

**Red Lion Borough Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, February 13, 2012**

**Members**

Christina Frutiger  
Garby Snell  
Kelly Henshaw  
Brad Smith  
Thomas Shellenberger  
Dennis Klinedinst  
Walter Hughes

**Others**

Dianne Price, Borough Mgr.  
Nicole Ehrhart, Solicitor  
Brett Patterson, Public Works  
Dan Shaw, Zoning/Codes  
Stacy Myers, Recording Sec'y

**Visitors**

Loren McCleary  
Scott Kopp  
Pastor Ken Gibson  
Rick Slaugh  
Kathy Horne

Robert Frutiger  
Michael Poff  
Steve Detter  
Nevin Horne  
Joe Yahnke

1. The meeting was called to order @ 7:00p.m. Pastor Ken Gibson from Pleasant View Brethren In Christ Church opened with a prayer. Everyone present participated in the pledge to the flag.
2. Mr. Smith made a motion to accept the January 9, 2012 meeting minutes. Mr. Klinedinst seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
3. **VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS**—Council President Henshaw stated it was decided at Council's Work Session to limit public comment to five (5) minutes per person.
  - Steve Detter was present to ask questions regarding Zoning, in particular, Section 27-203 of the Zoning Ordinance. This section does not allow more than one residential unit in a Commercial property in Borough Center Zone. He wondered where the process stood in regards to getting that amended. Mrs. Snell stated Council has recommended to Planning Commission to come up with a specific square-footage size when adding an apartment to a Commercial property. Zoning law for Borough Center Zone was changed to reflect the allowed one residential unit in 2004-2005. Prior to that time, properties were grandfathered in and it was allowed.  
Mr. Detter also had some questions regarding building codes. Dan Shaw said UCC (Uniform Construction Code) has to be followed. Mr. Detter then asked if a 2<sup>nd</sup>-floor residential unit is required to have two forms for egress; Dan said yes. Mr. Detter said there are a few properties in the Borough Center Zone not in compliance with this code. They have businesses on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor and apartments on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> floors. Dan said the Borough was just recently made aware of one of these properties, and Planning Commission will be discussing it at their Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012 meeting.
  - Kathy Horne was present to discuss the police contract. She is unhappy with the reduction of police hours and questioned how the decision was made to do so. Council President Henshaw stated that Council reviewed statistics of surrounding areas & took the per capita of what they were buying to come up with the decision to go from 240 hrs/month to 150 hrs/month of police coverage. Mrs. Horne said she doesn't feel like Red Lion is as safe as it once was with less police presence now.
  - Nevin Horne was present to express his displeasure of a splash park being planned for Fairmount Park. Why spend \$400,000 on this and cut police coverage? Why remove

streetlights on North Main Street when there was a recent shooting in the area? Mr. Smith stated there will be a discussion tonight about reinstalling those streetlights.

4. **PUBLIC SAFETY**—Mrs. Frutiger

- **Fire Company Report**—Joe Yahnke reported:
  - 56 incidents for January; 11 in Borough
  - Still waiting for windows to be installed in fire hall
  - Pads in front of fire station & their back lot were to be plowed by Public Works, but the other week it was not done & the fire company had to pay someone to do it. Brett stated the front pad was cleaned off, but Joe said it was done early in the storm, just once, but the back lot was not clear. Brett said employees were clearing streets for 15hrs, and he made the decision to send them home. He didn't want to bring them back out & pay overtime to do so. Brett said whatever Council wants him to do regarding plowing, he will do, but the employees put in long hours. Council will discuss it tonight during "Public Works" report.
- **Ambulance Report**—report distributed
- **EMC Report**—Scott Kopp reported some updated equipment was recently purchased from EOC.

5. **POLICE REPORT**—No Police Officer present tonight. A report for January showed an excess of 210 police hours (not used), but no crime report was received for that month.

6. **MAYOR KOPP'S REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**—Mayor Kopp was absent tonight, but Scott Kopp reported that Fire Company personnel had been sworn in recently.

7. **ORDINANCES**—to advertise the rental inspection Ordinance; to keep properties in the Borough up to code. Currently, Dan Shaw does not have the authority to go into properties where updates are needed without an inspection process. Mrs. Snell made a motion to advertise the Ordinance; Mrs. Frutiger seconded. A vote was taken; motion carried with Mr. Shellenberger, Mr. Smith & Mr. Klinedinst opposing.

8. **PETITIONS**—none

9. **RESOLUTIONS**—Resolution 2012-04—to use Metro Bank for Recreation funds/accounts, which will allow Recreation Commission to accept credit card payments for recreation events. Mr. Klinedinst made a motion to adopt the Resolution; Mr. Smith seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.

10. **AGREEMENTS**—none

11. **BIDS**—to advertise the Henrietta Street project for bid, which requires mill/fill & a small portion of curb replacement. Mr. Smith made a motion to advertise for bid; Mrs. Frutiger seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.

12. **ENGINEER'S REPORT**—Jeff Shue was absent. A Memorandum of Understanding with York County Conservation District was before Council for action. The District reviews the Erosion & Sediment Plan & the NPDES permitting. The MOU doesn't cost anything, it is just time to renew, which happens approx. every five (5) years. Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the MOU; Mrs. Snell seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.

13. **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**—no report

14. **PARKS AND RECREATION**—Mr. Klinedinst reported:

- Measured for replacement windows in Community Center
- Baseball sign-ups went well
- Youth Center—trying to get the Saturday night program off the ground
- June 11-15<sup>th</sup>—community churches are coming together for Vacation Bible School in the park. In case of rain, they would like to use the Community Center. Mr. Klinedinst will talk to Mike Zelger so there won't be any schedule conflicts & restrooms will be open.

15. **MUNICIPAL SERVICES**—Mr. Hughes reported:
- Appointment to Municipal Authority—Mr. Klinedinst made a motion nominating Brad Smith to the Authority; Mr. Hughes seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
  - Appoint new natural gas supplier for a one-year term--IGS can offer savings due to buying in bulk. This agreement is just for the Borough; Authority is not involved but could be, if they wish.
  - Mr. Hughes wanted to address Kathy Horne’s comment about police, patrolling, etc. In regards to no officer being present at the meeting to read the UCR (Uniform Crime Report), he asked why we would want to pay an officer to attend a meeting to read a report. He found that to be a waste of Police time. Secondly, he said there is “proactive” & “reactive” policing. “Proactive” policing is done in larger cities (Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, etc). Their police forces are larger; more patrolling can be done. Pro-policing is something police do as an exception to their routine duties. Most municipalities, such as Red Lion, conduct “reactive” policing. Police respond to calls when necessary & conduct investigations of crimes, as necessary. Because of state & federal constitutions, police are limited as to what they can & cannot do. In regards to speeding, Mr. Hughes said most people speed, and unless there is always a police car visible to traffic, people will continue to speed.  
He finds YARPD to be highly visible in Red Lion, he feels they do a good job, and he stated Red Lion residents are just as safe now as they were before police hours were reduced, which he stated was not the only thing in the 2012 budget to be cut.
16. **PUBLIC WORKS**—Mr. Smith reported:
- Mr. Klinedinst made a motion to approve a handicap parking permit for 635 West Broadway, which meets all requirements; Mrs. Snell seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
  - Backhoe has been sold; payment has been received
  - Street sweeper is still not working. Council wants to move forward with getting it repaired
  - Quote will be received from the Fire Company for snow removal. Mrs. Price said it could then be budgeted as a Borough contribution to the Fire Company rather than Borough employees coming back a few times to clear the pad & getting overtime.
17. **PLANNING, ZONING AND REDEVELOPMENT**—Mrs. Snell reported:
- Streetlights to be reinstalled on North Main Street because it’s too dark in that area. Mr. Smith made a motion to approve; Mr. Hughes seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
  - Zoning Hearing Board recently approved storage units on Cherry Lane.
  - Keith Tompkins’ resignation from Planning Commission. Mr. Smith made a motion to accept the resignation; Mr. Klinedinst seconded. All were in favor; motion carried. This leaves a vacancy on the Commission.
  - Anstine Candy has applied for the façade grant.
  - Central Pizza has applied for the façade loan & grant.
  - Planning Commission meeting will be held Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012.
  - Zoning Hearing will probably be held early March.
18. **ADMINISTRATION**—no report
19. **COMMUNICATION**—no report
20. **Manager’s Report**—Mrs. Price distributed report
21. **Other correspondence**—Mr. Shellenberger commented on the nice picture of the highway crew on the Borough website.
22. Mr. Shellenberger made a motion to approve the bills & statements; Mrs. Snell seconded. All were in favor; motion carried with Mr. Smith abstaining.

23. Mr. Shellenberger made a motion to adjourn the meeting @ 8:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stacy Myers  
Recording Secretary