

Borough of Robesonia Council

Meeting Minutes

July 5, 2022

The regular meeting of the Borough of Robesonia Council was held on Tuesday, July 5, 2022 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 Randy Gartner

Staff: Solicitor Andrew George, Police Chief Leon Grim, Secretary Elizabeth Miller and Manager Gloria Grim

Visitors: Sign in sheet available upon request.

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

Minutes: A motion was made by Mark Spotts to approve the minutes from the June 20, 2022 Workshop meeting. Seconded by Michael Martin. Motion carried.

Bills: A motion was made by Michael Martin to pay and ratify the bills from June 6 to July 5, 2022. Seconded by Matthew Miller. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Library: Leah Ruth represented the Robesonia Community Library reported on the following: Oceans of Possibilities started on June 6 to August 6, 2022, they have started purchasing items for their "Library of Things" and Library has purchased numerous items and hopes to have them available in the near future for the public.

Lions Club: Michael Brown delivered hometown hero banners to the Borough.

Mayor Report

Mayor Randy Gartner reported on the following:

- A memorial bench for Robert Hatt and his dog Scout will be dedicated July 10, 2022 at 7:00 PM.
- Mayor Gartner thanked David Randler and Mark Zlocki from Dunkin Donuts for the no parking signs for the Hatt memorial.

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- Mayor Gartner stated he would repair the circuit breaker that is used for the street fair.
- Mayor Gartner reported that phase 1 of the remediation project is cleaned up and looks good.
- Car show will be held on September 5, 2022.

Solicitor's Report

Resolution: After discussion, a motion was made by Mark Spotts to execute the Recreation Fee Resolution #2022-6. Seconded by Tracy Rice. Motion carried.

PPL Pole Replacement: After a brief discussion, no action was taken.

Engineer Report

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Land Development Plan Extension: After a discussion, the Council acknowledged the Paramount Realty/Wawa Land Development Plan Extension until September 6, 2022.

Planning Commission: Planning Commission meeting on July 20, 2022 is canceled.

Manager

Berks Community Health Center: Jen Bauman representing the Berks Community Health Center contacted the Borough about the possibility of doing a Mobile Medical Unit. The Council had a discussion about the request and stated that they will need additional information.

Application for Handicapped Parking: After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mark Spotts to approve the application for a handicapped parking space for 108 West Penn Avenue. Seconded by Michael Martin. Motion carried.

Soccer Shots Fall Program: James Gush representing Soccer Shots requested dates for their fall program. The Council had some questions if parking would be limited due to Trinity Church services. After discussion, the Council asked the Recreation Board to look into the matter.

Committee Reports

Finance Administration: The committee reported that they will start looking at the budget in the near future.

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Personnel: The Committee is looking into hiring a cleaning personnel in the near future.

Fire Protection: Michael Martin stated that they are looking into attaining grants.

Streets/Highway/Sewers:

- Harvey Marshall reported that the 902 grant has been completed and they have secured another grant for the purchase of a new truck.
- Recycling will be moved to the Borough Garage; the date will be announced in the near future.
- The Mountain Road and Mountain Avenue construction work will begin in the near future. Information on the closures will be announced on Facebook and on Swift911.

Parks and Recreation:

- Tracy Rice reported that the Summer Playground Program is going very well and everyone seems to be very happy.
- Community Night was held Friday, July 1, 2022 and the next date will be August 5, 2022.
- Recreation Board presented the Lion's Club with a poster thanking them for their donation.

Police

- Chief Leon Grim submitted his June 2022 Report that will be available on the Borough website.
- Chief Grim thanked the community for their participation in the Lanza Family Community Night that helped raise funds for the police officer's daughter that has cancer.

American Rescue Plan Committee

ARP Fund Distribution: The Council and the Mayor had a discussion on a line item referencing ARP funding for employees. Mayor Randy Gartner submitted a veto to this line item. After a discussion, the Solicitor stated that Mr. Gartner could not veto the line item. After additional discussion, the Council stated that the line item could be revisited at a later date.

Council Member Reports

Harvey Marshall: Harvey Marshall had a discussion with the Council regarding Smokering Drive and the timing of the dedication of the roadway and when they would be setting up a Home Owners Association. After discussion, Mr. Marshall stated that he would talk to Technicon Enterprises about the matter.

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Tracy Rice: The Council and Tracy Rice had a discussion on the swale on Elm Street and if the proper easements were in place. Harvey Marshall stated he would discuss the matter with Technicon Enterprises in the near future.

Mark Spotts: Council of Government (COG)- Mark Spotts and the Council had a discussion on the COG Contract. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mark Spotts to approve Option 1, that would extend the current contract for 1 year. Seconded by Michael Martin. Motion carried.

Mayor Randy Gartner: Mayor Gartner thanked the staff for the new meeting folder format. Mayor Gartner also felt that the Playground Program was going very well.

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 8:10 PM by Michael Martin. Seconded by Matthew Miller. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Miller
Robesonia Borough, Secretary