

Borough of Robeson Council

Meeting Minutes

July 6, 2026

The regular advertised meeting of the Borough of Robeson Council was held on Monday, July 6, 2026 at the Robeson Borough Hall located at 75 S. Brooke Street Robeson, PA. The following Council members attended:

Mark Spotts
Randall Gartner
Harvey Marshall
Matthew Miller
James Burrus - Absent
Beth Sattizahn
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 7:00 PM by President Mark Spotts with the Pledge to the Flag.

Recording of Meeting

Beth Sattizahn and Terri Groff stated they were recording the meeting.

Awards from America's 250th Celebration Contest

- Beth Sattizahn, Chief Matthew Hook and President Mark Spotts assisted in the presenting awards to the contest winners.

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- A motion was made by Randy Gartner to approve the June 1, 2026 Borough Council Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Harvey Marshall. Beth Sattizahn asked that it be noted in the minutes that citizens offered to assist in distributing the Borough Newsletter. President Spotts suggested recommended approving the minutes as presented, with the noted correction. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Harvey Marshall to approve the June 15, 2026 Workshop Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Randy Gartner. Motion carried.

Bills:

- The Finance Committee reviewed all submitted bills and recommended that they be approved for payment. A motion was made by Beth Sattizahn for approval. Seconded by Randy Gartner. Harvey Marshall voted nay, stating that he had not yet had an opportunity to review the bills. Motion carried.

Police Report

- Police Chief Matthew Hook reviewed and summarized the June Police Report for Borough Council. Chief Hook also highlighted recent incidents and events within the Borough.

Fire/EMS Report:

- No representatives present.

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Robesonia Community Library Report:

- Library Board President Leslie Pirl-Roth provided an update regarding upcoming fundraising activities.

Scheduled Guests:

- Karen Gamby: Karen Gamby presented information on the Gilmore Henne Grant opportunity and recommended the Borough apply for funding to renovate the pickleball courts. President Spotts stated that Council had not been provided anything in writing. He also stated that he and the Borough Manager would review the grant and add the item to the upcoming Workshop meeting agenda.

Solicitor

- No new business at this time.

Engineer

- The Council reviewed the monthly Inspector's and Engineer's Reports.
 - Beth Sattizahn requested that the monthly Notice of Violation spreadsheet be forwarded to her when it was made available.

Planning Commission

- The next Planning Commission meeting will be held on June 15, 2026 if necessary.

Manager

- No new business at this time.

Public Works Supervisor

- Tim Crouse reviewed his June report for Borough Council.
- Borough Council reviewed three quotes for free removal at Furnace Creek. Beth Sattizahn made a motion to accept Affordable Tree Services quote, contingent upon the company agreeing that the Borough would not provide a down payment and payment would be made upon completion of work. Seconded by Randy Gartner. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Finance Administration:

- No new business at this time.

Shade Tree Commission:

- Borough Council and audience members, including John Ravert, discussed the Shade Tree Ordinance, including responsibility and liability for trees. Storm damage and the Borough's tree inventory were also discussed.

Old Business

- None.

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Council Member Reports

- Gartner:
 - Randy Gartner thanked Harvey Marshall and Mike Martin for placing American flags along Penn Avenue. Mr. Gartner reported that he, Dennis Rick, and Tim Crouse met with a representative from Senator Gebhart's office to discuss crosswalks and potential improvements. Mr. Gartner also stated that the Friends of the Furnace no longer require the POS of A land for their upcoming car show.
 - Mr. Gartner discussed Borough roadwork, including pothole repairs, and suggested preparing a bid package for future repairs.
- Sattizahn:
 - Beth Sattizahn thanked those who assisted with the Borough's 250th Anniversary Celebration and Street Fair. She also reported that the Star Painting event was very successful.
 - Beth Sattizahn stated that the Playground Replacement Project Committee had an upcoming meeting scheduled where they hope to decide on a playground project to recommend to Borough Council.

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 presented concerns regarding multiple Borough properties that require attention. Beth Sattizahn and Randy Gartner provided responses and comments.

Executive Session

Council entered into an Executive Session at 8:30 PM to discuss a personnel issue and a lease/legal issue. President Spotts stated that no action will be taken.

The meeting reconvened at 9:15 PM.

Adjourn of Meeting

A motion was made by Harvey Marshall to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM. Seconded by Randy Gartner. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Miller
Borough Manager
Robesonia Borough