

Borough of Robesonia Council

Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2022

The regular advertised meeting of the Borough of Robesonia Council was held on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 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 - Absent
Dean Johnson
Michael Martin
Matthew Miller
Tracy Rice
Mayor Randy Gartner

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

Visitors: Sign in sheet available upon request.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Mark Spotts with the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes: A motion was made by Dean Johnson to approve the minutes from the August 15, 2022 Council Workshop meeting. Seconded by Michael Martin. Motion carried.

Bills: A motion was made by Michael Martin to pay and ratify the bills from August 2 to September 6, 2022. Seconded by Dean Johnson. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Thank You: Mindy Cohen thanked the Borough for the fundraising events benefiting the library.

POS of A: David Bright read a letter to the Council thanking them for the purchase of the new HVAC system for the Furnace office. He stated that it would help preserve the historic structure.

Mayor Report

- Randy Gartner reported that the car show rain date will take place on Sunday, September 18, 2022.
- Safety Net Sanctuary: The Council discussed the animal control service agreement from Safety Net Sanctuary. After the discussion concerning the details, no action was taken.

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Solicitor's Report

Resolutions:

- Fee Certification Resolution #2022-10: Motion was made by Michael Martin to approve Resolution #2022-10. Seconded by Dean Johnson. Motion carried.
- Records Destruction Resolution #2022-11: Motion was made by Matthew Miller to approve Resolution #2022-11. Seconded by Tracy Rice. Motion carried.
- Tax Collector Resolution #2022-12: Motion was made by Michael Martin to approve Resolution #2022-12. Seconded by Dean Johnson. Motion carried.
- Collections Ordinance: Motion was made by Harvey Marshall to authorize Solicitor George to do what is necessary to include advertising for the adoption of the Collections Ordinance and contract at the October 3, 2022 Council meeting. Seconded by Michael Martin. Motion carried.
- MS4 Ordinance #2022-2: Motion was made by Tracy Rice to adopt Ordinance #2022-2. Seconded by Dean Johnson. Motion carried.
- Comcast Franchise Agreement: The Council stated they will discuss the Comcast Franchise Agreement at the September 19, 2022 Workshop meeting.

Engineer Report

The Council reviewed the Technicon Enterprise report dated August 29, 2022.

Maple Avenue Apartments Development Traffic Study: After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Tracy Rice to require Maple Avenue Apartments developer to do a traffic study to include the vicinity of Bernville Road and Route 422. Seconded by Dean Johnson. Motion carried.

Maple Avenue Apartments Development Driveway Apron: After a discussion, the driveway apron matter was tabled until after the traffic study is completed.

Secretary

Membership: After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Michael Martin to approve the Berks County Cooperative Purchasing Council Center for Excellence in Local Government Agreement. Seconded by Dean Johnson. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Police: The Council reviewed the August Police Report.

Fire Protection: Michael Martin reported that the first week of October is the annual collection for contributions.

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Streets/Highway/Building/Sewers Committee: Council reviewed minutes from August 15, 2022.

Agreements: The Council had a discussion on drafting a tenant agreement with the Robesonia Community Library. The Committee stated that they will discuss the matter at their next meeting on September 19, 2022.

Parks and Recreation: Council reviewed minutes from August 18, 2022.

Resignation: After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Harvey Marshall to accept the resignation of Michael Zerbe from the Parks and Recreation Committee. Seconded by Dean Johnson. Motion carried.

Canceled Meeting: Announcement was made that the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting on September 15, 2022 has been canceled.

Open Positions: After a discussion, Council stated that they would review letters of interest for individuals who would like to be appointed to the Parks and Recreation Committee at the Workshop meeting on September 19, 2022.

Proposals: A motion was made by Dean Johnson to accept the proposals from Berks Traffic for repainting of the basketball court, four square and parking lot for a total of \$3,420.00. Seconded by Tracy Rice.

Council Member Reports

Harvey Marshall:

- Henry P. Robeson Park: After discussion, a motion was made by Tracy Rice to replace a tree at the park for \$90. Seconded by Michael Martin. Motion carried.
- Brick Sealing: A motion was made by Dean Johnson to authorize the sealing and maintenance of the Henry P. Robeson Park bricks. Seconded by Tracy Rice. Motion carried.
- Transfer of Bank Accounts: The Council had discussion about possibly switching bank accounts to a new bank. No action taken.
- Phase 2 Remediation Bid: After a discussion, a motion was made by Matthew Miller to advertise for the Phase 2 Remediation project. Seconded by Michael Martin. Motion carried.
- Special Meeting: A motion was made by Michael Martin to approve the advertisement for a special meeting on September 22, 2022 at 4:30 PM to open Phase 2 Remediation bids and any other items that may come before the Council. Seconded by Matthew Miller. Motion carried.

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Tracy Rice: Discussion on possible MOU with Friends of the Furnace. Matter was tabled.

Mark Spotts: The Council had a discussion on the COG increase for 2023 and are working on the upcoming budget.

Business:

School Crossing Guard: The Council and a few visitors had a discussion on possibly providing crossing guards for school children crossing Penn Avenue. The Council is looking into the matter.

Resignation: A motion was made by Dean Johnson to accept the resignation of Jim Bright from the Robesonia Municipal Authority. Seconded by Harvey Marshall. Motion carried.

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 9:34 PM by Michael Martin. Seconded by Matthew Miller. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Miller
Robesonia Borough, Secretary