

Borough of Robesonia Council

Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2023

The regular advertised meeting of the Borough of Robesonia Council was held on Monday, November 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 - Absent
Tracy Rice
Mayor Rodney Soliday

Staff: Solicitor Andrew George and Borough Manager Elizabeth Miller.

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

Minutes:

- A motion was made by Michael Martin to approve the amended September 11, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Dean Johnson. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Michael Martin to approve the minutes from the October 2, 2023 Council Meeting. Seconded by Dean Johnson. Motion carried.

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

Police Report

- Sergeant Mark Hackney highlighted and reviewed the October Police Report in place of Chief Matthew Hook for the Council. The Council congratulated Mr. Hackney on becoming Sergeant.

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

David Randler: David Randler reported that the Parks & Recreation Board gave out 350 hot dogs on the day of the Jack Frost Parade which was a great success. Mr. Randler also stated and had a discussion with Council that the parade route for the Jack Frost Parade must change to be more efficient in the upcoming year.

John Schoener: John Schoener had a discussion with Council regarding the poor Jack Frost Parade route and his safety concerns. Harvey Marshall suggested that all of the parties involved should set up a parade prep meeting going forward.

Geneva Berger: Geneva Berger asked Council if there will be any Veterans Day events. David Bright informed Geneva that the annual Veterans Walk will be held at 9:00 AM on Veterans Day.

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Cindy Murdough: Cindy Murdough suggested again to Council that Borough meetings should be recorded.

Solicitor's Report

- No Solicitor topics to address at this time.

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 November 15, 2023 if necessary.

Manager

- 2024 Budget: A motion was made by Michael Martin to advertise the 2024 budget. Seconded by Dean Johnson. Motion carried.
- Resolution 2023-9: A motion was made by Michael Martin to approve Resolution 2023-9 which appoints a delinquent tax collector for 2024. Seconded by Dean Johnson. Motion carried.
- Resolution 2023-10: A motion was made by Michael Martin to approve Resolution 2023-10 which appoints a per capita delinquent tax collector for 2024. Seconded by Dean Johnson. Motion carried.
- Resolution 2023-11: A motion was made by Michael Martin to approve Resolution 2023-11 which appoints salaries and wages for 2024. Seconded by Dean Johnson. Motion carried.
- Resolution 2023-12: A motion was made by Michael Martin to approve Resolution 2023-12 which sets a tax rate for 2024. Seconded by Dean Johnson. Motion carried.
- Resolution 2023-13: A motion was made by Michael Martin to appoint Elizabeth Miller as the Open Records Officer for the Borough of Robesonia. Seconded by Dean Johnson. Motion carried.
- Resolution 2023-14: A motion was made by Michael Martin to approve Resolution 2023-14 which supports the Borough applying for the LSA Statewide Grant for the Playground Replacement Project. Seconded by Dean Johnson. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Finance Administration:

- Minutes for review.

Personnel:

- No report.

Streets/Highway/Building/Sewers Committee:

- Minutes for review.

Parks and Recreation:

- Tracy Rice reported that the Borough will be applying for the Statewide LSA Grant opportunity.

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- The November Parks & Recreation Board meeting will be canceled.
- Tracy Rice thanked Mr. Randler for donating the food that was given away to the community on behalf of the Parks & Recreation Board on the day of the Jack Frost Parade.

Library Board Liaison:

- The Library Board Liaison position remains vacant.

Council Member Reports

- Marshall
 - Bus Shelter Repair: A motion was made by Dean Johnson for the Borough to sign release papers from Columbia Equipment Co. Inc. to schedule repair work. Bachmans Roof insurance company will release payment. Seconded by Mark Spotts. Motion carried.
 - Donation to Crime Alert Berks County: A motion was made by Mark Spotts for the Borough to donate \$250.00 to Crime Alert Berks County. Seconded by Michael Martin. Motion carried.
 - Ronnie Folk Paving Quote: After a discussion, Council decided to table the repair and paving of Patterson Drive until Spring.
- Rice
 - Tracy Rice reported that the approved Crossing Guards have started in Heidelberg Township and Robesonia Borough.
 - Tracy Rice gave recognition and congratulations to Conrad Weiser sports teams.
- Burrus
 - MOU Representative Meeting: Jamie Burrus will forward the updated draft MOU to Council for their review prior to Solicitor review.

Communications: The following Reports/Minutes were received.

- Womelsdorf-Robesonia Joint Water Authority Meeting Minutes & Treasurer's Report
- Robesonia Municipal Authority Meeting Minutes & Treasurers Report
- Robesonia-Wernersville Municipal Authority meeting Minutes

Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:06 PM by Dean Johnson. Seconded by Mark Spotts. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Miller
Manager
Robesonia Borough