

President Harvey Marshall called the June 6th Council meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the pledge to the flag. Council members present were V.P. Mark Spotts, Mike Martin, Matt Miller, Dean Johnson, Jamie Burrus and Tracy Rice. Also attending the meeting were SHPD Chief Leon Grim, Mayor Randy Gartner, Solicitor Andrew George, Manager Lisa Heilman and Secretary Liz Miller. Citizens and visitors attending the meeting were David Randler, Vernon Bright, David Bright, Carol Werkheiser, David Rohrbach, Dave Bartolomucci and Tim Rowe. A motion was made by Mr. Johnson to approve the minutes of the May 2nd, 2022 Council Meeting. Mr. Miller seconded. Council approved unanimously. A motion was made by Mr. Martin to approve the minutes from the Special May 5, 2022 Council Meeting. Mr. Miller seconded. Council approved unanimously.

VISITORS & CITIZENS: Dave Bartolomucci addressed council, stating that he and his wife moved to Elm Street in 2018 and have never received a sewer bill. He now received a letter and bill for over a thousand dollars from the sewer authority to be paid in a month. Solicitor Andrew George advised Mr. Bartolomucci to attend the Sewer Authority meeting, which he will also be attending, which will meet Wednesday at 6pm (which was later rescheduled to Thursday at 6 pm). David Bright thanked council and the Borough for their help with the Memorial Day ceremony. David Rohrbach asked council about the possibility of applying some sort of silicone to help preserve the bricks in Robeson Park which will be looked into. All other visitors were observing.

MAYOR – Mayor Gartner reported that Robypalooza will be held on Saturday, June 11th from 1-8pm. The proceeds benefit Wreaths Across America. 4 bands will be playing. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Also, on June 24th and 25th is the Robesonia Street Fair. Fireworks will be held on that Saturday. Mayor Gartner also reported that he has been receiving many complaints about the sewer bill increase.

SOLICITOR - Solicitor George presented to Council the Berks County Conservation District MOU with a summary of changes which was included in the agenda packet. Council will look over and discuss for next month's meeting. The COG (Council of Governments) contract agreement is up for renewal. The current agreement is included in the packet. Council can lookover this as well and will be added to the agenda for either the workshop meeting or July meeting.

ENGINEER – The Engineer's Monthly Report was included in the agenda packet. The report includes updates on Keener – Furnace Village I and II, Wawa Land Development, and Robesonia Furnace Environmental Cleanup.

PLANNING COMMISSION – The next Planning Commission meeting will be held on June 15th to discuss the revised Maple Avenue apartments sketch plan and the formal resubmission regarding Preliminary/Final Land Development and Lot Consolidation Plan Approval for the proposed Wawa Food Market & Fueling Station.

MANAGER – Advised Council that the Borough received a letter from Comcast regarding our Franchise Renewal Process. The Borough has not made any changes in the last agreement, it may be time to look it over and consider whether the Borough may have any changes they wish to be included in the new contract going forward. The Comcast letter is included in the packet for review. Mr. Spotts agreed to pursue this and look into an agreement for the Borough and also Pioneer Hose and report back.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES- Motion by Mr. Spotts, seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously carried

the bills were ordered paid as presented, including those paid prior to the meeting to avoid penalties

COMMITTEE REPORTS-

Finance/Administration – Council agreed and noted that going forward, products should be received prior to providing payment. Mr. Spotts noted that he would like an audit of donations that the Borough provides. A new budget line should be created for such going forward.

Personnel: A letter will be sent to Perry Lloyd thanking him for the new lights for the basketball court. Mr. Marshall provided an update regarding the full-time secretary search. Council entered into an executive session at 7:34 pm and reconvened at 7:44 pm. Mr. Johnson made a motion seconded by Mrs. Rice that Council request a second interview with their leading candidate and offer employment if all agree.

Fire Protection/Safety – No report.

Streets & Highways- The final paving and 40-yard container should be completed and delivered on Friday, June 10th, which means we can close out the 902 Grant (Round 58) upon completion. Mr. Marshall discussed signs should be placed telling people where to go and also putting a chain across with no dumping signs over the old dumping ground. A robocall should be set up as well to inform people to get off the roads that are being paved. Mr. Marshall reported that when Mountain Road is paved at the end of June, residents will have to stay off the road for 7-10 days and should be alerted prior.

Parks & Recreation- Meeting minutes from the May 19th meeting were included in the agenda packet. Mrs. Rice reported that the CW Pool is hosing the Playground Program on June 30th and July 28th from 9am to 12pm. Mrs. Rice discussed the possibility of sponsoring a community night at the pool as well for fundraising purposes, for example supporting the library. She will continue to pursue and keep Council updated. Mrs. Rice also wants to look into the cost of putting a sandwich board sign at the light across from Dunkin Donuts to be able to post Robesonia community events. The playground program is running for 7 weeks and started on Monday, June 13th. Heidelberg Township donated \$500 which has been used to order new supplies. The Lion's Club has donated \$500 which has been used to buy new equipment for activities. Some parents with clearances have volunteered as well. 60 kids have signed up for the program, registration had to be closed. All agreed next year a maximum number of children should be set ahead of time. Mrs. Rice brought to council the suggestion to hire a 4th leader. Mr. Spotts made the motion to hire a 4th leader with Mr. Johnson seconded. Mrs. Rice brought up the possibility to provide free snacks and free drinks this year. All agreed.

Library- No report.

Police- Chief Grim reminded Council of the fundraiser scheduled for June 17th from 6-9PM at the CW Community Pool to benefit one of the SHPD officer's child who was recently diagnosed with bone cancer. Chief Grim presented to council a video of officers working to deescalate a mental health situation. Chief Grim also reported that mental health crises are a rising issue in the community. He reported that a school resource officer is present at all schools and all officers also go through active shooter training.

Water/Sewer Municipal Authorities- Sewer Authority meeting will take place Wednesday at 6pm (which was later rescheduled for Thursday at 6pm).

Western Berks Joint Planning Commission: No report.

Environmental Remediation Committee: Phase II Remediation is currently underway. Over 100 truckloads of dirt were taken out. A 3–4-inch topsoil cap will be put in place.

American Rescue Plan Committee: Mr. Spotts provided an update of distribution of American Rescue Plan Funds which are as follows-

\$25,000 Robesonia Borough Parks & Recreation – Robesonia Borough Parks & Recreation – includes physical improvements to Henry P. Robeson Park, Tot Lot, Tot Lot Pavilion, Baseball Fields, Baseball Pavilion, Tennis Courts, Basketball Courts & Furnace Triangle Park

\$20,000 Pioneer Hose Robesonia – Emergency backup generator to power engine house and social building (entire building) with the idea it could be set up as an emergency command center. NOTE: May be reallocated upon request of Pioneer Hose with approval of Borough Council.

\$15,000 Robesonia Borough – HVAC system for Furnace Office Building. Any balance of unused funds to be applied to roof repairs.

\$8,000 Robesonia Borough Personnel Committee – COVID-19 bonus pay for allocation to employees who worked through start of pandemic.

Current account balance	\$92,811.86
Proposed project funding June 2022	-\$68,000
Account balance after June funding	\$24,811.86

Next ARP allotment	\$108,175.63
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Motion to approve \$68,000 total in ARP funding to Borough of Robesonia (\$48,000) and Pioneer Hose Robesonia (\$20,000) was made by Mrs. Rice and seconded by Mr. Spotts and unanimously carried with Mr. Marshall abstaining. A motion to rescind approval on previous motion was made by Mrs. Rice and seconded by Mr. Spotts so that Council can vote on each specific amount individually. Mrs. Rice made a motion to approve \$25,000 to Parks and Recreation, \$20,000 to Pioneer Hose, and \$15,000 to Robesonia Borough for HVAC system, and was seconded by Mr. Spotts. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve \$8,000 to Personnel Committee for COVID-19 bonus pay, and was seconded by Mr. Spotts. Mayor Gartner vetoed the motion to spend \$8,000 to Personnel Committee for COVID-19 bonus pay in writing.

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Marshall- No report.

Martin- No report.

Rice- Mrs. Rice thanked Lisa Heilman on over 20 years of service to the Borough and wished her the best on her upcoming retirement. Mrs. Rice is having a meeting this week regarding the Breinger property and the POS of A conservative easement. A review of the Western Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan is needed around every 5 to 10 years and should be added to the July agenda.

Johnson- No report.

Spotts- No report.

Burrus- No report.

Miller- No report.

Mayor Gartner- Mayor Gartner thanked Lisa Heilman on her years of service to the Borough. The annual car show will be held on Labor Day this year. There is a large structure on Church Street that should be brought up to the Zoning Board and looked into regarding variances.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – MS4/NPDES Permit Update – No update at this time.

NEW BUSINESS – No report.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Womelsdorf-Robesonia Joint Water Authority Treasurer’s report and Meeting Minutes (May)
- RWMA Meeting Minutes, operational report & Engineer’s Report (May)

- RMA Meeting Minutes (February)
- SHTPD Police Monthly Report
- Building Permit List (May)
- Berks Nature thank you letter for Borough's donation

On a motion by Mr. Spotts, second by Mr. Miller and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:54 PM.

Attest:

Liz Miller
Secretary