

RED LION BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES **Monday, March 9, 2026**

Members present

Tony Musso
Cindy Barley
Evan Heister
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
Jeff Shue, CS Davidson
Mike Craley, Solicitor

Becky Gibney, Rec

Visitors

Brad & Cindy Stermer Justin Keithan Jen Dettinger Dustin & Violet Werner Suzi Krout
LuAnn Hildebrand Sara Berkebile

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Mark Holloway opened with prayer followed by the pledge to the flag.
2. Ms. Barley made a motion to approve February 2, 2026, Work Session minutes; Mr. Minnich seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
3. Ms. Barley made a motion to approve February 9, 2026, Council minutes; Ms. Phillips seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
4. **VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS-**
 - A. **Dustin Werner, 21 S Franklin St.-** Requesting Borough assistance with First Energy streetlights out. He has called First Energy twice to report to them. Confirmed exact location is Franklin St and Wallick Lane (Pole number 31950-20725).
 - B. **Cindy and Brad Stermer, 4030 Old Bridgeville Rd, Felton, PA-** Concern is with the Hometown Hero banner they purchased for their daughter in 2023. It has broken 2 times in the past and she was advised we could not put it back up so she is looking for a refund or reimbursement of some type for the money paid. Mr. Patterson confirmed the current sign could be hung back up, but it would need new hardware. Mr. Musso advised he would pay for the cost of the hardware if it needed to be purchased.
 - C. **LuAnn Hildebrand, 833 S Main St.-** She wanted to make the council aware that while she was helping with the new tree maintenance on Sat., there was a large amount of dog feces on Boundary Ave. and on the trail by the "S". Ms. Poole suggested cleaning up after your dog signs. Mr. Heister suggested we include doggy trash stations with the DCNR grant. Ms. Barley suggested we start with signs. Ms. Phillips reminded council it is not just in these 2 locations; it is everywhere in the Borough.
 - D. **Justin Keithan, 83 N Main St.-** Presented the issue of tractor trailers turning at N. Main and Church St. He requests better signage for the truck drivers so they are aware they cannot make their turn.
 - E. **Susan Krout, 211 W Gay St-** Questioned Red Lion Borough noise ordinance time for music and dog barking. Her neighbors have had parties and when she calls the police, they advise they cannot do anything since it is a municipal ordinance. It was suggested by the solicitor to record the noise and bring it to the Codes Enforcement so they can handle it. She also asked that the new trash company not start at 4 am as they did on Friday 2 weeks earlier.

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

- A. Advised of her monthly report and how she was involved in the Borough activities.
- B. We are officially registered for the Mayor Monarch Pledge as of end of February.

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

- A. EMA report came in just before the meeting, so it has not been reviewed yet, fire report is normal, and ambulance reports are in. Mr. Holloway reports there were 19 short of breath in the previous month, which is odd. Atty Craley suggested possible air quality could be the issue.

7. **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

- A. The York County Planning Commission will review our sign ordinance on March 17, 2026.

8. **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

- A. Follow up to last week- working on a preconstruction meeting to allow us to see the schedule from the contractor projections.
- B. Had communications with 20 E Prospect St plan engineers. Completing the Penn Dot permit drawings and will then have a resubmission to us.

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

- A. Ms. Barley made a motion to allow Ms. Runkle to apply for the DCNR 2026 P2P2 grant to include park bathroom upgrades, doggy trash cans and regular trash collection cans, Ms. Phillips seconded. Discussion on the match grant and Ms. Runkle agreed that she would not apply unless there was a match grant also applied for, so no funds come from the Borough. All in favor; motion carried.
- B. Barshinger Creek Preservation Alliance requests permission to use the Fairmount park on May 1 from 4-8pm. Mr. Holloway questioned who would do the clean up and Jen Dettinger assured him they would clean up after the event. Dustin Werner advised they will have a Penn Waste dumpster or cans that will be picked up either that day or next day. Ms. Phillips made the motion to allow park use, Ms. Barley seconded. All in favor; motion carried.
- C. Ms. Gibney confirmed Mason's approval to apply for the liquor license since the Shriner's cannot this year.

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

- A. Mr. Minnich discussed Anthracite Waste again asking if we can contact them and asking that they not start until 5 am and if they had been notified of previous request on Hazle Lane. Ms. Runkle advised she has reached out and they are no longer going that way. Mr. Holloway advised they are now going the other way, which will destroy the other side. Mr. Klinedinst noted this is our responsibility since we send them down the alley- possibly a wall or base. Mr. Patterson stated we cannot go into someone's personal property.
- B. Lights on Howard and Railroad have been repaired. Quote in for 2 more on East and West High St.
- C. Fire hydrant repair on Main St and Marshall. Discussion on who owns the hydrants and whether there was ever an agreement in writing. Nothing has ever been found. Need clarification on who is responsible for the repairs and where the communication needs to be corrected so we can work together better. Atty Craley stated that Water Authority has a water quality permit issued by DEP that places the responsibility for clean water on the authority, meaning when there is a repair to any type of system, the water authority needs to be present so there is no contamination in water. Mr. Minnich noted that anyone can attend the Water Authority meeting on March 25, 2026, but the main goal is to work together. The committees will work together

to meet with Water Authority and discuss it further.

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

- A. Mr. Klinedinst made a motion to approve a handicap parking space at 239 W High St., Ms. Barley seconded. All in favor; motion carried.
- B. Mr. Klinedinst requested the current 11 handicap spots that have not been renewed get reviewed and removed if needed.
- C. Received the 2026 liquid fuel funds of \$182,917.38.
- D. Water Authority flushing will begin April 21 at 9 am through May 15.
- E. Lancaster St curb repair (generator) was viewed by all council today and Ms. Poole is going to contact Mula to get more information.
- F. March 11 at 9 am is the 2nd meeting for LTAP.
- G. Mr. Klinedinst received notice not to draw any water out of the Susquehanna River due to colored ice.

12. **PLANNING, ZONING, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-** Hiester, Barley, Phillips

- A. Mr. Heister made a motion to provide a letter of support for the nomination of Jordan Ilyes and Ethan Greer to receive a 2026 PA Downtown Center “townie” Award, Mr. Holloway seconded. Mr. Klinedinst and Mr. Heister suggested we need to recognize Rexroth since they have done so much in Red Lion as well. All in favor; motion carried.
- B. Farmers Market signage plan will be brought to the next work session for review.

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

- A. Ms. Barley made a motion to approve the Municipal Building for elections, Mr. Musso seconded. Discussion on the agreement, signage, and payment to a government entity. Roll call concluded Mr. Heister- yes, Mark Holloway- no, Denny Klinedinst- no, Tony Musso- yes, Cindy Barley- yes, Shauntia Phillips- yes, Chris Minnich- yes, therefore motion carried.
- B. Mr. Musso questioned pulling a permit for electric where the cost of the job is \$1500, but the company he presented it to want a field engineer which is much more costly. Atty Craley advised it is part of the PA Building Codes.
- C. Mr. Klinedinst asked what happened to the boards in the municipal lot. Mr. Patterson stated he did it with snow removal.
- D. Mr. Klinedinst commented on Summit Dr, being the only place the curb needs fixed is in front of his house. Mr. Patterson advised they will come through while they are street sweeping to do repairs as well.
- E. Assessment appeal for 214 N Franklin St (Jordan Ilyes). Hearing will be held on March 31, Atty Craley noted typically municipalities do not attend and a decision will not be made that day. It was determined after discussion not to take any action at this time.

14. **APPROVAL OF BILLS-**

Mrs. Barley made a motion to approve the payment of the bills. Mr. Minnich seconded, all in favor; motion carried.

15. **ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Amanda Runkle, Treasurer