

Red Lion Borough Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, January 12, 2009

**Members**

Cynthia Barley  
Christina Frutiger  
Dennis Klinedinst  
Jeffrey Herrman  
Michael Gebhart  
Dave McCabe

**Guests**

John Clemons  
George Dobson  
Skeets Smith  
Ernie Smeigh  
Walter Hughes  
Lori Badders

**Others**

D. Michael Craley, Solicitor  
Dan Shaw  
Jeff Shue, Engineer  
Stew Graybill  
Mayor Robert Frutiger  
Cpl. Goode, YARPD  
Stacy Myers

Julie Yahnke  
Dave Stump  
Cheri Coleman  
Tom Wilbur  
William Bogdanowich

1. The meeting was called to order @ 7:00 p.m. Mayor Frutiger offered a prayer. Everyone present followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. A motion to accept the minutes from the December 8, 2008 meeting was made by Mrs. Frutiger and seconded by Mrs. Barley. All were in favor; motion carried.
3. Council President McCabe read a resignation letter he received from Ms. Kandy Sowards. She asked Council to accept her resignation, citing personal health reasons. A motion to accept Ms. Sowards' resignation was made regrettably by Mrs. Barley and seconded by Mr. Gebhart. A vote was taken; motion carried with one opposing (Mr. Herrman) vote. Ms. Sowards' resignation leaves a vacancy on Borough Council. Mr. Gebhart made a motion that John Clemons be appointed to Council to fill the vacancy, but Mr. Craley pointed out that, under Section 901 of Borough Code, the appointment of a new member has to be done by Resolution. A motion authorizing Mr. Craley to prepare a Resolution for Mr. Clemons' appointment was made by Mr. Gebhart and seconded by Mrs. Frutiger. A vote was taken; motion carried with one abstaining from voting (Mr. Klinedinst).
4. **VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS**
  - A. Crossing Guards William Bogdanowich and Ernie Smeigh were present to discuss the speeding problems they're experiencing at their posts. Mr. Bogdanowich had discussed the problem with an officer at his post, who told him drivers have to be going 10 miles over the speed limit in order for them to enforce/ticket them. Tom Wilbur, who is also a Crossing Guard, was present to ask about a possible pay raise, and cold weather/rain gear. Stew Graybill has scheduled a meeting with the school district to discuss several issues, including speeding problems through school zones. Stew said a 5% pay increase for the Crossing Guards was approved as of 1/1/2009.
  - B. Cheri Coleman from 211 First Avenue, was present to discuss a letter that the Borough mailed to residents, requesting them to sit their garbage in the rear of their properties (in alleys). This change was to be effective immediately; exceptions will be made only where there are no alleys. Ms. Coleman did not understand why this change was made, and said it is really a hassle for residents who have little or no access to the alley without walking

completely around their property. Stew said the Borough's contract with Penn Waste states "where possible" residents are to put their trash in the rear of the property for the safety of their drivers. Ms. Coleman and some of the other residents along First Avenue were upset because there is not a lot of space behind their properties to put their trash and still drive vehicles through. Dan Shaw will check out these noted areas and report back to Council on the situation. Council members suggested Ms. Coleman call Penn Waste to discuss this problem also.

5. **POLICE REPORT**—Cpl. Goode reported December's report is not yet complete, but he listed the following:
  - A. 47 reportable calls
  - B. 175 miscellaneous calls in borough
  - C. -183 hours of service
  - D. Bank robbery suspect who robbed Wachovia Bank was apprehended
  - E. DUI checkpoint will be set up on West Broadway on January 17<sup>th</sup>
  - F. Citizens Police Academy will be hosted from January 27<sup>th</sup> thru March 31<sup>st</sup>; applications will be accepted
6. **FIRE REPORT**—Chief Stump reported the following:
  - A. 77 calls; 20 in borough
  - B. One \$6,000 loss –home on Main Street
  - C. Year-end report was given to Council; 870 calls for 2008
  - D. 2008 financials will be emailed by February
  - E. Ms. Sowards' position on Public Safety Committee will be filled; Mr. Gebhart and Mrs. Barley also serve on the committee.
  - F. Chief discussed possibility of installing Knox Boxes on commercial properties for safe entry into businesses if the Fire Company receives a fire call for the property. He said York Township is installing them in certain places. Stew & Council thought it was a good idea. Chief suggested someone contact York Township for more information. Mr. Craley will do that to see if it can be included in the re-codification of ordinances.
  - G. New radio system not functioning yet. Siren is hooked up to a delay right now; it will not sound between 11:00pm and 5:00am.
7. **PETITIONS**—none
8. **ORDINANCES**—none
9. **RESOLUTIONS**—Resolution for "Agreement to Authorize Electronic Access to PennDot's Systems" was before Council for approval. A motion to approve it was made by Mrs. Barley and seconded by Mr. Gebhart. All were in favor; motion carried.
10. **AGREEMENTS**—agreement to adopt Codes Administrators' fee schedule to be signed by Council President. Fees are the same as last year. A motion to adopt the schedule was made by Mrs. Frutiger and seconded by Mr. Klinedinst. All were in favor; motion carried.
11. **BIDS**—Two bids were received for property insurance; one from H.N. Fishel for \$11,017, and one from Keystone Insurance for \$9,286. A motion to accept the low bid was made by Mr. Klinedinst and seconded by Mrs. Frutiger. All were in favor; motion carried.
12. **MUNICIPAL SERVICES**—no report; Mr. Klinedinst suggested discussing trash collection options before the contract with Penn Waste expires in fall of 2010. He said Yoe and Dallastown may be interested in talking with Red Lion about possibly going together for trash collection.

13. **MAYOR FRUTIGER'S REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**—The Mayor gave a State of the Borough report:
- A. Comprehensive Plan is underway
  - B. Recodification of Borough ordinances is near completion; all ordinances can now be found on Borough web site
  - C. Construction of Mill Street to Vulcan Road complete
  - D. Land lease for Persing property was completed
  - E. Borough is carrying a surplus; no need for tax anticipation loans for 2009
  - F. Upgraded Public Works equipment; Public Works completed clean-up of Nitchkey Field
  - G. Repair & re-build storm drains; cut & repair paving on certain town intersections
- Projects for 2009 include:
- A. Replace heating/air-conditioning system in Community building
  - B. Build restroom @ Fairmount Park
  - C. Complete paving projects; streets are listed on Borough web site
  - D. Downtown improvements on 1<sup>st</sup> block of South Main Street; to be completed by Borough employees
  - E. Install permanent "Street Sweeping" signs & schedules; eliminates the need for set-up & take-down each time
14. **ENGINEER'S REPORT**—Jeff Shue reported the following:
- A. Submitted test work on Red Lion Square intersection per PennDot's request; parking spaces are to be removed. The revised traffic permit was also submitted to PennDot per their request.
  - B. Borough requested information on Gichner property; Jeff sent that to Stew
  - C. Mrs. Barley asked Jeff whether or not pins were installed when the survey was done on the Lutz property for the Mile. Jeff will review the plans; he does not think pins were installed. Jeff said a right-of-way agreement was drafted previously for this property. Some discussion between Dave Lutz and Red Lion Mile Committee members had taken place, and Mr. Lutz had talked about donating some of his property for the Mile, but he needs to know where the property line actually exists. Jeff Shue will work with the Committee on this.
15. **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**—Mike Craley reported the following:
- A. He sent notice to Penn Waste regarding their wish for the Borough to collect liens, penalties, etc, for unpaid refuse bills, and told them it will be discussed at next contract time.
  - B. Last month, Borough Council was willing to compromise on judgment against property @ 303 South Main Street; however, due to other circumstances property will go to foreclosure.
  - C. Requests an Executive Session for the end of the meeting to discuss two matters of litigation.
  - D. It was consensus of Council for Mr. Craley to draft a Resolution thanking Ms. Sowards for her service to Borough Council.
16. **PARKS AND RECREATION**—Dennis Klinedinst reported the following:
- A. Baseball/softball fees will be raised from \$50 to \$65 and \$75
  - B. Special Events Coordinator may possibly be hired @ salary of \$500/month
  - C. Some interest was shown for a community dog park; Committee will discuss further
17. **PUBLIC SAFETY**--An ambulance report and Fire Report were given previously.
18. **PUBLIC WORKS**—no report
19. **PLANNING, ZONING AND REDEVELOPMENT**—Mrs. Barley reported that representatives from Historic York and Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission were at the January Redevelopment Commission meeting. She said it was very interesting and

Redevelopment is planning on compiling ideas of things they want to do. Red Lion Mile updates were given; they will be submitted to Debe to put on Borough website.

20. **ADMINISTRATION**—Mrs. Frutiger reported the following:
  - A. A motion to accept the tax collector’s list of exonerations was made by Mr. Klinedinst and seconded by Mrs. Barley. All were in favor; motion carried.
  - B. Appointments for committees—
    1. Two for Redevelopment—Heather Goebeler and Walter Hughes. A motion to reappoint them for 4-year term (2008-2012) was made by Mrs. Barley and seconded by Mr. Herrman. All were in favor; motion carried.
    2. One for Municipal Authority—Clair Paules. A motion to reappoint him for 5-year term was made by Mr. Herrman and seconded by Mrs. Barley. All were in favor; motion carried.
    3. Two for Recreation Commission—Shelley Orwig and Jan Seitz. Their terms expired at end of 2008. At the next Recreation Board meeting, Mr. Klinedinst will ask anyone interested in appointment should submit a letter of interest.
    4. One for Vacancy Board—Kelly Henshaw. He will be contacted for interest in reappointment.
21. **COMMUNICATION**—Village Realty is asking for exonerations from paying trash bill for laundry room, stating that the residents bring their trash there to dispose of it. Council will not waive trash fee; no action will be taken.
22. Manager’s Comments—none
23. Other correspondence—none
24. Approval of bills and statements—A motion to approve payment of bills and statements was made by Mrs. Barley and seconded by Mrs. Frutiger. All were in favor; motion carried.
25. Council recessed to Executive Session @ 8:28p.m.; reconvened @ 8:48p.m. Two legal matters and one personnel issue were discussed; no action is necessary.
26. A motion to adjourn the meeting @ 8:50p.m. was made by Mrs. Barley and seconded by Mr. McCabe. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stacy Myers  
Recording Secretary