

RED LION BOROUGH WORK SESSION MINUTES

Monday, March 2, 2026

Members present

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

Others present

Becky Gibney, Rec
Erick Sowers, Zoning
Mayor Aleksa Keithan
Amanda Runkle, Secretary/Treasurer
Brett Patterson, Public Works
Brian Pomraning, Public Works
Jeff Shue, CS Davidson

Visitors

LuAnn Hildebrand Jen Dettinger Maddie Chronister Jonathan Sopchak

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Musso.
2. **VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS-**
 - A. Jen Dettinger, 208 Bellevue Rd., Red Lion, PA 17356 – Ms. Dettinger is the current secretary of Barshinger Creek Preservation Alliance, and she is requesting Borough support for an exciting event they want to bring to Red Lion. Give Local York has delegated BCPA to host Give Local Fest here in Red Lion. Friday, May 1, 2026, from 4-8 pm at Fairmount Park local non-profits will present to the community with activities, games, food trucks, and a band.
 - B. Jonathan Sopchak, 23 Henrietta St and Maddie Chronister, 230 N Main St, Red Lion, PA 17356 – both middle school students, presented a youth-based community yearbook idea including events at all Red Lion schools and community events where youth are involved. They plan to offer links and a QR code for everyone to add to these events. They had many ideas for funding so that there would be no cost to the Borough residents. To start, they would only distribute online issues, but eventually they would like this to grow and possibly get donations for distribution in other ways. Mr. Klinedinst recommended they get sponsors from Red Lion Borough for advertisements.
3. **MAYOR KEITHAN REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS –**
 - A. Congratulations to Amanda for making it through the 1st year as the Red Lion Treasurer.
 - B. Mayor attended and participated with 2 fundraisers in Feb.- Fire Department Bingo and Community Reach 5k run. The run raised \$3000 and 400 lbs. of food.
4. **PUBLIC SAFETY-** Holloway, Phillips, Klinedinst
 - A. Fire company meeting is on Wed night, so no reports were received yet.
 - B. Mr. Holloway discussed the uptick in houses in the Borough that are abandoned and in foreclosure. 336 N Main St is a prime example as they still have a hole in the rear of the building. Mr. Sowers stated the permit is set to expire next week and there has been a letter sent. Mr. Holloway stated there are other homes with broken sewer pipes and frozen pipes.
 - C. Alliance Fire and Rescue sent invitations for annual appreciation banquet on March 28- please respond.
5. **ENGINEER'S REPORT**
 - A. Franklin and Country Club Storm Sewer Improvement and 2026 Roadway Improvement- contracts have been signed and sent back into CS Davidson.
 - B. Manager called Jeff for the Neff and Maple Street Storm sewer repairs which the public works

team has already begun to repair and will include this in the 2027 road maintenance plan
C. CS Davidson continues to review plans for 20 E Prospect.

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

- A. Mr. Minnich noted we are doing great with Anthracite. Mr. Holloway requested we ask the to use spotters to turn at the intersection of Hazle Lane and N. Railroad. Amanda will contact to remedy.
- B. Streetlights question cost to replace with LED. Quote was given of \$2300 to complete.

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

- A. Mr. Klinedinst questioned how long the N Franklin St meters are going to take. He is saying we should get a discount on this since we have paid them, and we are losing money on it. Amanda will contact Civic Smart to see about credit.
- B. Mr. Klinedinst noted there is some discussion going on about the snow emergency routes and ADA ramps. Several council members stated residents and owners have gotten lazy and they are not using a normal snow shovel when it does snow to give adequate amount of space.
- C. Mr. Klinedinst stated discussion is in the works for snow emergency and snow clearing policies.
- D. Neff St and Maple St sinkhole was already discussed but the committee wants to be included in these discussions so we can all work together, communicate and be a part of the decisions. Amanda requested what that meant and it was discussed that with the sink hole, the committee was not notified to be able to attend when Jeff, Michelle and Brett met.
- E. Mr. Klinedinst stated again that NIMS needs to be completed by all members.
- F. Mr. Klinedinst questioned the new rental inspection rules for next year. Mr. Sowers stated the only change made is the same change in the ordinance to match the state code. Ms. Phillips asked where the tenants can get the smoke detectors now as there have been many calls to the fire department for them and they no longer provide them. Mr. Musso reminded everyone that it is the landlord responsibility, not the tenant. If a landlord is not taking care of the issue, the Borough has a "housing complaint form" to complete.
- G. Mr. Klinedinst suggests we approve the handicap sign at 239 W. High St.
- H. Mr. Klinedinst stated a leaking fire hydrant was dug up at S main St and High St. The tree roots had gotten intertwined, and the municipal authority dug them up which will be a cost to the Borough.
- I. Mr. Klinedinst noted that the curb at the generator is deteriorating. Possible two-year warranty on the work. Joe Mula would need to be contacted to confirm that.
- J. Mr. Klinedinst asked if we could look in to the \$10k life insurance policy discussed in the PA Borough News. Amanda will look into this further.

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

- A. Suds & Songs discussions are happening at every Rec meeting- Shriners just notified us today that they will not sponsor this event any longer as they are aging and dying down. Kelly Henshaw is going to present it to the Mason's at their next meeting.
- B. Mr. Heister suggested we look into the alliance for the Chesapeake Bay for planning a meadow at the switchback or "S" bank on the trail. This has worked well in Jackson Twp per Jeff Shue.
- C. Fairmount Park Survey- Becky is planning to complete a google survey concentrated survey to determine what we want to do for sure.

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

- A. Service agreements for the Uniform Construction Code have been executed.
- B. York County Economic Alliance is requesting the Borough provide a letter supporting Jordan Ilyes and Ethan Greer for the "Townie Award". All council members seemed to agree.

C. Farmer Market- Mr. Heister has a \$400 budget from last year for feather flags and other material needed.

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

A. Elections Meeting was held to discuss potentially moving the polling location from Bethany Church to the municipal building. Contract was sent and a motion will need to be made next week.

B. Mr. Heister recommends we have a Day of Service in the center of town this year for clean up and would like to further discuss the options for this.

11. **ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Amanda Runkle, Treasurer