

**Red Lion Borough Council
Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 14, 2015**

Members

Christina Frutiger
Cindy Barley
Dee Kabacinski
Dennis Klinedinst
Kelly Henshaw
Tony Musso
Walt Hughes

Others

Dianne Price, Borough Manager
Jeff Shue, Engineer
Mike Craley, Solicitor
Mayor Steven Kopp
Dan Shaw, Codes/Zoning
Brett Patterson, Public Works
Stacy Myers, Recording Sec'y

Visitors

Robert Frutiger
Pastor Tina Melusky
Loren McCleary
Bill Henry

Scott Kopp
Skip Missimer
Nevin Horne

1. The meeting was called to order @ 7:00p.m. Pastor Tina Melusky from Grace Lutheran Church offered a prayer. All present participated in the pledge to the flag.
2. Mr. Klinedinst made a motion to approve the November 9th, 2015 Meeting Minutes; Mrs. Frutiger seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
3. **VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS**
 - Nevin “Butch” Horne raised several questions regarding the 2016 Budget
 - \$20,000 for street sweeper parts?—*should be listed as street sweeper contract cost, not parts*
 - Insurance costs—*included fire company & pension for all Borough & Authority employees*
 - Sale of vehicle revenue—*for vehicle **planning** to be sold, hasn't been yet*
 - West Broadway parking lot costs
 - Monies saved on Police expenses; where did that money get spent? *Monies were spread throughout the budget, street paving, road repairs, etc.*
 - Administrative costs increased—*a part-time employee was hired and also employee raises*
 - Relief money?—*this is aid that is given to fire company*
 - Mr. Horne also stated a pedestrian was hit in the crosswalk in front of Golden Crust Pizza Sunday evening, but they refused ambulance treatment and no charges will be filed. Council said the Borough has been told their crosswalks are in compliance, and proper signage has been added at the crosswalk in front of Turkey Hill (West Broadway). Mr. Musso said State Police should've been called for this incident Sunday evening because they could've followed through with charges relating to the Motor Vehicle Code.
 - Mr. Horne also mentioned cars speeding through the alley behind his shop (East Broadway), Golden Crust and other East Broadway businesses. Mr. Musso said he will contact State Police again regarding this.
4. **PUBLIC SAFETY**—Mr. Musso
 - **Fire Company Report**—Julie Yahnke reported:
 - Elections have taken place within the Fire Company. She has stepped down as President and Ben Rodkey has filled the position. Joe Yahnke is still Fire Chief. Julie is, however, still in charge of fundraising for the Fire Company.

- For the month of November, there were 16 calls, with 110 personnel responding and 25 pieces of apparatus used; \$0 fire loss.
 - Santa Run was held this past weekend and it was a huge success. They handed out a lot more candy canes than in the past.
 - EMA office space in the upper floors of Municipal Building—Borough staff may be occupying some of the space also. More information to come regarding this.
- **Ambulance Report**—distributed
 - **EMA Report**—Scott Kopp reported that the training schedule for 2016 is currently being planned and the EOP (Emergency Operations Plan) will also be updated for the new year.
 - **State Police**—Mr. Musso reported that PSP has done a great job in the borough this year. They have conducted several successful drug busts and have cut down on speeding in the borough. He urges any suspicious activity to be reported, either to him (Tony Musso) or by calling 911. A “Tip Line” is available for reporting and this number will be added to the Borough newsletter.
 - **Council President Hughes**—With tonight being Walt Hughes’ last Borough Council meeting, Mr. Musso thanked him for all his years of service to government, beginning with his military service, years of police work, and then serving on Borough Council, as well as other committees in Red Lion. Mr. Musso stated that while he hadn’t known Walt well before serving on Council with him, but he is now proud to call him a good friend.
5. **MAYOR KOPP’S REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**—Mayor Kopp congratulated Borough Council on another successful year of governing the Borough. He wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy & healthy New Year.
 6. **ORDINANCES**—Ordinance 2015-12-4—setting the millage rate for 2016 at 4.2 mils, of which, 4 mils is for general revenue, .2mils is distributed to the Fire Company for fire tax/fire protection. There is no tax increase for 2016. Mr. Henshaw made a motion to approve this Ordinance; Mr. Musso seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
 7. **ADMINISTRATION**—Mrs. Frutiger
 - Budget for 2016—Mr. Henshaw made a motion to approve the 2016 Budget; Mr. Musso seconded. Motion carried, with Mr. Klinedinst opposing.
 - Mr. Klinedinst made a motion to approve the Exoneration List for per capita taxes in the amount of \$2,900.00. Mrs. Frutiger seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
 8. **AGREEMENTS**
 - Truck lease agreement—agreement is in the amount of \$130,674 and will be paid in installments of approx. \$8,000/year. It is an installment purchase agreement. Mrs. Frutiger made a motion to approve the agreement; Mr. Klinedinst seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
 - Animal Control Officer—Mrs. Barley made a motion to appoint Allegiant Animal Care as the Animal Control Officer for 2016. There are no changes in rates for 2016. Mrs. Frutiger seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
 9. **ENGINEER’S REPORT**—Jeff Shue reported:
 - Gay & Charles Street project—concrete work is to be bid in February 2016
 - 33 West Broadway—Jeff will work with Brett on grading & paving the area
 10. **SOLICITOR’S REPORT**—Mike Craley reported:
 - 29 South Charles Street property destroyed by a fire in recent months—insurance company denied the claim, so through our Building Code Ordinance we can either, post the property as “condemned” and see if anything changes with the insurance company, or demolish the property and place a lien on it. The preferred option would be that, if the property owner can’t afford to demolish it, the Borough would demolish it and place a lien on the property. Mr. Craley recommends monitoring the situation for a few months

for action from the property owner. A letter has been sent to the property owner and a third-party inspector had looked at the property and condemned it. It is now posted as “condemned”.

- Mr. Craley wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2016!

11. **PARKS AND RECREATION**—Mr. Henshaw reported:

- Halloween Parade—had 55 pre-registrants and 85 entries, so it was a large & successful parade. Fire Police did an excellent job with traffic control.
- Christmas tree lighting went well, not heavily attended
- Breakfast with Santa brought \$500 profit
- Santa’s Shanty will be held December 17th & 18th from 6-8pm
- Basketball programs will begin January-March. EYC has 16 total teams registered; Kindergarten-2nd grade will be held at Chapel Church.
- Thank You letter will be sent to the art teacher (Kelly McBrien) at Red Lion High School for students who decorated the windows of the Community Building for Christmas.
- An 8 x 10 shed for sale will be purchased to store Splash Pad equipment at Fairmount Park. Cost is \$450. Mrs. Barley made a motion to purchase the shed; Mrs. Frutiger seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
- MA & PA Greenway—Borough has received YAMPO funding and a project manager from PennDOT will be in touch regarding this.
- An art contest (graffiti mural) for under the Charles Street Bridge is being planned.

12. **MUNICIPAL SERVICES**—Mrs. Barley had no further comment. Mr. Missimer reported water shut-offs will be conducted Wednesday, December 16th.

13. **PUBLIC WORKS**—Mr. Klinedinst wished to thank the Public Works crew for a great job collecting leaves this year. There are only a few residents’ leaves remaining; they will collect them, if possible.

14. **PLANNING, ZONING & REDEVELOPMENT**—Mrs. Kabacinski reported:

- No Planning Commission meeting this month.
- Programs being planned for 2016:
 - “Clean-Up Red Lion”
 - Suds ‘n’ Song
 - Haunted Mile
- Red Lion Mile Committee will hopefully be reformed in the New Year.

15. **COMMUNICATION**—nothing further. Of note, Council’s Reorganization Meeting will be held on January 4th, 2016.

16. **Approval of bills**—Mr. Henshaw made a motion to approve the bills; Mrs. Kabacinski seconded. All were in favor; motion carried, with Mrs. Barley abstaining.

17. **Adjournment**—Mr. Musso made a motion to adjourn the meeting @ 8:00p.m. Mr. Hughes thanked everyone for their help and support during his years on Borough Council and as Council President. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stacy Myers, Recording Secretary