

Red Lion Borough Work Session Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 5, 2025

Members present

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

Others present

Jeff Shue, Engineer
Jay Nolt, Zoning Officer
Brett Patterson, Public Works
Amanda Runkle, Treasurer/ Secretary
LuAnn Hildebrand
Brian Pomraning, Public Works
Becky Gibney, Rec

Ian Montgomery
Kristine Cousler-Womack
Kathryn Tate
Roxann Shearer

Tony started the meeting with a statement on the splash pad.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ian Montgomery, 134 W Gay St., Red Lion- concerned with the transient vendor license and requested we pause/suspend the enforcement of this until the final language is determined.

Mr. Holloway explained that a new regime came in and now wants people to follow rules.

Mrs. Lau asked when we would have an idea of when we may have something to speak about this since this has been in process since November. Mr. Hiester suggested next month's meeting.

Mrs. Barley reminded everyone that while this can be burdensome, they are trying to determine how to craft something that will help in specific cases (parade vendors) and still be beneficial in all ways.

Mrs. Poole noted the cost to the Borough \$1889.28 to set up and clean up with the public works team and that does not include their benefits or portion of social security.

Mr. Musso noted it will be very hard to hold the vendors accountable two months before the event. Recommends we put this into effect next year.

Kristine Cousler-Womack, 14 S Park St- Stated she appreciated the planning commission hard work through the transient license process.

Ian Montgomery, 134 W Gay St., Red Lion- Second concern was the splash pad. He handed out a pamphlet with all the survey results from his social media survey. Ian wants to create a committee and after 180 days, collect all information and then further discuss.

Ms. Greer questioned how we know verified these are all Red Lion Borough residents. Ian said he used their address.

Mr. Holloway noted we are using social media for this survey instead of hearing the residents' voice since he and his neighbors knew nothing of this survey with no social media. He also noted, fixing the splash pad is like paying your utilities but not paying your mortgage.

Mr. Lau (Mayor) questioned how we know if these residents are actually taxpayers.

Mr. Heister noted if the taxpayers within the borough want to keep this with a tax increase, then, as a council, they have to take that into account. He agrees with Ian to give it 6 months and get information to determine a decision.

Mr. Musso noted we have gone above and beyond 180 days to determine this decision and you can see that if you read the minutes for the last 5 years. He stated we have roads and sidewalks that are deteriorating.

LuAnn Hildebrand, 833 S Main St, Red Lion- Questioned how the communication plan works within the Borough to residents- website, newsletter, Savy Citizen, and the Facebook page. This was confirmed by Council. She noted the website can be hard to use. Asked about the publisher of the newsletter- Mrs. Poole noted published for free and we only pay for postage. Also asked about the application for food trucks and the older minutes not on the website. Mrs. Gibney responded that the food truck application was changed and reviewed by our attorney. Mrs. Poole responded that all minutes can be found on the bookshelves in the conference room. Last, she questioned whether the parking

meter were solar and the rates being \$.05 per 30 minutes with \$.25 for two hours max since the machines cannot give change. Mr. Patterson responded that they are not solar.

Kathryn Tate, 585 Windsor Rd and Roxanne Shearer, 810 Jefferson Lane- VFW Post 1446 10-year anniversary next year and they want to celebrate with the community of Red Lion. The event will be held on May 25, 2026 with a parade, a service held at the park, T-shirts for residents, etc. They also want to work with us for the Hometown Hero banners.

2. **Mayor Report**- noted great job to the VFW ladies and he looks forward to working with them. Also stated his opinion on the splash pad and he does not feel it is doable financially.
3. **Public Safety**-Mark Holloway reported:
 - The fire reports are not in yet.
 - Streetlight at N Main St. and W. Gay St is out again- quote to be discussed to repair.
 - Mrs. Lau noted E. Broadway going west at the square is not safe with the lane sign. Possibly paint arrows- Jeff Shue said we did paint dotted lines to show lane previously and the state came in and made us remove it.
4. **Engineer's Report**—Jeff Shue reported:
 - The Fairmont Park pre-construction meeting was held on May 1 with work beginning mid-May and a hopeful completion date of late July.
 - The W. Broadway retaining wall is complete with the agreement of an additional one-year warranty, making it a two-year warranty.
 - Franklin and Country Club storm sewer improvements- Met with Public Works committee and recommended to budget this work for 2026.
5. **Parks and Rec**- Amy Lau and Becky Gibney reported.
 - Suds and Songs meeting to be held May 20 at Vulcan field for all volunteers and participants.
 - 24 kids have signed up for summer camp and Mrs. Gibney is now collecting the payment before the camp which is working well.
 - Food Truck Fri will be held May 16 at the park.
 - Easter Bunny Breakfast had a good turn out for many 1st time attendees.
 - CIA for the park cameras are paid until end of May, and a certified letter was sent to them to terminate the contract.
 - Multiple grants are in the works. We are waiting for bids for garage and roof repair that Brett has sent out. Need to put Greenways on the agenda to vote on for next week.
 - A public meeting for the splash pad will be held in June or July to discuss and get the opinion of the public.
6. **Municipal Services**—Tony Musso reported:
 - Meeting with Penn Waste on 5/6/25 at 3:30 pm and council requested Mr. Klinedinst be at that meeting. Mrs. Lau again noted there is no commercial stated in the current contract.
7. **Public Works**—Dennis Klinedinst reported:
 - CM High traffic light repair- Jeff Shue noted that the neglected service over the years will bring more costs now with Penn Dot holding us accountable, but they should level out eventually. We did a joint municipal contract and CM High is who we have to use.
 - Mr. Klinedinst recommended we get a new mower this year.
 - DE Gemmill quote is very high, and Brett is looking into if it is cheaper to get a machine for the Borough to do it ourselves.
 - Mr. Holloway asked if we could trade the splashpad funds in the budget and use them for repairs. Mrs. Poole advised that it is a solicitor's question.
 - Mr. Heister recommended we create an asset management plan by property long term/ short term.
 - Parking meters on N. Franklin St discussion- council agrees to move forward and vote next week.
8. **Planning, Zoning & Economic Development**—Evan Hiester reported:

- Zarfoss building- Jordan is possibly purchasing, if he is approved by the Zoning Hearing Board for a variance on parking. Planning Commission did not choose to make a recommendation to the Zoning Hearing Board. We will need to have the solicitor attend that meeting so we can be party to any decision the Zoning Hearing Board makes.
 - Mr. Holloway and Mrs. Barley both agree that we must be fair to all businesses in the area, but also realize the building is going to be hard to get used if we don't allow this development. Mr. Klinedinst stated the way we are currently earning money in the lot; it will take some time to earn the million dollars back.
9. **Administration**—Cindy Barley reported on items from the Manager's Report:
- 2023 Audit is complete and 2024 will be completed in the next month.
 - Columbia Gas upgraded the line, and a new meter installed. The generator needs to be tested now. Michelle received email from Mula Group that they are working to set that up.
 - Currently the square cameras are not being viewed since they are in the EMA office. We have no idea if they are working or not and they are still through CIA. Advantage has already given a quote to replace these.
 - Mrs. Barley read a Facebook comment from ROARs, and she has created a response to be sent to the council for approval at the next meeting.
 - Mr. Heister recommended we video record the meetings so people could watch and see the entire context. Mrs. Barley and Mr. Musso disagreed, stating if residents are interested, they can come to the meetings.
 - Mr. Klinedinst asked if the Borough would go ½ on the attorney who was hired for the 457B plan.
 - 2 zoning cases going to the Zoning Hearing Board
10. **Adjournment**—With no further business before Council, Work Session adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Amanda Runkle, Secretary/Treasurer