

RED LION BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, May 12, 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
Becky Gibney, Recreation Director
Amanda Runkle, Secretary/Treasurer

Visitors

Bruce Stegman	LuAnn Hildebrand	Rita Mitcheom	Dustin Werner
Jen Dettinger	Chris Minnich	Donald Dippner	Michelle Gum
Kristine Cousler-Womack	Jill Lutz	Laura & Ken Heiges	Ian Montgomery
Aleksa & Justin Keithan	Sean Grove	Shauntia Phillips	

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Pastor Jay opened with prayer followed by the pledge to the flag.
2. Approval of April 7, 2025, work session minutes: Mr. Klinedinst made a motion to approve; Mrs. Barley seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
Approval of April 14, 2025, council minutes: Mr. Klinedinst made a motion to approve; Mr. Holloway seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
3. Atty Craley noted all recordings are legal and while the council is not currently audio recording this meeting, the public is legally able to do so.

4. **VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS-**

Rita Mitcheom, 41 Boundary Ave.- Concerns with the 4th of July fireworks being held at the park. Last year she had safety concerns and wanted to be sure they were discussed. Mayor Lau stated he will be happy to clean up her yard wither permission to go onto her property which she agreed.

Ian Montgomery, 134 W Gay St.- He was representing numerous people and their sentiments for the splash pad:

Felicia Schroeder, 445 S Main St.- Red Lion resident

Heather Thompson, Alyssa Cooper, Gabriel Ahlgrim, Jamie Graham, Brady Sweitzer, and Jane Shenberger- non-Red Lion residents

Jill Lutz, 201 N Franklin St.- Line painting on Franklin was amazing and looks great. Advised with Jordan adding the new spots, traffic is much better and would like an explanation on how the meters on Franklin will help the residents. If a patron chooses to park in a non-metered spot, they will just move to where the residents currently park at their homes.

Michelle Gum, 203 N Franklin St.- Concerned with the meters being put on Franklin St due to not having off street parking and having to unload groceries and a 7-year-old child. She typically goes to the store on Mondays, so she does not lose her spot due to patrons of the Franklin Street Social. Mr. Musso said the thought behind this is to eventually put signs up for resident parking only on the far side where Ms. Gum lives.

5. **MAYOR LAU REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS** - social media has become a new way of life and he feels it is the cowardly way to live. He explained why he did not break the tie at a

previous meeting.

6. **PUBLIC SAFETY** – Holloway, Klinedinst

- A. Agrees the comments on social media confirm that the council made the right decision.
- B. Old Fashion Days and NYE- safety concerns to be discussed with Ian Montgomery and Sean Gunnet
- C. Fire Report received, but Mr. Holloway has not had a chance to review. Gun Raffle with a \$20,000 grand prize.
- D. Ambulance reports are in.
- E. John Browning is requesting Steven Gobat to be his assistant. Mr. Holloway made the motion to assign Mr. Gobat as assistant, Mr. Heister seconded. All in favor; motion carried.
- F. Building issues around town that Mr. Holloway will discuss with Jay Nolt later.

7. **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**- Still reviewing Title 15 Motor vehicles and traffic. At the next meeting, Atty Craley would like a map showing the one way, which way just to be sure everyone agrees. He also wants to discuss W Broadway parking to be metered parking. Also, would like to discuss the ordinance of parking meters and referenced Hanover parking meter ordinance with coins, app, and credit card payments along with a time limit on the meters. Noted the meters need to be uniform throughout the borough. Mr. Klinedinst stated he is not a fan of credit cards or app paying for parking. Ms. Gum made a comment she does not carry cash and would rather pay a fee to pay by app.

8. **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

- A. Jeff was not able to be here today due to prior engagement.
- B. We received the additional warranty from Shiloh and the final request for payment of \$22750.00. Ms. Greer made a motion to pay, Mr. Musso seconded. Mr. Holloway opposed it due to not having a chance to read the warranty and the remaining council agreed; motion carried.

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

- A. Bunny Breakfast- profit of \$525.99. Meals served= 52 free meals, 21 meals to 6-12 years, 87 meals over 12 years. The egg hunt cost was \$132.31.
- B. Food Truck Friday starts May 16 at the park- in need of volunteers.
- C. The last meeting for Suds and Songs will be May 20 onsite at 6 pm for all volunteers and anyone who wants to help.
- D. Construction of the park will begin in the near future so parking will be blocked off for the staging area.
- E. NO July rec meeting
- F. Splash Pad discussion will be held on Aug 25 at 6 pm. to determine what the residents would like to see there. Ms. Mitcheom requested we remove the splash pad equipment since the kids are still hanging out in the area.
Laura Heighes 127 S Franklin- Asked is the Splash pad was finalized to remove. Mr. Musso explained that what is there now is not able to be used so it would have to be totally removed due to safety issues- both environmentally and humanly. Ms. Heighes noted we need something for the kids to do if we are taking it out. She asked if people were willing to donate time, would that be a possibility? Mr. Musso explained we would need to decide what we are doing with the area. Ms. Gum reminded that there is a rec center on Main St where the older kids can go, but 18 South is a private organization, not a borough youth center.
- G. Employee discounts on summer camp. An employee is defined as if you receive a paycheck from the borough, you are considered an employee. Currently, summer camp is \$100 per child with discounts per child per family. The council decided they need to see the numbers after the summer camp is complete, so a 25% discount is fair for the remainder of this year. Mrs. Lau made a motion for a 25% discount, Mr. Musso seconded. Ms. Greer opposed it due to not having correct numbers and the rest of the council agreed; motion carried.
- H. Mr. Musso gave a shout out to Becky Gibney & Frank for doing a great job on rec.

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

- A. Refuse contract draft (using Shrewsbury Township) completed and handed out to Council. At the work session, we will need to advertise.
- B. Recycling has not been collected for 2 weeks. Mrs. Poole made 2 calls to Penn Waste, and they will be in touch. Mrs. Lau noted that totes will be in the new contract which should help.
Shauntia Phillips, 633 W Broadway- Penn Waste has not picked up, she has called with no response yet they raised their bill.
- C. Animal Control Service- Michelle Klugh will no longer serve us so we have retained, if the council approves, Kim Erdman as the new animal control contract. Mr. Klinedinst made the motion, Mr. Holloway seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

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

- A. Small chimney, removal of old chimney, patch roof and garage repair bids are in. Busey is recommended by Mr. Patterson at \$9013. Mr. Klinedinst made the motion to hire Bussey, Mr. Holloway seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- B. Approval to apply for Greenway Grant. Mr. Klinedinst made the motion, Mr. Heister seconded. All in favor; motion carried.
- C. Parking meters on Franklin St. Need to purchase 15 meters total at a cost of \$8119.50. Mr. Klinedinst made the motion to purchase, Mr. Holloway seconded. All in approval, motion carried. Discussed the balance in the parking meter fund currently.
- D. CM High repairs to stop lights- public works team can do \$2752.61 worth of the work, but the budget is \$10,000 with \$3792.72 left to use. Mrs. Barley made a motion to complete what needs done to get us in compliance; Mr. Heister seconded. All in favor, motion carried. Noted when there is an accident and no report made, the borough is responsible for the repairs.
- E. DE Gemmill line marking – we currently have \$10,000 available in the budget so we will work at what we absolutely need done. Mr. Holloway made a motion to approve the quote not to exceed \$20,000 (to include repairs and maintenance), Mr. Klinedinst seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
- F. Leo Center- flooring needs replaced, but it is not a budgeted item. This will need put into the budget for next year.
- G. Water main being replaced by Water Authority, but Mr. Klinedinst suggested we replace the service pipe to the shop. Mr. Patterson will get a quote for this as we have no roads money to use.
- H. Blacktop Neff and Locust St quote from Shiloh for \$6970. Mr. Patterson will also get a quote for this from another vendor.

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

- A. Council request Atty Craley attend the Zoning Hearing Board for Jordan Ilyes Development Plan for 21 W Broadway variance. Atty Craley stated that Bathany Church is open to give parking to the plan and that he will attend this meeting with the insight the borough needs to put this building to use and the impact on parking would not affect residential as adjoining properties as Franklin St did. Mr. Holloway asks that we be fair to other buildings in the area and this should attract more people to the area. Mrs. Barley made a motion for Atty Craley to attend, Mr. Musso seconded. All in favor; motion carried.
- B. Dumpster refuse ordinance- we will need to a fundamental redo of the ordinance, so Atty Craley suggested we wait until the contracts come in June.

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

- A. 457B retirement plan will change from MetLife to CBIZ once the plan is approved. Resolution 2025-11 Mrs. Barley made the motion, Mr. Musso seconded. All in favor; motion carried.
- B. Response letter to ROARS Facebook statement- Mrs. Barley made a motion to send this communication, Mr. Holloway seconded. Ms. Greer and Mr. Heister opposed due to Laura from ROAR reaching out to Brady prior to making a statement with remaining council in

agreement; motion carried.

- C. Video recording of meetings- Tabled after discussion on transparency and how other boroughs and townships use this. Discussion will need held at work session to further discuss concerns about AI and what platform it will be shown on.

Joel Deutscher, W High St- He feels by using video recordings, we are protecting the council for what really happens.

16. **COMMUNICATIONS** –

- A. Letter from Springfield Township to use fire police for July 4th blast. Mrs. Barley made the motion, Mr. Musso seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

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

Mrs. Lau requested a progress report on the pathways in the park for the public. Mrs. Poole stated all work to be completed and what the additional funds will go to.

Mrs. Poole noted that a hometown hero banner fell and dented a resident car. Atty Craley stated to have them contact their insurance company.

Fire company was present and noted 28 incidents in the Borough.

Mr. Klindedinst asked if there was a budget report for the library.

18. **ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Amanda Runkle, Treasurer