

Borough of Robesonia Council

Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2023

The regular advertised meeting of the Borough of Robesonia Council was held on Monday, October 2, 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
Tracy Rice
Mayor Rodney Soliday

Staff: Solicitor Andrew George and Borough Manager Elizabeth Miller.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Harvey Marshall with the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes:

- A motion was made by Tracy Rice to amend the proposed September 11, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Mark Spotts. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Michael Martin to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2023 Workshop Council Meeting. Seconded by Mark Spotts. Motion carried.

Bills: A motion was made by Dean Johnson to pay and ratify the bills from September 12, 2023 to October 2, 2023. Seconded by Michael Martin. Motion carried. Borough Manager, Elizabeth Miller reported that the Annual State Aid money has been deposited into the Boroughs pension plan account, the 2023 Volunteer Fire Relief check was cut for the Pioneer Hose Apparatus and a check for \$20,000.00 was made out to Pioneer Hose Apparatus to fulfill the Boroughs commitment per the MOU.

Police Report

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

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

David Bright: David Bright and Council had a discussion regarding an ongoing littering problem at the basketball court. Chief Hook will monitor the situation.

Cindy Murdough: Cindy Murdough suggested to Council that they record their meetings. Council will discuss the issue.

Solicitor's Report

- No Solicitor topics to address at this time.

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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 October 18, 2023 if necessary.

Manager

- 2024 Budget: The 2024 proposed budget was presented. Council will review and vote to advertise at the November Council Meeting.
- 2024 Meeting Dates: A motion was made by Michael Martin to advertise the 2024 meeting dates in the Reading Eagle. Seconded by Tracy Rice. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Finance Administration:

- Minutes for review.

Personnel:

- No report.

Streets/Highway/Building/Sewers Committee:

- Minutes for review.
- Harvey Marshall reported that the Borough has applied for a LSA Grant for new equipment.

Parks and Recreation:

- Minutes for review.
- Tracy Rice reported that the Borough has applied for a LSA Grant for the Playground Replacement Project.
- A sponsorship list has been drafted for items associated with the Playground Replacement Project. Tracy Rice thanked Cindy Murdough for sponsoring trees to be planted at the playground.
- The October Parks & Recreation Board meeting will be canceled.

Library Board Liaison:

- The Library Board Liaison position is still vacant.

Council Member Reports

- Marshall
 - Electric Contract: A motion was made by Mark Spotts to approve a 24-month electric contract with APG&E at \$0.09620. Seconded by Matthew Miller. Motion carried.

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- Martin
 - Michael Martin reported that the Fire Company has been training in the buildings that will be tore down for Wawa's construction. Wernersville and Womelsdorf Fire Company have joined them as well.
- Rice
 - Tracy Rice reported that the Food Pantry has celebrated their 40-year anniversary.
- Burrus
 - MOU Representative Meeting: Jamie Burrus gave the Council an update on his recent attendance at the MOU Representative meeting. The representatives will continue meeting to discuss a potential MOU.

Communications: The following Reports/Minutes were received.

- Womelsdorf-Robesonia Joint Water Authority Meeting Minutes & Treasurer's Report
- Western Berks Ambulance Report
- Robesonia Municipal Authority Financial Statement

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