

**Red Lion Borough Work Session Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 4, 2025**

Members present

Tony Musso
Dennis Klinedinst
Mark Holloway
Evan Hiester
Brady Greer
Amy Lau

Others present

Jeff Shue, Engineer
Erick Sowers
Brett Patterson, Public Works
Amanda Runkle, Treasurer
Michelle Poole, Borough Manager
Gene Lau, Mayor

Roxann Shearer
Kathryn Tate
Joshua Kreftzer
Doug Howell
Ron Tudor
Donna Deerin
Tara Hoffmaster
James Hott
Kristine Cousler-Womack
Norris Smith

Mr. Musso called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Donna Deerin, 16-20-30 N Main St., 34 N Railroad Lane, Red Lion – Owner of Sign of the Horse and Phat Cat coffee company requesting to have Borough place barriers on Hyson Lane from N. Charles St to Railroad Lane on Saturday due to a funeral. The Red Lion Street fair will be held on Sat so the council cannot vote on this matter but can give concensus to approve to block at her expense.

REFUSE BIDS WERE OPENED AND READ OUT LOUD-

	<u>96-gallon</u>	<u>32 gallons</u>
ESC (Good's)- Year 1	\$386	\$386
Year 2	\$401.44	\$401.44
Year 3	\$417.50	\$417.50
Year 4 optional	\$434.20	\$434.20
2 Yr extension	\$451.57	\$451.57
Anthracite Year 1	\$378	\$336
Year 2	\$390	\$336
Year 3	\$399	\$336
Year 4 optional	\$408	\$348
2 Yr extension	\$414	\$348
Penn Waste Year 1	\$363	\$351
Year 2	\$384.84	\$372.12
Year 3	\$407.88	\$394.44
Year 4 optional	\$432.36	\$418.08
2 Yr extension	\$458.28	\$443.16

Republic Service- no bid

Discussion-

Josh Kreftzer from Anthracite stated they have recently taken over Penn Twp and have offered the lowest option (32 gallon) at the lowest price.

Ms. Lau reminded council that each business is responsible for negotiating their own contract and asked where the businesses stand with these quotes.

Anthracite noted they try to keep the cost at a minimum for the businesses and will pick up on the same route as the Borough trash day unless needing a dumpster.

ESC (Good's)- depends on the negotiated contract with the business, but pick up day would be the same day.

Penn Waste- negotiated with each business depending on each business type and needs.

Mr. Holloway asked Anthracite specific questions. Mr. Kreftzer responded with 3 years in trash business but owned a family business for 41 years. Turn over on the back of the truck is better than majority since after Covid, they have realized work/life balance is important and paying the people more money is helpful. Based out of Schuylkill County, but plan to open a base here. Do approx. 6 routes in the Red Lion Borough to collect. Day of pick up will be determined in a joint conversation.

Norris Smith from ESC has been with this company for 1 year and worked with Penn Waste prior. ESC is in Manchester Twp since this past Feb. They serve York City, Hellam, and East Prospect currently.

Ms. Greer questioned our biggest issue right now is non-pick-up and asked how it would be avoided or corrected.

Anthracite stated they have a check-in process at the end of every day and a 24-hour call-in policy where they have 24 hours from the time of the call to collect the trash. Residents can contact them directly or call into the Borough.

ESC (Good's)- Residents can call them directly or call the borough. ESC will document, get a supervisor involved, take pictures, and send someone out to collect. Safety is their first concern so if the alley is blocked with vehicles, they will not try to collect and risk causing damage. They will also ticket items that are overweight or not able to be picked up with an explanation. Typically, there are 2 guys on each truck. Communication is the key to successful business. Their goal is to have all trash picked up by end of their pickup day whether they must come out in their pickup truck to collect.

Penn Waste- Ron Tuder acknowledged they are who we currently have, and they have made changes on their end that we should be seeing changes already. Their goal is 24-hour service as well and they are willing to switch days, so we are not a Friday pick up.

Mr. Musso thanks them all for coming out and stated council will make a motion at the next meeting scheduled for Aug. 11, 2025, at 7 pm.

Roxann Shearer, 810 Jefferson Lane, Red Lion & Kathryn Tate, 585 Winterstown Rd, Red Lion – representing the Red Lion VFW Hometown Hero Banners. They discussed the program with other Borough's and have determined Columbia Borough has the most robust equipment with the rods having airflow and they use Mainstreet Design. There is a specific tool needed, and they are willing to allow us to borrow said tool and also help with any installation if we need. Plan to take orders Oct of 2025 through April of 2026. Mainstreet guarantees product for 3 years. The VFW will take all orders, but the funds will funnel through the Borough. Banners will be up from Memorial Day through Veterans Day.

James Hott, Community Outreach, 15 First Ave & Kristine Cousler-Womack – Requesting Special event for 5K on Feb 28, 2026. Will start and end at one of the main churches in the center area of Red Lion and prominently use the Red Lion mile. They will need traffic control on Franklin and request to close First Ave from N. Main to Charles from approx. 7:30 am to noon.

2. **Mayor Report**- comments on Facebook stating the Borough is ruthless and the mayor noted he has responded.

3. **Public Safety**-Mark Holloway reported:

- The fire and ambulance reports are not in yet. EMA report was submitted and everything was quiet.
- Update on Keener building- owner has reached back to Zoning to tear the property down.
- Mentioned the building by the park, which is in the report, so it is in motion with codes enforcement already.
- Reminded everyone of the Fire Company gun raffle in September. \$20k grand prize is available.
- Volunteer Firefighter tax relief – to be reviewed and voted on next council meeting. Ms. Poole noted it currently reads that it is only for Alliance Fire Company, but should be for all surrounding fire company volunteers who reside in Red Lion Borough.
- Ms. Lau reported a resident contacted her about a rod in the road and Ms. Poole took care of the guide wire stay by the sidewalk immediately.

4. **Engineer's Report**—Jeff Shue reported:

- The Fairmont Park is substantially completed. Completing final paperwork and will request the final payment. Pictures were displayed and discussed where Mr. Holloway noted the neatness in the edges of the blacktop. Mr. Klinedinst suggested using millings on edges, but Mr. Shue explained when the Borough dresses it up, it will be more presentable. Pole and water fountain still need repaired and Mr. Klinedinst noted there is some additional clean up needed in different spots. Ms. Greer questioned if the Borough will require pathway protection whenever cars access the park to avoid deterioration of this investment.
- Franklin St and Country Club Storm Sewer – Mr. Heister asked if the grant he sent to council was an option and Mr. Shue stated it would be hard to get that with the cost of the job not meeting \$1 million which is the normal cost of those grants due to being administered by PennDOT. Mr. Shue stated we are buying time with this stormwater issue on Franklin.
- Mr. Klinedinst would like to donate a bench to put in the park and requested we get prices.
- Ms. Lau is interested in donating better trash cans that do not blow up when the wind catches the bag.
- Council will need to create standards for donated items and present them if anyone is interested.
- There are now 4 sink holes in the Borough currently- Neff St, N Main St., High St., and W Chestnut St that need to be repaired. Mr. Patterson discussed the list he created to repair the worst roads and Mr. Klinedinst noted we should borrow at 2.5% since we make more in interest and repair more than one at a time. Mr. Patterson also questioned if the curb and sidewalk were included in these repairs. Discussion on who pays for sidewalk.
- Mr. Musso noted we need to help with the water damage to properties just like the one from the previous meeting where the resident showed videos of the water coming into his home during storms.

5. **Parks and Rec**- Amy Lau reported.

- Meeting to be held on Aug. 25 to discuss splash pad replacement
- Aug 17 the Spring Garden Band will be at the park.
- Food truck Fri will be held on Aug.15 – location to be determined.
- Adam from Ray's Pit Beef reached out to Mr. Heister to see if they could donate some lights for the new pathways.
- Liberty Tree will be donated and Mr. Patterson and Ms. Poole determined that it would be best set by the pavilion in the park. Mr. Holloway thinks there may be better areas to put said tree.
- Firework prices are increasing to \$17500 and we need to determine if we are willing to pay the increase. Discussed pros and cons to the fireworks in general.

6. **Municipal Services**—Michelle Poole reported:

- Bids for trash are complete and will be voted on.
- Mr. Klinedinst asked who was responsible for personal fire hydrants. Council noted the water authority should be responsible for requesting to get these hydrants flushed.

7. **Public Works**—Dennis Klinedinst reported:

- Discussion regarding 2 Requests for handicap parking spaces
- No parking on Lemon Lane from East Ave to Newton Lane
- Thermoplastics for pavement marking quote came in from DE Gemmill at more than the \$20k approved by council.

- Public Works parking lot quote for \$32,022 overlay was discussed and determined it is not a good idea when we have many other roads that need repaired.
8. **Planning, Zoning & Economic Development**—Evan Hiester reported:
- Planning Commission recommendation for Act 537 Amendment to remove pump station has been sent to Engineer for water authority.
 - 201 S Charles St- Scott Kline- storm water management previous issue discussed and determined letters need to be sent again.
 - 21 W Broadway- Need to check with Atty. Craley to determine if parking lot will be a struggle to lease for 99 years as Jordan is requesting. Mr. Musso believes since current council cannot hold future council accountable for that long term lease.
 - Healing Plant Grant approved.
 - Change ordinance for smoke detectors to match building codes.
9. **Administration**—Tony Musso reported:
- Litigation is settled with Arthur Lee
 - Resolution for amendment to the York County Regional Chesapeake Bay Pollution Reduction Plan will need to be adopted.
 - 2026 Financial Requirement & Minimum Municipal Obligations will need presented and added to the council meeting minutes.
 - Mr. Heister sent council documentation on video recordings and will need to be reviewed at the council meeting.
 - Mr. Klinedinst noted that the Catherine Meyer rules need corrected.
10. **Adjournment**—With no further business before Council, Work Session adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Amanda Runkle, Secretary/Treasurer