

Resolutions:

- Act 57 Resolution #2022-14: A motion was made by Mark Spotts to approve Resolution #2022-14. Seconded by Matthew Miller. Motion carried.
- Collections Ordinance #2022-3: A motion was made by Tracy Rice to approve Ordinance #2022-3. Seconded by Mark Spotts. Motion carried.
- Collections Resolution #2022-15: A motion was made by Tracy Rice to approve Resolution #2022-15. Seconded by Mark Spotts. Motion carried.
- Collections Agreement: A motion was made by Tracy Rice to approve the Collections Agreement. Seconded by Mark Spotts. Motion carried.
- Comcast Franchise Agreement: Solicitor George stated that he is in the process of obtaining quotes for the Comcast Franchise Agreement.
- Appointment of Auditor Resolution #2022-16: A motion was made by Michael Martin to approve Resolution #2022-16. Seconded by Matthew Miller. Motion carried.

Engineer Report

MS4 Update: MS4 annual report was completed on 9/28/22.

Planning Commission meeting will be held on October 19, 2022.

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Secretary

2023 Budget: After review of the budget, a motion was made by Michael Martin to approve the 2023 Budget for advertisement for the November 7, 2022 Council meeting. Seconded by Dean Johnson. Motion carried.

2023 Meeting Dates: After review of the meeting dates for 2023, a motion was made by Mark Spotts to approve the 2023 meeting dates. Seconded by Tracy Rice. Motion carried.

Car Show Donation: A motion was made by Mark Spotts to donate \$2,495.00 from the Car Show proceeds to 39 with Honor. Seconded by Michael Martin. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Police: The Council reviewed the September Police Report.

Fire Protection: Michael Martin stated that the annual donation letters have been mailed.

Finance Committee: Council reviewed the minutes from the September 27, 2022 meeting.

Streets/Highway/Building/Sewers Committee:

- Council reviewed minutes from the September 19, 2022 meeting.
- Phase 2 Remediation Project Bid: Remediation Project Bid was opened on 9/22/22. One bid was received. After review by the Solicitor and the Engineer, a motion was made by Tracy Rice to award the Remediation Project Phase 2 bid to Empire Wrecking Company of Reading PA in the amount of \$178,968.00. Seconded by Matthew Miller. Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation:

Basketball Benches: A motion was made by Mark Spotts to approve the MRC quote for two park benches for the basketball court, in the amount of \$1,732.69 (ARP funds). Seconded by Dean Johnson. Motion carried.

Basketball Seal Coat Update: Tracy Rice stated that the basketball courts were seal coated and they will wait until spring to paint the court lines.

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Council Member Reports

Harvey Marshall:

- Insurance Broker: After a discussion, a motion was made by Mark Spotts to use Enders Insurance as Robesonia Boroughs Insurance Broker. Seconded by Matthew Miller. Motion carried.
- LST: A motion was made by Dean Johnson to increase the LST from \$10 to \$52 and to authorize Solicitor George to do what is necessary to adopt the increase for the November 7, 2022 Council meeting. Seconded by Mark Spotts. Motion carried.

Mark Spotts: The Council discussed the trash/recycling budget for 2023 and stated that there will be no increase.

Communications: The following Reports/Minutes were received.

- Womelsdorf-Robesonia Joint Water Authority Meeting Minutes
- Robesonia-Wernersville Municipal Authority Meeting Minutes
- Robesonia Municipal Authority Meeting Minutes

Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:49 PM by Jamie Burrus. Seconded by Dean Johnson. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Miller
Robesonia Borough, Secretary