

**Red Lion Borough Council
Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 8th, 2023**

Members present

Cindy Barley
Amy Lau
Muriel Slenker (via speakerphone)
Tina Frutiger
Dennis Klinedinst
Chris Minnich
Tony Musso

Visitors

John Brownlee
John Krantz
Kaci Sparks
Joe Mulá

Scott Gingrich
Mark Holloway
Bob Frutiger

Others present

Dianne Price, Borough Manager
Dan Shaw, Codes/Zoning
Jeff Shue, Engineer
Mike Craley, Solicitor
Samantha Craley, Solicitor
Mayor Gene Lau
Brett Patterson, Public Works
Stacy Myers, Recording Sec'y

Pastor Debbie Mahady
Evan Heister
Becky Magnani

1. The meeting was called to order @ 7:00p.m. Pastor Debbie Mahady from Grace Lutheran Church offered a prayer followed by the pledge to the flag.
2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
 - Mrs. Frutiger made a motion to approve the April 3rd, 2023 Work Session Minutes; Mr. Minnich seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
 - Mrs. Frutiger made a motion to approve the April 10th, 2023 Meeting Minutes; Mr. Minnich seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
3. **Visitors/Public Comment**
 - Kevin Kulisiewicz, 201 S. Main Street was present to ask if the public benches will be put back in the Borough Center? With the street fair coming up, people patronizing businesses and/or walking around town, he thinks a lot of people used them & said it was a bad decision to remove them. Mr. Musso explained the benches may eventually be put back, but they were removed because a vagrant hung out & slept on most of the benches that were located around the square. In addition, the man caused problems for many citizens; i.e., swearing at people, threatening people with knives & scaring children who were going into the karate school, as the one bench was located right outside the school. Mr. Kulisiewicz suggested the Police be called if people are being harassed. PSP had previously been called about the vagrant. He would be taken to jail for 24-48 hours, gets released & comes back to do the same thing. Mr. Musso said the Borough doesn't own the benches; they're part of the public sidewalk. If business owners want the benches reinstalled, the Borough will comply. One has since been replaced at Central Pizza. Wells Fargo Bank does not want the bench reinstalled on their sidewalk because the vagrant made their customers uncomfortable. The ROARS building (in the square) is in the process of being rented, so that will be their call whether or not they want a bench. Mr. Musso said the safety & welfare of Red Lion's citizens have to take precedence. Council also suggested Mr. Kulisiewicz sign up for the Savvy Citizen app to stay aware of events/happenings around town.
4. **Mayor Lau's Remarks & Recommendations**—Mayor Lau mentioned the news regarding the arrest made in the recent death of Kain Heiland. The "In Memory Of" signs & blue ribbons in Kain's memory will remain around town for a bit longer.
5. **Public Safety**—Mr. Musso reported/Mrs. Slenker was present via speakerphone:
 - EMA & Fire Reports were distributed.

- Chief Gingrich was present & reported:
 - For April, there were 20 calls in the Borough; 106 total calls for Alliance.
 - Saturday night fire on First Avenue, determined to be electrical/accidental. Damage was contained to that room, but there was a lot of smoke damage.
 - Sunday, May 21st--Red Lion Ambulance Association—Open House from 10am-2pm. Food trucks, Bounce House, Face Painting & more will be enjoyed.
 - Mrs. Lau asked about placing “Children at Play” signs in some alleyways. She will get the location(s) to Mrs. Price & this can be researched.
 - **Police Report**—Samantha Craley reported for January 1st thru March 31st, 2023:
 - Crime—80 investigations, 60 arrests, 13 were drug investigations, 33 were crimes against persons (mostly assaults), 24 crimes against property (theft, fraud, mischief, burglary), 22 crimes against society (DUI, drug offenses)
 - Crashes—22 in the Borough, 3 w/injury/death, 1 DUI, 6 hit & run, 1 distracted driving, 113 citations written & 138 warnings given.
6. **Solicitor’s Report**—Mr. Craley reported:
- Of note, an Executive Session was held prior to Council’s Work Session meeting on Monday, May 1st, 2023 to discuss the Arthurlee litigation.
 - Rutter’s zoning appeal for the electronic sign—Mike will file the Borough’s Notice of Intervention & will also talk to Rutter’s attorney (CGA Law Firm) to suggest not moving forward with this until it’s determined what amendments will be made to the Borough’s Sign Ordinance.
 - Pearson matter—no response was received from Mike’s email regarding the triangular piece of property.
 - Arthurlee matter—discussed in Executive Session.
 - Country Club Road property—doesn’t directly involve the Borough, but Mike will research the amended complaint.
7. **Engineer’s Report**—Jeff Shue reported:
- Street projects to begin in June.
 - No update on amphitheater project but continuing to research ADA relief.
 - Jeff’s office is reviewing two plans that may soon come before Planning Commission.
8. **Parks & Recreation**—Mrs. Lau reported:
- June 10th—Suds ‘n’ Song—everything is in order, other than needing a sound person. Volunteers needed for cleanup/setup & parking. An onsite meeting will be scheduled to review everything.
 - June 12th—Summer camp starts
 - Food Truck Fridays—June 16th, July 21st, August 18th & September 15th, followed by Movies in the Park.
 - June 24th—Multicultural Festival in Fairmount Park, starts @ 10am
 - June 24th—National Camp Out Night in the park. No cost to attend, but registration is required so plans can be made.
 - July 4th—Car Show in the park; more judges are needed.
9. **Municipal Services**—Mr. Minnich reported:
- SRE Renewables attended the last Authority meeting to discuss solar panels, as the Board is considering these for the White Oak Rd. property.
 - April 19th—Source Water Protection Meeting went well. The next meeting is planned for August 2nd @ 6:30pm.
 - Two temps were hired to help with flushing, which went well & is now complete. Report on the hydrants should be available next week.

- Edgewood Tank is slowly being drained.
 - Kamstrup meter exchange program is ongoing.
 - RLMA voted to pay the Borough \$1,000 for water going to the Splash Pad.
 - Skip Missimer was awarded a plaque for his 20 years of service to the Red Lion Municipal Authority.
 - Next RLMA Meeting is Wednesday, May 24th @ 7pm.
 - Discussion needs to be held between the Borough & Authority. Mrs. Price said the Borough isn't going to waive the street cut permit cost or allow Borough facilities to be used for water testing if they can't count on cooperation from RLMA. The Borough is going to take a financial hit if the Authority will no longer pay ½ of water bills. The Authority is going to take a financial hit on rent once the Borough moves to their new location. The Authority can choose different locations to conduct water sampling.
- Both entities will experience financial losses, so discussion needs to take place between them.
- The Borough has their MS-4 Audit, June 8th. This is a DEP audit which consists of DEP reviewing records prior to EPA coming onsite, if necessary for EPA to do so. Jeff's office will review things with Borough staff prior & he will brief Council on the MS-4 compliance at the next Work Session.

10. **Public Works**—Mr. Klinedinst reported:

- Street project work to begin in June.
- 1995 Ford dump truck was placed on MunicBid & \$7,100 was offered.
Mr. Klinedinst made a motion to accept the bid for \$7,100 & to sell the truck; Mr. Minnich seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
- Mr. Musso will sign the paperwork for the skid steer that was obtained with grant money.

11. **Administration**—At this time, Mr. Musso asked Joe Mulá (architect for new Borough Offices) to present the bids for the building work. The following were the low bidders:

- General contracting--East Coast Contracting Inc. with a bid of \$546,700.
- Plumbing contractor—BLM Construction with a bid of \$92,000.
- HVAC contractor—Frey Lutz Corp. with a bid of \$147,900.
- Electrical contractor—Shannon A. Smith, Inc. with a bid of \$210,848.

Grand total of \$997,448. Joe stated he is familiar with all the above contractors & has no concerns regarding their work experience. The Borough received \$1million for these renovations with the help of Stan Saylor's office (prior to his term ending).

Mrs. Barley made a motion to accept all low bids as listed above; Mrs. Frutiger seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.

Once the contracts are signed & payment terms negotiated, Joe will come back to Council (hopefully next month) to get the Notice to Proceed.

12. **Planning, Zoning & Economic Development**—Mrs. Barley & Dan Shaw reported:

- Planning Commission Meeting—Monday, May 15th @ 7pm—to review:
 - Land Development Plan for 214 N. Franklin Street
 - Zoning Hearing application for 267 Cherry Street for mini storage
- Resolution 2023-3 to amend the fee schedule & adjust the transient retail merchant permit costs. Mrs. Barley made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-3; Mrs. Frutiger seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
- Municipal Parking Lot—Mayor Lau is creating a new sign.
- Joyce Seabolt submitted her resignation from Planning Commission, due to health reasons—Mr. Klinedinst made a motion to accept Joyce's resignation; Mrs. Barley seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
- Members are needed on Planning Commission, Economic Development, Recreation Department & an alternate for Zoning Hearing Board.

- Hometown Heroes Banners—anyone interested in purchasing, the information is on the Borough website & also on the Savvy Citizen app.
13. **Administration**—Mrs. Frutiger had nothing additional to report.
 14. **Communication**—nothing additional to report.
 15. **Approval of bills**—Mrs. Barley made a motion to approve the bills; Mrs. Frutiger seconded. Mr. Klinedinst requested a YTD Recreation Report of their income & expenses. Mrs. Price will supply that next month.
All were in favor; motion carried.
 16. **Adjournment**—With no further business before Council, Mrs. Barley made a motion to adjourn @ 7:54p.m. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stacy Myers, Recording Secretary