

RED LION BOROUGH WORK SESSION MINUTES
Monday, April 6, 2026

Members present

Tony Musso
Chris Minnich
Evan Hiester
Mark Holloway
Dennis Klinedinst
Shauntia Phillips

Others present

Becky Gibney, Rec
Erick Sowers, Zoning
Mayor Aleksa Keithan
Amanda Runkle, Secretary/Treasurer
Brett Patterson, Public Works
Jeff Shue, CS Davidson

Visitors

LuAnn Hildebrand Dustin Werner

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Musso making an announcement to residents in attendance concerning the video or voice recordings that may take place in the audience.
2. **MAYOR KEITHAN REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS –**
 - A. Mayor Keithan had a great time being the bunny at Easter breakfast and egg hunt.
 - B. Mayor noted the fire department is having a blood drive on April 7 from 2-5 pm with the PA Blood Bank.
3. **PUBLIC SAFETY-** Holloway, Phillips, Klinedinst
 - A. Ambulance and fire reports will be given at the next council meeting along with a presentation by Chief Gingrich shown at the fire banquet.
 - B. Mr. Holloway discussed his concerns with the safety/ health and welfare of the Borough. First concern was the Anthracite trash trucks leaving a residue behind on Wed. when they pick up trash leaving a trail. Not certain what it is but it has seen noodles and food residue and is concerned with it leaking as it could be feces (diapers) or food particles. Second concern was getting the Borough polished up a little bit more on the parade route (VFW Memorial Day parade 100th anniversary) as there are properties that he considers embarrassing. Third was still trash concerns with residents putting out their trash before they are supposed to and the wind blowing. Mr. Holloway noted that the codes enforcement reports are great with the fire inspections and holding residents accountable with a permit deadlines. “Too many people giving excuses to fix their violations” example 639 W Broadway shed. There was no way that shed could have been saved. Another concern was broken utility poles. 307 Horace Mann and 172 N Main both have a new pole and a broken one waiting for the utility company to disconnect wires. Mr. Holloway suggested if the utility company cannot come out right away, why can they not cut it down to a stub as it becomes a safety issue. Summit and N Franklin intersection have a down pole on the ground as well. Mr. Hiester noted on Boundary Ave, there was a water line with a huge divot in the road that needs to be repaired.
4. **MUNICIPAL SERVICES –** Minnich, Klinedinst, Holloway
 - A. Mr. Minnich advised of the water authority meeting on March 25 went to executive session and they continued the meeting so they will meet again this Wed., April 8 to discuss more on the fire hydrants. He requests that council attend since it seems the main concern is who is responsible for fire safety of the borough? Mr. Klinedinst noted they will not be deciding on this matter at the Wed meeting. The goal is to get the water authority’s ideas together and meet with council to further discuss.
 - B. Discussed issues with the Elks club. Mr. Minnich noted that his personal vehicle has been

hit four times in the past two and a half years. Not sure if they are overserving, but he simply would like to have them install cameras to see who is doing the damage. Ms. Barley gave the name of Darryl Rider to contact and noted Elk's does not own the parking lot and advised Mr. Minnich to attend the house committee meeting.

5. **PUBLIC WORKS** – Klinedinst, Holloway, Hiester

- A. N Franklin St parking meters are running fine currently. The only issue is we do not know how to get the funds from the meters paid by credit card to our bank. We are waiting on Civic Smart to reply with instructions.
- B. Snow emergency routes- determined per PennDOT, they do not plow curb to curb if an emergency is declared so we need to determine how the space between the sidewalk and the lane plowed will be addressed. Ms. Poole suggested we determine the most traveled ADA ramps and create a policy to address them going forward
- C. In order to apply for the SS4A Federal grant, Red Lion will need to adopt a safety plan by resolution. Mr. Klinedinst noted we cannot apply for Federal money if all council members have not completed the NIMS test.
- D. 2026 Road Improvements – notice to proceed was signed and will begin March 23 with completion scheduled for August 20, 2026. Sidewalk work being completed is part of the ADA and stormwater project at Country Club Rd and S Franklin St. Adjacent property owners affected by the work will be notified by mail and construction at that intersection is planned to begin after the school year end to minimize impact on school transportation.
- E. Vulcan Lane building painting – Brett received a quote for \$21,670 which exceeds our budget price of \$20,000.
- F. Charles St bridge- approved the LSA Class 4 grant in the amount of \$72,234. Mr. Klinedinst questioned if we had funds in our budget to cover this expense. Ms. Runkle advised we do not need any funds as the match is covered by a 2nd grant from the Open Space Improvements (Marcellus Shale) in the amount of \$14,651.
- G. Operator 1 position has been filled.
- H. 336 N Main St has frustrated neighbors as the rear of the house is not complete. Water has been off since Dec 2025. Discussion on what could be done and how to contact the current owner to see what the status is before condemning. Mr. Holloway noted there has been snow and rain which must have caused a mold issue along with the neighbor's heat bill has to be high.
- I. 8 Howard St trailer discussion to determine the requirements of installing the mobile home. Mr. Klinedinst asked how he got approval from the planning commission and Ms. Barley noted it was never presented. Ms. Poole explained you can't deny a mobile home anywhere in the borough. Ms. Barley stated if he is abiding by his setbacks, we don't have any recourse. Mr. Holloway asked if anyone has checked their setbacks since the rear is off, if anyone has checked the % of the lot compared to the size of the building, and if the mobile home is not in harmony with the neighborhood. Ms. Poole explained how the plans were submitted, staked out and the permit was issued.
- J. Discussion on S Charles St in front of the rec building (JC building) needs to be taken care of. Permit expires on April 20, 2026. Mr. Holloway explained this is what happens- run the permit out and it becomes a blighted property in the borough. Ms. Poole explained we would need to change the ordinance in accordance with renewal of permits.
- K. Mr. Klinedinst again brought up the residence at 125 Prospect St with garbage on the porch and blowing all around to the neighbors.
- L. Handicap permits – Erick has created a list for Public Works to remove the signs that were not renewed.
- M. Road Safety meeting on Wed. April 8 at 7:30 am and Mr. Klinedinst suggest we include Cottage Place for curb and sidewalk, and Edgewood Ave is getting bare spots in it. Also suggests Boxwood Rd., Lancaster St., and Rt 74 is tar and chipped for 2027.
- N. Mr. Klinedinst brought the attention to Neff St where the tractor trailers lean sideways and that needs to be reviewed as well.

6. **PARKS AND RECREATION** – Phillips, Barley, Hiester
 - A. Google survey was completed and approx. 130 responses to determine the long-term plans for the park.
 - B. Suds and Songs will be sponsored by the Mason's, and the special event permit was issued by LCB.
 - C. Easter Bunny Breakfast official count has not been done yet.
 - D. Ms. Phillips requests Ms. Gibney include her in upcoming events and meet to discuss these events.

7. **ENGINEER'S REPORT**
 - A. Most of the topics were already discussed in the written report.
 - B. Meeting held with 20 E Prospect engineer last week. They have many issues that have to be resolved including right of way from Columbia Gas and road improvements which will need to be resolved by reissuing updated plans.
 - C. Mr. Klinedinst suggested we need to consider the Engineer costs on projects as they are not included in the budget. Jeff noted they are working with Michelle on projecting the costs going forward and wants to work with us on the costs.

8. **PLANNING, ZONING, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** – Hiester, Barley, Phillips
 - A. No meeting last month due to weather so we will reconvene this month.
 - B. Mr. Hiester suggested Ms. Phillips, Ms. Barley and himself meet before the next meeting to have some answers prior to the meeting. Discussion on the numerous topics to be discussed.
 - C. Day of Service with ROARS to clean up trash May 16 from 10 am-12 pm.
 - D. Plans to finalize the Farmers Market Budget of \$400 to supply flags to show the market is open, etc.
 - E. Mr. Hiester requested clarification on using the facilities to include the Leo center and the rec building for Borough events. It had previously been as long as the date was available, the borough could use said facilities.
 - F. Mr. Musso requested more information on the person who wants to hold a community event at Fairmount Park. Discussion will be held more in depth after hearing what she is requesting at the council meeting concerning insurance coverage, transient vendor license for food trucks and cleaning up after the event. Some council members like the idea but sets a precedence for others. Ms. Poole confirmed the bounce house is covered under Borough insurance and will reach out to Atty Craley for more information.
 - G. Mr. Hiester noted a post on Facebook with a person getting jumped at Fairmount Park. Ms. Runkle stated that Cara from the Red Lion Tavern messaged her and asked if we could look at the cameras and Ms. Runkle advised if the police request the footage, we can investigate it. No police contact has been made so no further action is required. Mr. Patterson confirmed he reviewed the cameras and saw the man in the park for a long period of time but never saw any incident.

9. **ADMINISTRATION** – Barley, Minnich, Musso
 - A. Comcast account for the cameras at the back building at Vulcan Lane needs to be determined if we want to keep this account or disconnect. There are currently 3 cameras and only 1 is working. There are no cameras at the current public works building that they currently use. The reason noted for the original cameras was the incinerator behind the building.

10. **ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Amanda Runkle, Treasurer