

RED LION BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, September 8, 2025

Members present

Cindy Barley
Evan Heister
Amy Lau
Dennis Klinedinst
Mark Holloway
Tony Musso

Others present

Michelle Poole, Borough Manager
Mayor Gene Lau
Erick Sowers, Zoning
Brett Patterson, Public Works
Mike Craley, Solicitor
Sam Craley, Solicitor
Amanda Runkle, Secretary/Treasurer
Brian Pomraning, Public Works
Jeff Shue, CS Davidson Engineer

Visitors

LuAnn Hildebrand	Aleksa Keithan	Jen Dettinger	Amanda Pina
Amanda Anderson & husband		Scott Gingerich, Alliance Fire Company	

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 the August 4, 2025, work session minutes: Mr. Klinedinst made a motion to approve; Ms. Barley seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
Approval of August 11, 2025, council meeting minutes; Mr. Heister made a motion to approve; Ms. Barley seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.

3. **VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS-**

Amanda Pina, Golden Connections Senior Center– Presented booklet explaining the senior center growth, impact, and mission. She thanked the Borough for their continued support.

Amanda Anderson, Red Lion School District - Requested traffic control assistance from the Fire Police for the October 4, 2025, Sound Spectacular at Horn Field. Attendance is approx. 2,000 people for this event. Ms. Lau made a motion to authorize the Fire Police helping, if they are available, for Pine St to Country Club Rd. Ms. Barley seconded; all in favor; motion carried.

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

Mr. Lau noted they have seen an increase in skunks and hope that the new trash collection will help with this issue.

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

- A. Emergency Management report, Fire Company report, and Ambulance report are all handed in.
- B. Mr. Holloway requested the new EIT Ordinance matches the county per Fire Chief since there are some budget concerns currently. Quality volunteers are needed at Alliance and fundraising is in full effect with the gun raffle coming up.
- C. Mr. Holloway also noted the stop sign on N Charles St is blocked by trees currently. Conversation ensued about who is responsible. It was determined that we will make the property owner aware and the Public Works team will remove the trees since they are in the Right of Way. Previous shade tree commission planted said trees and did not consider the long-term growth or the scenario of stop signs/traffic lights have changed at no fault to the

commission.

6. **SOLICITOR'S REPORT-**

- A. Ordinance and Resolution for Fire Company Earned Income Tax Exemption for volunteers as an incentive to bring more volunteers. Mr. Gingerich requested the Red Lion Ordinance match York County, so it is easier to get the information together. Atty Craley will create the Ordinance and bring to the next meeting to review and advertise.
- B. Ordinance amendment to the smoke detector will also be advertised at the same time for cost savings.
- C. Trash Collection Ordinance will also be advertised at the same time for cost savings.
- D. Ms. Lau made a motion to allow Atty Craley to request the cost and information needed from council bond at Eckert Seamans to apply for a loan at Pa Infrastructure Bank for \$1 million to repair roads in Red Lion. Mr. Heister seconded the motion, all in favor; motion carried.

7. **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

- A. 214 N Franklin is not complete on the land development plan so the request to release the funds are denied currently.
- B. Fairmount park- Restuccia is finishing the sealing at the park, and this project will be completed.
- C. Franklin and Country Club Storm Sewer Improvements- Thank you to Dallastown for allowing us to use their camera equipment which showed we will not need the extensive repairs first determined. CS Davidson is in the process of making a submission of the PA DOT to permit for the work to be bid in 2026.
- D. Mr. Holloway questioned the 601 W Maple St included on the Engineer's report. Jeff Shue reported it is an active approved plan that we are waiting for a possible revision on.
- E. Mr. Musso asked if a resident replaces their sidewalk personally, are they responsible for ADA ramp completion. Jeff Shue noted the policy states if the infrastructure is approved by the Borough, we are required to bring the ADA up to spec. If residents are replacing themselves on their own, they are not held responsible since it is not an infrastructure approved to the Borough, but we would have to regrade when we completed the project so we would be doing the same repair twice.

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

- A. Food truck Friday will be held on Sept 19 at Fairmount Park.
- B. Last rec meeting held was for the Splash Pad replacement and everyone was happy with the outcome. We have the information and will review the data more at the next rec meeting.
- C. Halloween parade- Ms. Lau made a motion to block off the streets at Horace Mann from Country Club, S. Pine for the duration of the parade and Fairview (residents only) or Park St from Charles St to Horace Mann. Ms. Barley seconded, all in favor; motion carried.

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

- A. Bid package signed and sent to Anthracite. Ms. Lau requested we ask for sample totes so people can get a visual of the size of totes.
- B. Kelly Henshaw will send his letter of interest to be appointed another term to the Water Authority.

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

- A. Roads to be adopted- Brett spoke with James Leshar from the state, who advised it would cost us more funds to get them adopted, advertise and added to the Liquid Fuels list than just keeping things as they currently are. Mr. Heister questioned if it would be worth it since we will get the \$500 year after year from Liquid Fuels after spending the \$500 up front.
- B. Mr. Klinedinst asked about Gohn Lane (on the current list of roads to be repaired) and asked why we continue to maintain them if they are not adopted. Atty Craley and Brett reminded

council to take into consideration investing into our residents with maintenance we have already been doing and travel for public access. "Leave sleeping dogs lie" per Atty Craley. Mr. Klinedinst made a motion and Mr. Musso seconded, all in favor to table the list until further conversations are held and determined if we will repair these roads even though they are not covered by Liquid Fuels; motion carried.

- C. Mr. Klinedinst questioned what we are doing with the old building at the park not owned by the Borough. Letter was to be sent.

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

- A. Transient Business Ordinance is being created and worked on by both Atty Craley's.
- B. Sign Ordinance is completed and in the Planning Commission hands now.
- C. Healing the Planet funds have been received and the plants will be put into the ground on Sept 28.

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

- A. Catherine Meyer Award nominations are currently being accepted until Sept 30 (corrected from earlier statement that they were closed). Winner will be announced at the Oct Borough Council Meeting and award will be given at the dinner planned for Nov. 13, 2025.
- B. Ms. Barley made a motion to approve the special permit for Community Reach 5K Pantry Fun Run/ Walk on Feb. 28, 2026, from 7:30 am- noon. Mr. Holloway seconded the motion, all in favor; motion carried.
- C. 2026 Financial requirements and Minimum Municipal Obligations are:
 - Non-Uniformed Pension Plan- \$73,196
 - Non-Uniformed Defined Pension Plan- \$33,100
- D. Employee Appreciation Dinner will be held at the Saloon on Nov. 13 at 6:00 pm. Ms. Lau requested we reach out to her to help set up, so the employees are not doing all the work for their appreciation dinner.
- E. Borough Assoc. meeting will be held at John Wright on Sept. 25. Next meeting will be held at Heritage Hills for the banquet.
- F. Social media and Video Recording Policy- Admin committee presented the policies and asked that council review and apply input at the next meeting. Mr. Heister noted he is willing to donate camera and equipment already here at the office.
- G. Preliminary 2026 budget meeting will be held here at the Borough on Sept. 17, 2025.

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

18. **ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Amanda Runkle, Treasurer