

RED LION BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES Monday, August 11, 2025

Members present

Cindy Barley
Evan Heister
Brady Greer
Dennis Klinedinst
Mark Holloway
Amy Lau

Others present

Michelle Poole, Borough Manager
Mayor Gene Lau
Erick Sowers, Zoning
Brett Patterson, Public Works
Mike Craley, Solicitor
Sam Craley, Solicitor
Amanda Runkle, Secretary/Treasurer
Brian Pomraning, Public Works

Visitors

LuAnn Hildebrand	Shauntia Phillips	Chris Minnich	Rick Bogart	Doug Howell
Justin Eisenhart	Ron Tuder	Kelly & Mike Ruppert	Tom Metheny	
Ian Montgomery	Dustin Werner	Stormi Barona	Aleksa Keithan	
Jen Dettinger	Kristine Cousler-Womack			

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Pastor Metheny opened with prayer followed by the pledge to the flag.
2. Approval of the July 14, 2025, work session minutes: Mr. Klinedinst made a motion to approve; Ms. Greer seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.

3. VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS-

Rick Bogart, 147 S Charles St. – Presented annual report and thanked the borough for their continued support. Reviewed the 2024 highlights, looking into the 2026 year, and gave the statistics on current Library usage.

Luann Hildebrand, 833 S Main St.- Raised concern for the mosquito spraying happening tomorrow evening since she raises and releases butterflies from her porch. This is done by York County Mosquito and tick-borne Disease Program, and the mayor will make a call in the morning as to why Red Lion was not notified. MSDS sheet suggests staying inside and that concerns her for pollinating.

7:15pm- Evan Heister has now entered the meeting via zoom.

Kelly Ruppert, 130 Ivy Dr. - Spoke about her concern for 125 E Prosect St. resident dumping trash in the back of the yard. Her child cannot play outside due to the mosquitoes and smell of cat urine. She stated that she is not sure if there is electricity or running water and the resident has Uber Eats delivered, but there is no way for them to find the front door. Mr. Sowers explained the process for Quality-of-Life Tickets and explained this property has now been sent to the District Magistrate office since no response has been taken on the tickets. Ms. Poole recommended Mr. Ruppert contact Area Agency on Aging to see if they can do a well check visit.

Ian Montgomery, 134 W Gay St.- Detailed the 2025 Street Fair had 205 vendors, it was well attended. He gave special thanks to EMA employees and Alliance Fire Company for their volunteers and help. Businesses were open and had a lot of people in them.

4. **MAYOR LAU REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS –**

Mr. Lau had some issues with the street fair due to Bricker's using his parking lot and throwing the plastic jugs for oil on their property.

5. **PUBLIC SAFETY-** Holloway, Klinedinst

- A. Emergency Management report was submitted and everything is good, all seems smooth.
- B. Fire Company Report just came in at 5 pm. and still has to be reviewed.
- C. Ambulance and Emergency have been turned in and Mr. Holloway learned some news on his neighbor from the report.
- D. NIHMS needs to be completed by all council members, and it was discussed to set up a time that all could meet and do the training as a team. Mr. Holloway didn't realize that it would benefit the Borough with federal grants and qualifying for funds.
- E. Ms. Lau noted the manhole metal cover on N Main St at intersection of 74 and 24 is peeling off. Mr. Patterson spoke with Mr. Krantz at Water Authority, and he advised they would take care of it.
- F. Mr. Montgomery noted there is a steel grate on N Main St. sidewalk that is very loud when walked on. Possibly a safety issue, determined it is a property owner issue per Atty. Craley.
- G. Mr. Klinedinst asked about the metal grates around the trees that need to be taken out since they are grown into them.
- H. Mr. Klinedinst asked Atty Craley if the Borough is to receive a detailed report of the funds given to the fire company. Mr. Holloway will reach out to the chief and request that information.

6. **SOLICITOR'S REPORT-**

- A. Ordinance amendment to Chapter 15, Motor Vehicle and Traffic which includes (10B) No Parking on Lemon Lane from East Ave. to Newton Lane. Mr. Klinedinst made the motion to update the parking ordinance to what was advertised; Mr. Holloway seconded. Ms. Greer requested a hard copy. All in favor except Ms. Greer, motion carried. Mr. Klinedinst confirmed the size of the parking spaces are standard and all spaces going forward will meet these requirements. Ms. Greer questioned if all spaces will be delineated by markings now since that is how it looks to read. Atty Craley explained this is the definition only. Mr. Holloway explained that on side streets it could cause issues with size of vehicles and lines.
- B. Ordinance for Fire Company Earned Income Tax Exemption for fire department volunteers will need to be defined. Scott from Alliance sent Ms. Poole recommendations and Mark will follow-up with Scott to determine the "qualified person".
- C. Met Ed poles is a PUC issue. They regulate utilities to pull old poles, so Red Lion Borough needs to make a complaint to them per Jeff Shue. Mr. Holloway noted we just want the poles cleaned up and for them to take care of their responsibility. Ms. Poole read an email from Kevin at Met Ed who does answer questions when asked and has shown to be helpful.

7. **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

- A. Fairmount park- Restuccia is requesting final payment in the amount of \$202375.18. Mr. Klinedinst questioned the handicap spot being sealed along blacktop and curb- Mr. Shue will review and have it done if it is not. He also asked about the truck marks in the dirt, but Mr. Shue explained that it is to be done by Public Works team to complete. Ms. Greer questioned the total cost to the borough and requested a total. Mr. Holloway questioned the area around the picnic table and Mr. Patterson confirmed it was done to the best of their ability. Mr. Shue noted the ripples on the blacktop, which he determined was just a rolling issue and it will not cause any water issues later. Ali Keithan stated there are divots near the bike area and Mr. Shue and Mr. Patterson advised this would be taken care of by the Public Works team. Ms. Lau noted we should allow the project to be completed with dressing up which can take up to a year to determine final view. Ms. Lau made a motion to pay Restuccia, Mr. Heister seconded; all in favor, motion carried.

- B. 214 N Franklin is not complete on the land development plan so the request to release the funds are denied currently.

8. **PARKS AND RECREATION** – Lau, Barley, Hiester

- A. No food truck Friday in Aug. as previously stated in July. Will begin again in September.
- B. Liberty tree will be planted on 10/18/25 and Public Works will need to dig a hole on 10/17/25. Ms. Lau made a motion to approve planting, Ms. Greer seconded; all in favor, motion carried. Mr. Heister will reach out to the Rotary Club and see if they have a plaque to install with the tree.
- C. Fireworks for July 3 price increase- Ms., Gibney supplied a summary of profit/loss and it was reviewed. Noted she will send donation letters to businesses requesting donations this year. Mr. Heister suggested going with a 3-year contract as the fireworks are a benefit to the community. Mr. Lau noted this was the first year Becky did this on her own and has done an amazing job. Ms. Greer questioned the location due to safety and if that could be discussed to move back to school. Ms. Gibney and Ms. Poole will meet with the new superintendent to further discuss. Ms. Greer also noted we need to protect the asset of the new walkways through the most recent repair which Ms. Lau will discuss at the upcoming rec meeting, so all are aware. Mr. Klinedinst stated he is concerned with paying \$17k on fireworks and we have roads that need repaired. Mr. Klinedinst made the motion to sign the 3-year contract with the current fireworks, Ms. Greer seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.
- D. Aug 25 will be the rec meeting to discuss the plan for the splash pad.

9. **MUNICIPAL SERVICES** – Heister, Lau

- A. Trash bids were discussed. We received 3 different quotes- Anthracite's, Good's, and Penn Waste. Mr. Heister noted his opinion is leaning toward Anthracite due to research he had done along with Ms. Poole's research. Mr. Klinedinst noted new company, will need to bring a small and large container for residents to see them and determine which one they will need. Ms. Barley noted she is also leaning toward Anthracite even though they are new, they are a family-owned company, they are new and hungry for business and seem to be more receptive to work with us. Mr. Holloway noted Penn Waste has some real issues, and we have been through a few years of those issues. Ms. Barley made the motion to approve a 3-year contract with Anthracite, Ms. Greer seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried. Doug Howell from Anthracite explained they will bring the totes down and if there are any events we would like them to attend, they would be willing to do this. Justin Eisenhart, Operations, also spoke, stating they are willing to work with us in any way. Ms. Lau warned there will still be issues with residents putting trash in the totes and this will be a learning curve. Mr. Montgomery asked if there was anything the residents needed to do with this new contract. It was determined that Anthracite will be responsible for making residents aware of any changes to the pickup location. The contract details will still need to be discussed and determined.
- B. Atty Craley noted the refuse ordinance needs to be changed with new totes. Mr. Klinedinst gave Atty Craley authorization to make the changes to the ordinance, Mr. Holloway seconded; all in favor, motion carried.

10. **PUBLIC WORKS** – Klinedinst, Holloway, Heister

- A. Mr. Klinedinst made a motion to place a handicap spot on W. Howard for the address of 230 N Main St., Ms. Barley seconded; all in favor, motion carried. Mr. Klinedinst made a motion to place a handicap spot on Park St for the address of 257 Hyson St., Ms. Barley seconded; all in favor, motion carried.
- B. Thermoplastics for pavement markings from DE Gemmill was over the agreed upon price of \$20k. Mr. Klinedinst made the motion to pay the total of \$27055.24, Mr. Holloway seconded; all in favor, motion carried. East Prosect and N Main were already done and will be removed from this quote.
- C. Road repairs- Mr. Klinedinst suggested we look to borrow \$1 million and have one contractor do ¾ of the documented streets requested per Mr. Patterson. Ms. Runkle has noted she has

contacted banks where the interest rates starts at 5.4%. We will still review other options. Mr. Shue suggested PA infrastructure Bank and Atty Craley suggested Delaware Valley so Ms. Runkle will contact to determine rates. Ms. Greer stated there are no options, even if there is no funding, we need to repair these roads. Brett used CS Davidson system to determine pricing.

- D. Roads being maintained by us but not adopted into our records which means they do not receive liquid fuel funds:
Weaver Lane from N Park to N Franklin
East Elm Lane from Vine to Boxwood
Haines Lane- W Wallick to Boundary Ave
Adams Lane from W Wallick to Boundary Ave
N. Church Lane from E High to Windsor Lane
W. Elm Lane from Pine St to S Railroad Lane
Per Jeff Shue and Atty Craley, we need to try to meet with Penn Dot representative to discuss which qualify for these funds. Ms. Poole stated these roads should be adopted regardless of whether they get approved for funds. Mr. Klinedinst made a motion to discuss and evaluate roads with a representative but there was no second so the motion did not carry. Ms. Lau made another motion to review with a representative, Ms. Greer seconded; all in favor, motion carried. In discussion, Ms. Greer asked if tri-borough plan was ever reviewed to help with funding by working together with other municipalities. Mr. Holloway noted that it will increase the workload for maintenance.
- E. Public Works parking lot overlay quote from Brubacher for \$32022.00 was denied at the present time and will be used in the capital budget to get it repaired, not just the overlay. This is over the bid threshold so it will need to be bid out regardless of when the repair is ready to be completed.
- F. Water Authority still has over 800 meters that need to be installed. After Dec., there will be a charge for the residents to have them installed.
- G. DO not flush the Handi-wipes or feminine hygiene products.

11. **PLANNING, ZONING, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** – Heister, Holloway, Barley

- A. Zarfos Building- Jordan has submitted an application for LERTA which is a tax deferment which encourages people to fix old, dilapidated buildings and they are not responsible for the full assessed value at year one. Franklin St is also using LERTA. Mr. Heister made the motion to approve this application, Mr. Klinedinst seconded; all in favor, motion carried. Jordan also requested we review him purchasing the municipal lot. Discussion ensued explaining this will need to be on a bid basis if we decide to sell, and we should get the opinion of the community. Also discussed a current sketch Jordan supplied with parking. Ms. Lau stated she is not comfortable with selling the lot due to being fair to other businesses and residents of Red Lion requesting spaces in the past and being denied.
- B. Smoke detector ordinance needs to be changed to match the building codes manual on location of the smoke detector. Mr. Heister made the motion to change the ordinance to reference the building codes, Mr. Holloway seconded; all in favor, motion carried.

12. **ADMINISTRATION** – Barley, Lau, Klinedinst

- A. Catherine Meyer Award nominations are currently being accepted. Procedure and eligibility requirements were handed out to all residents attending. This has been advertised on Facebook and the website. Winner will be announced in Oct and will be presented at the dinner in Nov.
- B. Ms. Barley made a motion to adopt Resolution #2025-12 to extend the term of the amended and reinstated intergovernmental cooperation agreement for the implementation of the York County Regional Chesapeake Bay Pollutant Reduction Plan. Mr. Klinedinst seconded; all in favor, motion carried. Discussion on the meaning of the plan.
- C. Ms. Greer made a motion to allow the VFW to partner with the Borough for the Hometown Hero banners, Ms. Barley seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.
- D. Ms. Barley made a motion to amend resolution #2025-13 to dispose of the listed documents,

Ms. Lau seconded the motion; all in favor except for Ms. Greer, motion carried. Atty Craley (and Sam) noted they think the PSAB is not correct in that we have to create a resolution every time we dispose of documents.

- E. Social media and Video Recording Policy- Mr. Heister explained he has reviewed Hampden Twp and Lancaster policies and would like the admin committee to review and bring back what we think is acceptable.

- 17. **APPROVAL OF BILLS**– Mrs. Barley made a motion to approve the payment of the bills. Ms. Greer seconded, all in favor; motion carried.

Mr. Holloway requested that going forward, when there is a certified letter sent, can we please document who it went to and what it was for.

- 18. **ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Amanda Runkle, Treasurer