

**Red Lion Borough Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**Members**

Danielle Kabacinski  
Cynthia Barley  
Kelly Henshaw  
Christina Frutiger  
Anthony Musso  
Walter Hughes  
Dennis Klinedinst

**Others**

D. Michael Craley, Solicitor  
Jeff Shue, Engineer  
Dianne Price, Borough Mgr.  
Dan Shaw, Codes/Zoning  
Mayor Steven Kopp  
Brett Patterson, Public Works  
Stacy Myers, Recording Secy

**Visitors**

Loren McCleary  
Robin Smith  
Nevin Horne  
David Pennell  
Anne Muran  
Judy Klinger  
Roberta Ebert  
Lori Badders

Ben Rodkey  
Scott Kopp  
Robert Frutiger  
Henry Korte  
Robert Korte  
Jeff Herrman  
John Merson

Bill Henry  
Mike Zelger  
Lisa Zelger  
Rich Longnecker  
Pastor Ron Kessler  
Steve Detter  
Bob Hammers

1. The meeting was called to order @ 7:00p.m. Pastor Ron Kessler from Christ the Rock Community Church opened with a prayer and everyone present participated in the pledge to the flag.
2. Council recessed to Executive Session @ 7:02p.m. and reconvened @ 7:20p.m.
3. Mrs. Frutiger made a motion to approve the September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Meeting Minutes; Mr. Henshaw seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
4. **PUBLIC SAFETY**—Mr. Musso
  - **Fire Company Report**—Ben Rodkey reported that it's been a fairly quiet month for the Fire Company and the smoke detector installation program is still going strong.
  - **Ambulance Report**—report distributed
  - **EMA Report**—Scott Kopp reported:
    - Training is ongoing
    - Emergency Operations Plan is in the process of being updated
    - Meetings are being held regarding the Fire Police shortage issue
  - **Police issue**—after Executive Session, Mr. Musso made a motion to send an offer to York Area Regional Police of \$675,000/year for three years. This is a flat-fee offer, not specifying any PPU's and no overages. (The proposed amount equates to 16½ PPU's) This is \$100,000 more than last year's cost. Mr. Henshaw seconded. All were in favor; motion carried. Mayor Kopp stated he supports Borough Council on their decision and he believes it sounds like a very fair offer.
5. **VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS**—The following addressed Council:
  - Bob Hammers is a 55-year resident who served on Borough Council years ago. He appreciates the job Council has before them and stated it is a thankless job at times.

He also appreciates Council holding the Town Hall meeting to address Police issues and believes that some comments from residents were out of line. Mr. Hammers said he would like to see 24/7 police presence in the Borough, such as creating a Borough Police force again, and wishes that Council would work towards having 24/7 coverage. He has created a list of suggestions that he will leave with Council for their consideration. He also hopes the presence of York Area Regional will deter crime in the Borough.

- Robert Forte lives on First Avenue and he reported that his father, Henry Forte had called YARP today (10/13/14) because someone was parked in his reserved handicapped parking space. When the Police arrived, they had given his father a rude remark such as “contact the Borough and let them handle it”. The officer then walked away. Mr. Forte said a complaint was made to the Chief about the officer’s conduct. Council President Hughes suggested the Forte’s contact the Police Commissioners as well.
  - At this time, (7:30p.m.) Councilman Kelly Henshaw left the meeting.
  - Rich Longnecker is a 40+-year Borough resident. He reported that Red Lion has higher taxes than neighboring municipalities and he wants to know where the money goes if the Borough doesn’t want to spend it on Police. Council members invited Mr. Longnecker to their budget meeting that will be held 10/14/14. He believes public safety should be the #1 priority. Mr. Longnecker’s son is a YARP officer who said York Area wants to patrol Red Lion Borough, but they had a lot of extra calls that Red Lion didn’t want to pay for; they then cut YARP’s hours. Mr. Longnecker said his home was invaded in 2013 and after that incident, his son had said Chief Gross told officers not to make an effort to patrol Red Lion, only when they get calls.
  - John Merson asked if Council had considered his proposal to begin a Borough Police force? President Hughes said Council will wait for a response from YARP following tonight’s proposal they are sending them.
  - Steve Detter is a business owner in the Borough and he had heard comments about rental properties (and renters) being a factor in the crime of Red Lion. He said he has tenants and he doesn’t have a problem with them. Landlords have to take responsibility to clean up their properties and not to tolerate bad or troublesome tenants. He said Council shouldn’t punish those who are responsible landlords. Landlords who own property where recurring police calls & visits are made should be fined. This is where a lot of tax money is wasted, Mr. Detter said.
  - Nevin Horne is a lifetime Borough resident & business owner who agrees with Mr. Detter that some of the rental properties around town are a huge problem and waste of Police time and tax money. He said the Borough should enforce their Ordinances to clean up the town, whether they’re owned properties or rentals. Police presence is important to run the “trash” out of town.
6. **MAYOR KOPPS REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**—Mayor Kopp reported that, at the November Council meeting, he will be presenting the Red Lion Community Service Award to Joe & Julie Yahnke. President Hughes also reminded the Mayor that he is to submit a report to Council of weddings that he has performed, even if he is not collecting money to do so.

7. **ORDINANCES**—Amendment to the Nuisance Ordinance will allow the Borough to enforce the Ordinance a little easier. In reference to abandoned cars, it will allow enforcement through the Nuisance Ordinance rather than the Zoning Ordinance. It will also amend the Ordinance language referring to unsecured Commercial property and also regarding bonfires. Mrs. Barley questioned whether fines can be issued to property owners for nuisance Police calls involving their tenants. Mr. Craley will do more research into this and report back. Mrs. Frutiger made a motion to authorize advertising the amendment to the Nuisance Ordinance; Mr. Klinedinst seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
8. **RESOLUTIONS**—none
9. **ENGINEER’S REPORT**—Jeff Shue reported:
  - 2014 road maintenance projects have been completed
  - Estimate on First Avenue project has been received. After the budget meeting, he will report to Council so it’s included in 2015 work.
  - Change Order to complete all items for High Street project has been received; this is offset by the York County Planning Commission grant process. Mr. Musso made a motion to approve the Change Order; Mrs. Kabacinski seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
  - Mr. Klinedinst mentioned a problem with the road work done on Summit Drive. Jeff assured Council that the contractor will complete the repair this year.
10. **SOLICITOR’S REPORT**—Mike Craley reported:
  - There have been some issues regarding the Splash Pad and the Borough wants to take action against Doug Lamb’s bond. Jeff will get all the appropriate information to Mr. Craley. Mr. Musso made a motion to authorize a draw on the bond if necessary due to failure to comply with specifications in regards to the Splash Pad; Mrs. Frutiger seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
  - Received response from the agreement to purchase 33-41 West Broadway. The signed agreement was returned **after** the date of settlement so an addendum is now necessary. If Council still wishes to purchase the property, a Resolution will be drafted. Mrs. Barley made a motion authorizing Mr. Craley, Borough Manager & Council President to follow the necessary actions for the Borough to purchase 33-41 West Broadway for \$55,000 and to draft the Resolution 2014-09. Mr. Musso seconded. Mr. Klinedinst questioned the other funds that will be spent after the building is torn down to make this area into a parking lot. He is not in favor of spending the extra money. A vote was taken; motion carried, with Mr. Klinedinst opposing. Mr. Musso reminded Council that the Fire Company is interested in using the building for training before demolition.
  - Mr. Craley will be on vacation from October 18<sup>th</sup> through November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.
11. **PARKS AND RECREATION**—In Mr. Henshaw’s absence, Mrs. Price reported:
  - October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014—Wells Fargo is sponsoring a seminar, “Paying for College”
  - October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014—Recreation meeting
  - October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014—Fall Fest/Haunted Mile; activities scheduled from 4-10p.m. at Vulcan Road property before the Haunted Mile (ages 10 & up) on the Mile. Volunteers are still needed. Mrs. Barley requested that the fields be mowed the week before this event.
  - October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014—Halloween parade

- October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014—Trick or Treat; 6-8p.m.
  - November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014—Christmas tree lighting
12. **MUNICIPAL SERVICES**—Mrs. Barley had no report, but Mr. Herrman was present from the Municipal Authority to report a few things:
- He reported that October 15<sup>th</sup> will be water shut-offs for delinquent bills.
  - The First Avenue project is progressing well; mains are installed down to Charles Street and most of the service connections have been installed in the 200 & 300 block.
  - In 2015, the Authority is proposing to do a water main replacement at North Charles Street and West Gay Street.
  - The new Water Treatment Plant facility should go online in November 2014. A public tour of the plant is being proposed for 2015.
  - President Hughes suggested to Mrs. Barley that a meeting be scheduled with the Municipal Authority to discuss some water issues. Date/Time is TBD. He also suggested that perhaps Council members should alternately attend Municipal Authority meetings.
13. **PUBLIC WORKS**—Mr. Klinedinst reported:
- Stormwater repair for First Avenue will be planned for 2015
  - Handicapped parking space request has been made at 675 West Broadway. Mr. Klinedinst suggested tabling the request until further review of the request/area.
  - Summit/Edgewood development should be completed shortly
  - First Avenue project should be bid the beginning of 2015
  - A big Thank You goes to Rivers Garage for donating \$250 to help sponsor the Halloween parade.
14. **PLANNING, ZONING & REDEVELOPMENT**—Mrs. Kabacinski stated there will be a Planning Commission meeting on Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 @ 7p.m. Redevelopment Committee will probably meet in November.
15. **ADMINISTRATION**—Mrs. Frutiger reported:
- The 2015 recipient of the Catherine Meyer Award is Paul Kuhn. Of note, three nominations were received.
  - Susquehanna Municipal Insurance Trust Agreement—asking Borough to amend an agreement, as the Borough is part of this trust for Workers Compensation. This agreement covers how to get out of the agreement, and it's being requested of all participants. Mrs. Price recommends approval. Mr. Klinedinst made a motion to approve signing the agreement amendment; Mrs. Frutiger seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
16. **COMMUNICATION**—nothing further
17. **Manager's Report**—Mrs. Price distributed her report. In addition, she reported she met with Gary LaTulippe regarding Red Lion Athletic Association and he is to send further information and a written proposal.
18. **Approval of bills**—Mr. Musso made a motion to approve the bills; Mr. Klinedinst seconded. All were in favor; motion carried, with Mrs. Barley abstaining.
19. **Recessing meeting**—Council recessed this meeting @ 8:20p.m until 6p.m. on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Mr. Henshaw returned to this meeting @ 8:20p.m.

20. **Adjournment**—Mr. Klinedinst made a motion to adjourn at 7:40p.m. after the budget meeting on Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014; Mrs. Barley seconded. All were in favor; motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stacy Myers, Recording Secretary