

# **Borough of Robesonia Council**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **May 1, 2023**

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The regular advertised meeting of the Borough of Robesonia Council was held on Monday, May 1, 2023 at the Robesonia Borough Hall located at 75 S. Brooke Street Robesonia, PA. The following Council members attended:

**Harvey W. Marshall, President - VIA Phone**  
**Mark Spotts, Vice President**  
**Jamie Burrus**  
**Dean Johnson**  
**Michael Martin**  
**Matthew Miller**  
**Tracy Rice - VIA Phone**  
**Mayor Rodney Soliday - Absent**

Staff: Solicitor Andrew George, Secretary/Treasurer Elizabeth Miller.

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

Minutes: A motion was made by Dean Johnson to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2023 Council Workshop Meeting. Seconded by Michael Martin. Motion carried.

Bills: A motion was made by Michael Martin to pay and ratify the bills from April 4 to May 1, 2023. Seconded by Harvey Marshall. Motion carried.

#### Police Report

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

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

Vice President Mark Spotts made an announcement prior to the Citizens & Visitors section of the meeting stating that Maple Avenue Apartments is not on Council's agenda for tonight.

Tim Rowe: Tim Rowe submitted a number of questions on the status of Wawa and Maple Avenue Apartments. The Council stated that they would update Mr. Rowe in writing within the next few days.

David Bright: David Bright stated that the POS of A will be hosting an event May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023. He asked that Robeson Street be blocked off with barriers. Harvey Marshall stated they will coordinate together.

Mike Manno: Mike Manno suggested to Council the possibility of moving public comment to the end of the meeting.

Food Pantry: Cherie Benfer from the Conrad Weiser Food Pantry discussed coordinating a better traffic route for pantry pickup days. Harvey Marshall, Michael Martin and Officer Baxter will set up a meeting to consider alternate routes.

Jared Renshaw: Jared Renshaw thanked the Council for their idea to help fund a generator at the Pioneer Hose Fire Company.

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#### Solicitor's Report

- School Crossing Guard: The Council and Solicitor Andrew George had a discussion regarding updated salary numbers received from Superintendent Ryan Giffing. A motion was made by Tracy Rice to advertise the ordinance. Seconded by Dean Johnson. Motion carried. The ordinance will go on the June agenda for approval.

#### 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 May 17, 2023 if needed.

#### Secretary

- Pioneer Hose Company Memorandum of Understanding: A motion was made by Jamie Burrus to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Pioneer Hose Company. Seconded by Dean Johnson. Motion carried.
- Basketball Court Maintenance Quote: The Council had a discussion regarding work that Quality Paving previously completed on the basketball courts. A quote was received from Berks Traffic to grind away the old basketball court lines and then repaint properly. A motion was made by Dean Johnson. Seconded by Matthew Miller. Motion carried.
- Emergency Disaster Relocation Agreement: The Council had a discussion regarding an Emergency Disaster Relocation Agreement with Conrad Weiser School District. The matter was tabled at this time.
- Media Devices for Meeting Room: The Council had a discussion regarding the options for a TV in the meeting room. This matter was tabled at this time and will be discussed at the Parks & Recreation meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Street Fair Rental Agreement: A motion was made by Matthew Miller to sign a Rental Agreement with the Street Fair Committee. The Street Fair Committee will rent the Borough grounds for \$1 and receive a key to the meeting room once a certificate of liability insurance is received. Seconded by Michael Martin. Motion carried.
- Conrad Weiser Pool: After a discussion, a motion was made by Matthew Miller to host two days (June 29<sup>th</sup> and July 27<sup>th</sup> at the Conrad Weiser Pool for the Playground Program. The Borough will also host 2 Community Nights (July 8<sup>th</sup> and August 12<sup>th</sup>). The total cost would be \$1,750 out of the Parks & Recreation budget. The two community pool events would be free to the public and that no fundraising efforts would take place at a free Parks & Recreation sponsored event. Seconded by Dean Johnson. Motion carried.
- Quote from Rockhound for Playground Leader and Volunteer Shirts: A motion was made by Harvey Marshall to purchase shirts for playground leaders and volunteers of the Playground Program for a total of \$418.75. Seconded by Matthew Miller. Motion carried.

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#### Committee Reports

##### Finance Administration:

- None.

##### Streets/Highway/Building/Sewers Committee:

- The Borough will be having Spring Cleanup on May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> from 7 AM to 4 PM.
- The grass planted at the Remediation Project is turning green.
- The Borough has removed the chip and wood pile off of the Friends of the Furnace property.

##### Parks and Recreation:

- The Borough submitted the approved playground project to the County for potential funding opportunities.
- Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> was the first day to register for the Playground Program. Many have already registered their children.

Library Board Liaison: Nothing to report.

#### Council Member Reports

- None.

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 7:56 PM by Harvey Marshall. Seconded by Michael Martin. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Miller  
Robesonia Borough, Secretary