

RED LION BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, June 9, 2025

Members present

Cindy Barley
Tony Musso
Brady Greer
Dennis Klinedinst
Mark Holloway
Evan Hiester

Others present

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

Visitors

LuAnn Hildebrand	Aleksa & Justin Keithan	Shauntia Phillips	Michelle Gum
Jill Lutz	Joel Deutscher	Tom Metheny	Katie Bulla
John Krantz	Gary Lulippe		

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 May 5, 2025, work session minutes: Mr. Klinedinst made a motion to approve; Mr. Hiester seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
Approval of May 12, 2025, council minutes: Mr. Hiester made a motion to approve; Mr. Musso seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.

3. VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS-

Michelle Gum, 203 N Franklin St.- Two (2) issues- parking spots that were recently painted are not of sufficient size to park her personal truck or her oversized SUV. Asked we reevaluate the size. Mr. Patterson added that since they had to move the ADA and signs, it did differ in size, but he will review. The second issue was including trash cans on the Red Lion mile due to people walking their pets and being able to throw away trash and animal feces instead of walking for a mile with it. Mrs. Barley noted she thinks at one point there were trash cans, but no one is sure of why they were removed.

Joel Deutscher, 40 W High St.- He presented to the council and employees a 34-page parking meter analysis. He reviewed his cost analysis and concerns with purchasing and installing parking meters on Franklin St and throughout the borough. He noted, in his research, traffic meters congest the traffic more because people cruise for open spots without meters. He also stated that no one wants this on Franklin St since we are making the adjustments for one way, no parking and traffic signs. Mr. Deutscher gave a few different suggestions for the borough to look at. Mr. Musso thanked Mr. Deutscher for his research and advised he respected his opinion.

Jill Lutz, 201 N Franklin St.- Suggests putting a stop sign on Franklin at Maple St. She claims people are going over the speed hump and then get upset so they get faster through that intersection. She stated there are many kids and a bus stop at that location. She stated she is grateful for the social and her family loves it, but a stop sign would be very beneficial there.

4. MAYOR LAU REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS –

Stated he almost hit a child at N Main St and Cottage. Suds and Songs went great.

5. PUBLIC SAFETY- Holloway, Klinedinst

- A. Franklin St parking- Mr. Holloway suggests residents call the State Police- he will email Grothey if needed. Mrs. Barley suggested the public works team put up the mobile speed limit on Franklin to slow people down.
- B. Ambulance and Emergency have been handed in and gone over at the work session.

6. **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**- Still reviewing Title 15 Motor vehicles and traffic:

- A. Ordinance does not specify the size of the parking spot.
- B. Change speed limit on Locust Lane to 15 MPH from N Franklin to Neff St.
- C. One-way streets
 - 1. Locust Lane west bound from Franklin St to Neff St
 - 2. Neff St going North from W Broadway to Atlantic Ave
 - 3. Neff St going south from Locust Lane to Maple St
- D. Stop sign and parking
 - 1. Pleasant View on Lancaster approved.
 - 2. Western Ave is not to be approved.
 - 3. West on Church Lane at Windsor approved.
 - 4. On N Franklin at Maple St- Jeff wants to review before a decision is made- Mr. Holloway suggested possible street markings or crosswalks
- E. No parking
 - 1. Locust Lane – either side
 - 2. N Frankin at Maple St- 42 ft toward social
 - 3. Lemon Lane from East to Newton
 - 4. Neff from Atlantic to end.
- F. Parking meter rates- still being discussed.
- G. Municipal lot ordinance 924 has the wrong lots included, we need to change the ordinance to correct lot names.
- H. No trucks
 - 1. From Broadway to Locust on Neff

7. **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

- A. Fairmount park- pricing for freshening up the trails at \$54.00 per square yard at \$126,000 total for all pathways as a change order. Mrs. Barley made the motion to approve Jeff creating a change order for said amount. Mr. Holloway seconded. Mrs. Greer opposed, all others agree; motion carried.
- B. Restuccia Construction requested payment of \$18,225.00. Mrs. Greer made the motion to pay. Mr. Holloway seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

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

- A. Suds and Songs went very well per Mrs. Lau and she thanked all those involved. The cash app for the borough did not work so Amanda used her personal and wrote a check for \$835. Mr. Musso also used his personal and handed in \$470 in cash. Donation total was \$570.55. Mr. Lau said next year he would be willing to help with signs. Mr. Musso used his tips from pouring all day and purchased gift cards for all volunteers to Phat Cat. Mrs. Lau commented clean-up was the fastest since she has been doing it. There was no police presence.
- B. Next food truck is scheduled for June 20 at Nitchkey.
- C. Meeting will be held with Becky on the fireworks when she returns from vacation.

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

- A. John Krantz brought to the council attention that when they were completing the project at Vulcan Lane, they determined the pipe is galvanized so it will need to be replaced. Brubacher quoted \$2287 to complete the repair. Public works will need to move steps and do some additional repairs. Mrs. Barley made the motion to amend the agenda adding the proposal of

Brubacher. Mrs. Greer seconded. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Klinedinst made a motion to approve the proposal to Brubacher. Mrs. Barley seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

- B. Refuse contract bid to be advertised. Mrs. Lau made the motion to approve advertisement. Mr. Heister seconded. All in favor; motion carried. Atty Craley noted we will need to change the ordinance once it is approved due to using totes.

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

- A. Extend Red Lion trail to Hess Lane- we are going to look into grants or laying stone to extend. Mr. Holloway suggested using millings until we can determine a final resolution. Mr. Heister made a motion to extend and place millings for the time being until we review other funding options. Mr. Musso seconded. All in favor; motion carried
- B. Handicap parking spot at 306 N Charles St. Mr. Klinedinst made the motion, Mr. Holloway seconded. All in favor; motion carried.
- C. Mr. Klinedinst noted the kids are using the electric on the light pole in the municipal lot for their cell phones and laptops.
- D. Borough generator failed the load test. There is not enough pressure so Columboa Gas is going to up the pressure. Mr. Klinedinst suggested we add regulators to the furnace regardless of what the gas company does. He also noted he feels the generator is too big.
- E. Mrs. Lau wanted to make all aware that with school out for the summer, the kids are going to be playing on the splash pad features not in use. Brett is going to contact the borough who was interested in purchasing the equipment.
- F. Property at 125 Prospect yard still needs to be taken care of. Mrs. Poole stated it is being dealt with.
- G. Sold 2008 350 4x4 with plow and spreader. Mr. Klinedinst made the motion to accept the bid of \$6900.00. Mrs. Greer seconded. All in favor; motion approved.

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

- A. Zarfos Building- Jordan was not here to discuss. Atty Craley noted he attended the Zoning Hearing Board and promised he would share w council that the businesses in the immediate area do not want to give up any spots in the municipal lot.
- B. Healing the Planet Grant- Evan presented a Powerpoint with different areas we could potentially add trees. Discussion continued with mowing around more trees and keeping specific areas open. Agreed we would apply for 15 trees- Mr. Heister made the motion. Mr. Musso seconded. All in favor; motion carried. Possible landscaper and Scouts could help with this. Mrs. Lau confirmed it is for money to do the funding for the trees and not for them delivering sending us trees.
- C. Special exception called “cluster development needs defined. Mrs. Barley made a motion to create the definition; Mr. Heister seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.
- D. Mr. Heister made a motion to accept the resignation of Justin Heim from the planning commission. Mrs. Barley seconded. All in favor; motion carried.
- E. Gary Lulippe is requesting approval for a sign in front of the Water authority building. He was advised to see the Zoning officer to apply.
- F. Parking violations need to be discussed at the next work session.

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

- A. Appoint Amanda Runkle as the alternate Open Records Officer- Atty Craley advised this is not needed as the statue does not state it is needed. Mrs. Barley made the motion to appoint Ms. Runkle as an alternative, Mr. Musso seconded. All in favor; motion carried.
- B. Mrs. Barley made a motion to apply for the 2026 Safety Grant for employee safety. Mr. Musso seconded. All is favor; motion carried.
- C. Mr. Heister contacted Seven Valleys to see what they have for video and recording policy. They currently have a YouTube channel and no social media policy. Atty. Craley stated we have to amend the record retention policy.
- D. Mr. Klinedinst requested a communication on the subpoena we received for the \$65,000 money fraud.

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

Mr. Klindedinst questioned the bills (SEK, bands for S&S, Benecon for life insurance, Amazon purchase for summer camp, D&K, and Michelle Poole for a personal charge to reimburse).

18. **ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Amanda Runkle, Treasurer