

RED LION BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, October 13, 2025

Members present

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

Others present

Michelle Poole, Borough Manager
Mayor Gene Lau
Erick Sowers, Zoning
Samantha K Craley-Byerts, Solicitor
Mike Craley, Solicitor
Amanda Runkle, Secretary/Treasurer
Brian Pomraning, Public Works

Visitors

LuAnn Hildebrand	Shauntia Phillips	Chris Minnich	Trevor Manahan, Rabbit
Aleksa Keithan	Jen Dettinger	Sara & Keith Berkebile	Jane Reheard
Robert Means			

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, with prayer followed by the pledge to the flag.
2. Approval of Sept 8, 2025, council minutes: Mr. Klinedinst made a motion to approve; Ms. Barley seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.

3. **VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS-**

Trevor Manahan, Rabbit Transit- Previously presented two contracts to all of council requesting (1) feasibility allowing their engineers to come inspect and determine if the location is eligible and (2) installing a kiosk for transit at the municipal lot. Mr. Holloway questioned section 1.3 stating the Borough would be responsible for the electricity to the kiosk. Open discussion with council ended with requesting Rabbit pay for the electricity or get a cost analysis for the electricity to the kiosk. Mrs. Lau suggested that since this is a convenience to the residents, we could take these funds from donations we typically approve.

Mrs. Barley made a motion to approve the feasibility contract, Mr. Holloway seconded the motion, all in favor; motion carried.

Sara & Keith Berkebile, 618 Wise Ave- Current residents who have lived on this street that runs parallel to Main St with businesses on either end for approximately 2 years. They have seen an increase in traffic including cars, trucks, trailers, and large trucks speeding over the 25 MPH speed limit. Mr. & Mrs. Berkebile request a speed bump to slow the traffic. They have contacted PA State Police and stated the main concern is public safety with children on this street. Mr. Musso suggested we place the mobile speed limit digital meter on this road to see if this makes the public realize how fast they are traveling as it has on Franklin St. Mr. Holloway suggested we contact Mr. Grothey to request they have more police coverage in that area at high traffic time. Robert Means of 609 Wise Ave was present and stated he had three close encounters where their children were almost hit. Jane Reheard of 622 Wise Ave was present and stated she tried to not leave her home during high traffic times since it is a safety factor. Another resident (did not sign in) from 614 Wise Ave was present and stated she has an autistic child who cannot be in their front yard due to traffic. Atty Craley explained Wise Ave is a liquid fuel approved road, so we must follow the guidelines for PennDot publication.

- Trevor Manahan reentered the meeting and stated Rabbit Transit will cover the electricity for the new kiosk. Since we have already made a motion for the feasibility contract, we will wait until we receive a revised contract with the changes and will vote later.

4. **MAYOR LAU REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS –**

- A. He does not care what people think of him, but while he was changing his sign at the karate building, the public drove past and screamed at him numerous times.
- B. At the last work session meeting, it was discussed Jordan Ilyes may be closing some streets for construction to include Railroad and would be in contact with Mrs. Lau to discuss this. Wed afternoon, Mr. Lau noted the street was blocked with no contact from Mr. Ilyes prior to 10 min earlier at this meeting. Mrs. Lau stated she would discuss this with Mr. Ilyes, but Mr. Lau wanted it noted this was done.

5. **PUBLIC SAFETY-** Holloway, Klinedinst

- A. Emergency management report is in and reviewed
- B. Fire company report is in and reviewed
- C. Ambulance report is in and reviewed
- D. The fire company Gun Raffle went well and sold out.
- E. The tree on Charles blocking the stop sign was removed and the other one was trimmed and it looks great.

6. **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

- A. Ordinance for Fire Company Earned Income Tax credit was amended by Atty Craley. Mrs. Barley made a motion to advertise this ordinance, Mr. Holloway seconded the motion, all in favor; motion carried.
- B. Smoke alarm Ordinance amended to match the 2018 Building Code or any successor code. Mrs. Barley made the motion to advertise, Mr. Holloway seconded the motion, all in favor; motion carried.
- C. Amendment to the trash Ordinance was made to match the new contract. Mrs. Barley made a motion to advertise, Mr. Heister seconded, all in favor; motion carried.
- D. Eckert Seaman gave their quote to be bond counsel if we choose to proceed with the loan from PA Infrastructure. Mrs. Barley made the motion to approve Eckert Seaman to be engaged as bond counsel, Mrs. Greer seconded, all in favor; motion carried.
- E. Mr. Klinedinst stated he wants to file a Right to Know against the fire company and the library. Atty Craley stated neither is subject to Right to Know and the Library would be happy to share if we request it. Scott Gingerich, Alliance Fire Chief, came forward stating he has never been asked by any other council to show this amount. Scott stated Red Lion only covers 22.9% of their budget which does not include any truck maintenance or truck purchases. Red Lion Borough funds pay for electricity and daily use of the fire house. Ms. Runkle explained they are looking for a breakdown of where the funds are going to simply make sure the borough contributions are being used adequately. Mr. Klinedinst stated there is an agreement somewhere that they can only use these funds for specific things. Atty Craley stated years back there was specific funds delegated, but the choice is up to council to determine if they want to delegate where those funds are allocated. Mr. Musso and Mrs. Barley agreed there should not be anything written to determine where the fire company spends their funds and noted the council is NOT trying to exploit or present an ulterior motive for this request. Scott Gingerich stated he is applying for the LSA grant for \$500,000 building improvement and requested a letter of recommendation.

7. **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

- A. Franklin and Country Club Storm Sewer Improvements- applied for the permit for the work to be bid while the permit to complete excavation for utility line locations.
- B. High St Storm water repairs- Expedited HOP permitting has been submitted
- C. 2026 Road work bid- working with Brett to provide detailed estimates and scope of work
- D. Drainage issue at 124 E Broadway- Met with Borough staff to revisit on 9/17/25.

- E. MS-4 is being finalized now.
8. **PARKS AND RECREATION** – Lau, Barley, Hiester
- A. Halloween Parade is set for Tue., Oct. 28 and volunteers are needed.
 - B. The next rec meeting will be held on Oct. 21 to plan for the parade. Fire Police is requesting help for the parade.
 - C. Lori Yeich from DCED will be in the Borough on Nov 14 to do a walk through of Fairmount Park and determine what she suggests for grants and help.
9. **MUNICIPAL SERVICES** – Heister, Lau
- A. Mrs. Poole reviewed the questions/answers from Anthracite explaining how the transition will happen and where we currently are in the process. Mrs. Lau questioned the business accounts and making sure we do not have garbage being picked up every day and Mrs. Poole suggested speaking with Anthracite to further discuss business options. Mr. Musso reconfirmed this is a new company and they are going to have growing pains, so he asks that the borough works with them through those pains.
10. **PUBLIC WORKS** – Klinedinst, Holloway, Heister
- A. Jordan Ilyes requests to shut down Railroad Labe and Charles St. as needed while he is reconstructing the Zarfos building. Section 105, title 15, gives council authority to close any street or infrastructure but can delegate borough manager to make this decision. Mrs. Poole noted he will no longer need to use the municipal lot for a dumpster until he completes that side of the building. Mrs. Barley made a motion to allow the Borough manager to decide with at least weeks' notice when the roads will be closed. Mr. Musso seconded the motion, all in favor; motion carried.
 - B. Shauntia Phillips noted when she requested the Penn Waste trash hauler come back to her home after not picking up her refuse, the man working asked her to pay him \$5 to do his job.
 - C. Hydro excavation on Country Club Rd and S Franklin St will need to be completed determining utility locations at a cost of approximately \$10,000. Mr. Klinedinst made the motion, Mr. Musso seconded the motion, all in favor; motion carried.
 - D. 334 Atlantic Ave handicap spot was reviewed and Mr. Klinedinst made the motion to approve, Mrs. Barley seconded, all in favor; motion carried.
 - E. Mr. Musso suggested we purchase a diagnostic scan tool to determine why the check engine light is on.
11. **PLANNING, ZONING, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** – Heister, Holloway, Barley
- A. Chapter 13-201 through 13-207 "Mass Public Assembly" needs amended so Atty Craley will include with the Transient License we are currently working on.
 - B. We will revisit the dumpster at the municipal lot at a later date when Jordan requests it.
 - C. Parking Ordinance amendment for allowing the parking attendant to enforce specific situations including parking too close under state law. Atty Craley will update.
 - D. Economic Development meeting will be cancelled due to being on the same date as the Halloween parade.
12. **ADMINISTRATION** – Barley, Lau, Klinedinst
- A. Catherine Meter Award winner is Wade Elfner.
 - B. Red Lion 2026 animal care and housing agreement has been reviewed, and Mrs. Barley made a motion to approve this agreement. Mr. Greer seconded, Mr. Klinedinst was a nay as all other council in favor; motion carried.
 - C. Discussion on purchasing cameras for Borough vehicles since there was an incident where the Red Lion Bus company showed a person hitting a Borough vehicle with their camera. Requested to get quotes. This would also be a benefit during plowing time when we are accused of hitting vehicles.

- D. Red Lion Borough video and social media policy was tabled since Mrs. Barley needs to do more research and make it formal.
- E. RSVP to the Borough Association meeting on Nov. 22 to Amanda by 11/14.
- F. Mrs. Barley made a motion for Resolution 2025-14 to designate Michelle and Amanda as authorized officials to execute documents for the Local Share grant. Mr. Holloway seconded, all in favor; motion carried.
- G. Mrs. Barley made a motion for Resolution 2025-15 to participate in Kindness Week worldwide Nov. 8-15, 2025, in conjunction with York County. Mrs. Greer seconded this motion, all in favor; motion carried.
- H. Mr. Klinedinst requested information on the building at the daycare. Mr. Sowers advised they have been issued a permit to demo. He also questioned stones off Charles St. and trees and weeds behind St. Johns church, and it was determined they are on the log.
- I. Mrs. Lau questioned how the daycare got permission to use 15 min parking signs. Mr. Pomraning stated they created those signs on their own when Diane was here and no one was sure who gave them authority, if anyone. Atty Craley stated we cannot enforce these signs. Mr. Sowers will look into this zoning issue.

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

- Mr. Musso noted we will be having a budget meeting on Wed to discuss the 1 mil increase and asked what that means for the community. Ms. Runkle explained that for every \$100,000 the home is assessed at, their taxes will increase \$100 per year. Mr. Musso then asked how much of a difference would it make if they approved .6 mil instead of the 1 mil. Ms. Runkle stated a spreadsheet was sent out today to all of council showing if we paid all the current bills in queue and considered the anticipated invoices to come, we are in a deficit currently. She explained that 1 mil will give a yearly increase of approximately \$250,000.

14. RECESS - Meeting was recessed to meet again on Wednesday, Oct. 15 at 6:00 pm for the continuing budget meeting.

15. Reconvened for budget meeting on October 16, 2025
Discussed the annual 2026 budget

16. RECESS- Meeting was recessed to meet again on Wednesday, November 5 at 6:00 PM to finalize budget.

17. Reconvened for the budget meeting on November 5, 2025

The discussion focused on the Borough's budget, identifying areas where reductions or discounts could be made. Mr. Holloway recommended suspending all donations until the Borough's financial position improves and it can responsibly contribute to external organizations. Mr. Klinedinst expressed continued concern regarding the allocation of funds following the dissolution of the police department. In response, Mr. Musso noted that increased costs for essential services—such as fuel, electricity, and water—have absorbed much of those funds. Mr. and Mrs. Lau voiced concerns for the Borough's senior residents, emphasizing that many are already burdened by rising taxes and cannot afford additional financial obligations. Ms. Runkle and Mrs. Poole clarified that certain revenues benefit the school district rather than the Borough itself, which remains in a deficit and faces numerous delayed infrastructure repairs.

Mr. Musso requested a vote from council members present (Ms. Barley was not present) as follows:

- Mr. Heister voted yes to 1 mil increase with great hesitation for no donations sent for 2026.
- Mr. Holloway voted yes to 1 mil increase with no donations sent for 2026.
- Mr. Klinedinst voted he would approve of a .5 increase.
- Mr. Musso voted yes to 1 mil increase with great hesitation for no donations in 2026.
- Mr. Musso also noted he spoke with Ms. Barley and she would agree to 1 mil increase hesitantly.

She would prefer .8.

Ms. Lau voted she would approve of a .6 increase.

Ms. Greer voted yes to 1 mil increase with great hesitation for no donations in 2026.

Vote of 1 mil increase with no donations for the 2026 year carried Budget will be complete and voted to advertise on Monday November 10, 2025, council meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Amanda Runkle, Treasurer