

RED LION BOROUGH WORK SESSION MINUTES
Monday, February 2, 2026

Members present

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

Others present

Michelle Poole, Borough Manager
Erick Sowers, Zoning
Mayor Aleksa Keithan
Amanda Runkle, Secretary/Treasurer
Brett Patterson, Public Works
Brian Pomraning, Public Works

Jeff Shue, CS Davidson
Becky Gibney, Rec

Visitors

LuAnn Hildebrand

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Musso.

2. **VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS-**

None

3. **MAYOR KEITHAN REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS –**

None

4. **PUBLIC SAFETY-** Holloway, Phillips, Klinedinst

A. No reports were received as of yet.

B. Street lights out at W. Howard and Railroad and W High and N Main St

5. **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

A. Franklin and Country Club Storm Sewer Improvement and 2026 Roadway Improvement- bids are in and Jeff explained York Excavation is lowest for the total project, but if we were to rebid the Franklin storm we take the chance of not getting the same price (lower) if it is not with the road improvements as Restuccia is much less on the quote for the Franklin project. Mark questioned if possibly Restuccia missed something on the Franklin project since their quote was so much less than the others. Mr. Hiester questioned the difference in the two quotes being the maintenance and protection of traffic. Jeff explained York Excavating has worked in our area previously and they know the traffic possibly.

B. Jeff spoke with Columbia Gas to coordinate our work with their planned improvements, and they have agreed to work with us per Jeff. The state had previously questioned the depth of the pipe when the permit was requested, but we are able to say Columbia Gas will come in and make the distance correct.

C. Mr. Klinedinst requested if rings or risers are needed, he needs to make sure they have them in stock. Jeff stated they will not need any, but he does suggest they purchase three new water adjustment boxes. Jeff would also ask Mr. Klinedinst to meet and discuss the thickness and raising of the streets but he doesn't want to change that now with applying for a permit.

D. Discussion of the entire project between council members.

E. CS Davidson did receive plans for 20 E Prospect, but there are a lot of engineering issues with these plans.

6. **MUNICIPAL SERVICES** – Minnich, Klinedinst, Holloway

- A. Mr. Minnich questioned the new Anthracite issues, and I explained the working spreadsheet we have and how there are far less complaints. Mr. Musso said he saw the slingers walking up to the houses to get garbage and Ms. Barley suggested we ask them to stop that because if you are spoiling them and they will expect it. We have to take what we are scheduled to take on the specific days we are scheduled to take said items.

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

- A. Snow removal went well from what Mr. Patterson witnessed. Him and the Mayor, Ali, went through the Borough and he explained why we do not call a snow emergency. Ms. Poole tried to keep everyone updated on Facebook and Savvy Citizen. The biggest issue was the Public Works team cleared the streets, went home to sleep and came back in to find everyone had cleared their snow into the streets. Noted that even when a snow emergency is called, the state does not plow curb to curb.
- B. LTAP meeting was held where they listened to the Red Lion Borough staff issues or complaints and then they are going to come back on March 11, 2026, with a plan of action to solve some of the issues and give more of their ideas.
- C. Mr. Hiester questioned if the speeding on Wise Ave. was discussed and Ms. Poole advised it had been discussed along with many other issues.
- D. Mr. Hiester asked what the status was on the signage to show where the municipal lot is and how to get there off main routes. Mr. Klinedinst noted he still feels like we should reconsider renting some of those spots to Jordan Ilyes for the new Zarfoss building, but Ms. Poole explained since we already denied that suggestion, he is working with the church and the owner of the Artimis for parking and Mr. Musso noted he already has his requirements for parking.
- E. Mr. Hiester discussed the Borough properties with a usage and maintenance plan and noted it will come up in the near future.
- F. Ms. Poole made a suggestion that her and Mr. Patterson discussed on the snow emergency plan. They suggest we add roads that are the Borough streets to the snow emergency plan so that if there is an emergency on the main state roads, there is still an outlet through town to get through. Mr. Patterson requested that everyone get involved with that decision so that it is a joint effort, including the public works committee, at the next meeting.
- G. Mr. Musso asked about Keener Ave and the request of the fire company since the truck cannot get through that area- parking on only one side of the street?

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

- A. Suds & Songs- bands and brewers are all confirmed. Will still need RAMP certified volunteers to serve the alcohol. Ms. Phillips asked if there is an Emergency Action Plan (EAP) for EMA at Suds & Songs. John from EMA will put that into effect per Ms. Barley and Mr. Musso. Mr. Hiester noted he took the NIMS training during the storm, and it discussed the EAP. Possibly Suds would be a good time to run a practice drill.

9. **PLANNING, ZONING, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** – Hiester, Barley, Phillips

- A. Meeting was held but there was no quorum.
- B. Ms. Poole noted we have all service agreements for the Uniform Construction Code plan review.
- C. Mr. Hiester noted the application for the Farmers Market has been updated which will be held at Fairmount Park on the Boundary side.
- D. Mr. Hiester discussed the planting plan initially planned for fall but updated to Spring. Plan to partner with the VFW and Jen is coordinating to get things planted with Royers.
- E. Mr. Hiester would like to create a business survey questioning their needs and wants.
- F. Mr. Hiester suggested we kick off more usage for the Leo Center- renting in general, use for the street fair information center of Red Lion.
- G. Ms. Barley asked if there were any updates on the benches. Mr. Hiester will speak to Atty.

Craley concerning this. Plan is to remove Mike C from all committees he was involved in.

10. **ADMINISTRATION** – Barley, Minnich, Musso

- A. Ms. Barley asked that everyone take the NIMS training.
- B. Also please complete the Financial Statements.
- C. Resolution for the defined pension plan to be optional for non-union employees.
- D. Banners for over the main roads will be discussed.
- E. Ms. Barley asked Ms. Runkle to explain the grants we are hoping to get approved. Ms. Runkle advised we want to apply for the AARP grant for the ADA ramp on the opposite side of Franklin Street Social. Jordan has written a recommendation letter and provided us with the yearly numbers for the Franklin Street. Also, when discussed if time is available, Ms. Runkle is going to apply for a 2nd LSA grant for the truck that public works plans to purchase this year.
- F. Ms. Barley and Ms. Runkle discussed the budgetary and financial proposal that Ms. Runkle has suggested to the admin committee. Ms. Barley requested it be sent to all council members, not just the committee.

11. **ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Amanda Runkle, Treasurer