

RED LION BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, July 14, 2025

Members present

Cindy Barley
Tony Musso
Evan Hiester
Dennis Klinedinst
Mark Holloway
Amy Lau

Others present

Michelle Poole, Borough Manager
Mayor Gene Lau
Mike Craley, Solicitor
Brett Patterson, Public Works
Becky Gibney, Rec Director
Amanda Runkle, Secretary/Treasurer
Brian Pomraning, Public Works
Jeff Shue, CS Davidson engineer

Visitors

LuAnn Hildebrand	Aleksa Keithan	Sue & Kenneth Smith	Mike Zelger
David Schlosser	Theresa Craley	Lee Shenberger	Sherry Kopp
Megan Wildes	Jordan Ilyes	Mike Charnaub	Phil Krecker

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Mark Holloway opened with prayer, followed by the pledge to the flag.
2. Approval of June 2, 2025, work session minutes: Mr. Klinedinst made a motion to approve; Ms. Barley seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
Approval of June 9, 2025, council minutes: Mr. Heister made a motion to approve; Ms. Barley seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.

Mr. Musso publicly apologized for the previous meeting confrontation with a gentleman by the name of Kevin. It was confusion, and they have since discussed it.

3. VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS-

Mike Zelger, 451 Highland Rd.- Requesting a raise as the Red Lion tax collector for the interim bills he has not billed for in the past, since there were not as many as presently. Atty Craley noted that he has missed the deadline, since this should have been requested by Feb when the nominees for tax collector had to be submitted. The admin committee agree to discuss and come with a response at the next meeting.

Phil Krecker, 124 E Broadway. - He presented to the council numerous pictures and videos where he is having storm water issues. He has water in his home (basement), and also water flowing between his home and the neighbor, causing damage to the front of his property on the sidewalk. Mrs. Poole stated that the gutters on these homes run the water into the road instead of storm drains. Mr. Shue stated that Shiloh paving was involved and the Borough tried to correct this with a rolled curb, but it was difficult without making it hard for residents to get in and out of their garages. Mr. Musso stated that the council will go out and brainstorm what can be done.

Sheryl Kopp, 250 E Broadway. - She presented pictures displaying the growth of weeds and trees at what is considered "no man's land" beside her home where it was previously part of the railroad property. She is complaining that they have rodents to include snakes, mosquitos, etc. in this area that is grown up, which is an environmental issue. Atty Craley noted there is no current owner to enforce this issue, therefore the neighbors could request possession and take care of the property. Ms. Kopp noted she does not want possession as she does not want to be responsible for the additional taxes and doubts the owner of the car wash is interested either. Ms. Kopp also noted that the trucks pulling in and out of Redco are destroying her sidewalk and showed pictures of that as well.

Sue Smith, 207 W High St.- Requested we review the potholes in the alley behind her home. She showed pictures of how it has been bandaged over the years but when the plow truck comes through, it destroys the same location again. Location is Weaver Lane from Franklin to Western. Mr. Patterson verified this location is on the list to be repaired.

Megan Wildes, 252 E Broadway.- Supporting what Ms. Kopp had stated about the growth and rodents- she wanted to acknowledge there has been drug paraphernalia found in this creek or run off and she is concerned for residents who would try to clean up the area.

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

The 4th of July fireworks were great. Mayor Lau went to clean up the neighbors' home as he promised but there was no residue in her yard.

160 cars at the car show this year which is more than ever.

Mr. Klinedinst requested we do a tractor parade again- Mrs. Lau suggested we do this on the same day as the Red Lion school does "drive your tractor to school day". Ms. Gibney suggested we include this with the Halloween parade.

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

EMA report is in, and the radios are good. Fire Company report is in, and Mr. Holloway requested a more detailed report on the location of fires. Ambulance report in and overdose seems to be up in comparison to last year, but it may just be that time of the year.

Fire company requesting and Earned Income Tax exemption for fire department volunteers. Atty Craley noted that we can give a credit to residents of Red Lion Borough, only if we amend the ordinance. Ms. Barley made a motion to have Atty Craley create a draft to amend said ordinance; Mr. Holloway seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.

Mr. Holloway requested an update on the line painting and light issue at the square. Mr. Patterson noted quotes need to be obtained.

Mr. Holloway also showed pictures of Keener Kitchen with holes in the roof and areas where the roof has collapsed, cracks or structure issues in the brick, and broken windows that could hurt someone if they were to fall out.

Mr. Klinedinst questioned why there was a Fire Police truck at Community Outreach free food giveaway and informed Mr. Gingerich that the weeds need to be removed at the location of the fire house. Mr. Gingerich responded that the weeds belong to the property that owns the white truck blocking their view to pull out of the station.

6. **SOLICITOR'S REPORT-**

Reviewed the Ordinance amendments to Chapter 15, Motor Vehicle and Traffic with the only changes being Section 8 not addressing stop signs at Franklin and Maple and Section 10 the rate change to 60 minutes / 0.25. Mr. Klinedinst made a motion to advertise the amendment as discussed; Mr. Holloway seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried. Mr. Holloway noted to please remove no stop sign at Western Ave in the title of the amended ordinance.

7. **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Restuccia Construction requested payment of \$29744.82. Ms. Barley made the motion to pay. Mr. Heister seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

214 N Franklin St- Check list created of what needs to be completed in order to release the additional funds to Jordan Ilyes

Cherry St Storage Unit complete- Mr. Holloway made the motion to release the bond. Ms. Barley seconded; all in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Klinedinst stated the receptacles at 33 Broadway municipal lot are burning up from residents using – Mr. Patterson is going to look into getting these covered so that they cannot be used by the public.

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

Mrs. Lau gave kudos to Ms. Gibney and the public works team for the 4th of July fireworks and the car show this year.

We have received great feedback on the paths in the parks we are currently redoing thanks to Mrs. Poole.

August 25 at 6:00 pm will be the rec meeting where the focus will be collecting community input for the future of Fairmount Park.

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

Mr. Holloway made a motion to extend the time for refuse and recycling bids to be opened until August 4th work session and awarded on August 11 council meeting. Ms. Barley seconded, all in favor; motion carried.

Act 537 Plan Special Study- Pump Station B Elimination~ Mr. Klinedinst made a motion to send this to the Planning Commission for review, Mr. Holloway seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

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

Brubacher has not completed a bid to blacktop the Public Works 1430 sq yards of the front parking lot.

Shannon Smith requested payment of \$22387.98 for the completion of the Generator at the municipal office. Mr. Klinedinst made the motion to approve, Mr. Holloway seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Mr. Klinedinst made the council aware that the water authority will not be raising the cigar for New Year's Eve due to liability. Noted this is between the business association and the water authority since the business association oversees the New Year's event.

Mr. Klinedinst questioned at the 201 S Charles St., the owner (Kline) was previously advised he could not expand a parking lot and was told he had to remove it but never did. This was several years ago. Ms. Poole will research and determine the next steps.

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

Zarfos Building- Mr. Ilyes advised he has spoke with Donna Deerin, owner of the buildings of Artemis and Sign of the Horse, Bethany Church, and St. Paul Church for parking issues. He asked if the borough would consider selling the municipal lot to him and Donna. Atty Craley stated at this point, he does not think this is something we should consider right now.

Mr. Ilyes noted there is extensive termite damage and asked how he would be able to install the termite control in the new lot blacktop.

Mr. Ilyes suggested he would be willing to help with repairs (like the growth discussed in public comment) if there would be tax credits. Possible Lerta – Atty Craley noted we are not expired.

Mr. Ilyes also stated that Keener Kitchen has reached out to him to buy their property previously discussed in Public Safety.

Healing the Planet Grant has been submitted. Benches have been ordered and are on the way. Location still needs to be agreed upon for the benches, but they will be dropped off at the Public Works building.

First Farmers Market went well, and it was a great idea to do at the same time as a baseball game. Mr. Heister requested it be added to the sign in the square.

Mrs. Lau requested status of the handicap spot at 230 N. Main St. Atty Craley noted that the mayor can decide to temporarily approve a handicap sign. Mayer Lau approved the sign around Howard St closest to the resident home with removal of the vehicles currently parked there.

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

Kathy Andrews hired for Codes Enforcement.

Ms. Barley made a motion to appoint Erick Sowers as the Zoning Officer effective Aug. 11. Mr. Heister seconded. All in favor except Mr. Holloway; motion carried.

Litigation has concluded for the Borough Parking Lot.

Ms. Barley made a motion to approve 3 new cameras and installation in the Red Lion Square with a monthly fee of \$5/ camera totaling \$4302.00. Mr. Holloway seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Catherine Meyer Award will be posted on the website and confirmed the dinner location will be the Saloon again this year.

Capital Budget started to be created but will take quite a few years to put in full process.

Budget vs. actual quarterly report handed out and no questions.

2026 Annual budget requests- Ms. Barley requested the Charles St bridge get completed. Mr. Klinedinst spoke on the Franklin St storm drains that we need to get a price on from Mr. Shue.

Kaltreider-Benfer library is requesting, per Mrs. Theresa Craley, support from the borough to apply for a grant to repair and replace the roof and the HVAC system. Ms. Barley made the motion to approve the assistance from the borough, Mr. Musso seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Mr. Klinedinst questioned the process for high weeds and grass. Mrs. Poole and Atty Craley explained the process of: notice, 5 days and then can cite resident. Quality of life is a second option to notify resident without citing.

13. **APPROVAL OF BILLS**– Mrs. Barley made a motion to approve the payment of the bills. Mr. Musso seconded, all in favor; motion carried.

14. **ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting was adjourned at 9:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Amanda Runkle, Treasurer