

# **Borough of Robesonia Council**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **April 3, 2023**

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The regular advertised meeting of the Borough of Robesonia Council was held on Monday, April 3, 2023 at the Robesonia Borough Hall located at 75 S. Brooke Street Robesonia, PA. The following Council members attended:

**Harvey W. Marshall, President - Absent**  
**Mark Spotts, Vice President**  
**Jamie Burrus**  
**Dean Johnson**  
**Michael Martin**  
**Matthew Miller**  
**Tracy Rice**  
**Mayor Rodney Soliday**

Staff: Solicitor Andrew George, Secretary/Treasurer Elizabeth Miller.

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

Minutes: A motion was made by Michael Martin to approve the minutes from the March 6, 2023 Council Meeting. Seconded by Dean Johnson. Motion carried.

Bills: A motion was made by Michael Martin to pay and ratify the bills from March 7 to April 3, 2023. Seconded by Dean Johnson. Motion carried.

#### Police Report

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

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

Mike Manno: Mike Manno had a discussion with the Council and Solicitor Andrew George regarding when minutes can be posted and content of agendas. Solicitor George stated that the Borough is following state law. Mr. Manno also had comments regarding Wawa and its approval process.

Sarah Marshall: Sarah Marshall had a discussion with the Council, Secretary and Chief Hook regarding a complaint from Waste Management, Streets Department and Road Master over trash cans being left out in the cartway in the Oak Avenue alley. The matter was turned over to Chief Hook for action.

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#### Solicitor's Report

- School Crossing Guard: After a discussion, the Council decided to table the advertisement of the Ordinance for a school crossing guard because clarification is needed from the school to calculate the cost to the Borough.

#### 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 April 19, 2023 if needed.

#### Secretary

- Hiring of Playground Leaders: A motion was made by Tracy Rice to hire Grace George, Matt Noll and Jasmal Cruz as Playground Leaders for the 2023 Playground Program. Seconded by Matthew Miller. Motion carried.
- ARP Reporting: A motion was made by Matthew Miller to authorize the completion of the American Rescue Plan reporting under the Government revenue replacement for the standard allowance for the provision of Government services. Seconded by Tracy Rice. Motion carried.
- CW Youth Baseball: Scott Huff thanked Council for allowing Conrad Weiser Baseball and Softball teams to use the Borough field free of charge for 2023.

#### Committee Reports

##### Finance Administration:

- Minutes for review.

##### Streets/Highway/Building/Sewers Committee:

- Minutes for review.

##### Parks and Recreation:

- Minutes for review.
- Tracy Rice gave an update on upcoming Borough events.
- Tracy Rice suggested putting a QR code on the remediation property. No action taken.
- A motion was made by Jamie Burrus to advertise the upcoming Car Show in Cruise News. Seconded by Dean Johnson. Motion carried.

##### American Rescue Plan Committee:

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- Minutes for review.
- ARP Funds: The allocation of funds for building renovations, conference tables, paint, cleaning and carpet was tabled until a total final cost is available.
- Playground Land Survey: A motion was made by Michael Martin to pay a \$1,800 invoice from C2C Design out of Parks and Recreation ARP allocated funds. Seconded by Tracy Rice. Motion carried.

Library Board Liaison: Nothing to report.

#### Council Member Reports

Mayor:

- Mayor Soliday reported that the RMA will have a meeting on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM.

Rice:

- The Council had a discussion over EMC procedures.
- The Council had a brief discussion over the possibility of opening the Furnace Street Bridge. The Borough is waiting to receive the PennDOT report.

Communications: The following Reports/Minutes were received.

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

Citizens and Visitors:

Status Update on Development: Tim Rowe had a number of questions on the status and approvals for Wawa and Maple Avenue Apartments. After a brief discussion, the Council stated that they would update Mr. Rowe in writing within the next few days.

#### Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:00 PM by Dean Johnson. Seconded by Jamie Burrus. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Miller  
Robesonia Borough, Secretary