

Red Lion Borough Council
Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 9, 2009

Members

Christina Frutiger
Dennis Klinedinst
Jeffrey Herrman
Michael Gebhart
Dave McCabe
John Clemons

Others

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

Guests

Walter Hughes
Ryan Sanders
Scott Thompson
Phyllis Smeltzer
Jarom Solter

Julie Yahnke
Brett Patterson
Chief Thomas Gross, YARPD
Joan Nazow

1. The meeting was called to order @ 7:00p.m. Councilwoman Frutiger offered a prayer. Everyone present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. One correction on the February 9, 2009 meeting minutes was necessary. **Item 14(4), Yvonne Houck should be spelled "Haugh"**. A motion to approve the minutes with this correction was made by Mrs. Frutiger and seconded by Mr. Gebhart. All were in favor; motion carried.
3. **POLICE REPORT**—Cpl. Goode reported the following for February:
 - Hours of service—down 230 hours
 - Part I (crimes against persons)—19
 - Part II (crimes against property)—44 (23 due to vandalism spree occurring in Borough where juveniles spray painted cars, buildings, etc. A couple individuals were arrested; one of which was also involved in recent cemetery vandalism)
 - Miscellaneous calls—126
 - Smooth Operator Program is going well in Borough; a lot of speeding tickets have been issued
 - Received another speeding complaint on South Pine Street during after-school hours; police will look into it.

Chief Gross distributed the 2008 statistical report for the Borough; some items included:

- A decrease in Part I & Part II offenses
- 4,485 total calls—number sounds high, but 2008 was the first year with the county using a computer dispatching system, which means all calls (road closed, calls to officer, etc) would be counted in this number
- Slight increase in DUI's
- Drug activity stayed the same

Chief Gross also reported the stimulus package passed by Congress recently included a huge increase in allocation for the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program. \$579,000 was allocated to York County; a portion of this money goes to each municipality that qualifies. Red Lion qualified for \$10,519. The grant has a lot of conditions attached to it; all 13 municipalities have to agree on how to use the money. Someone has to sign an MOU that the municipality will accept the money, and they will designate 1 of the 13 municipalities to receive, distribute and manage the funds. The County receives \$54,000 of the \$579,000; they're also eligible to get 10% on top of that from all the other municipalities, because they house offenders. The grants are due in May, and must be used for criminal justice purposes only. The only other municipality in our jurisdiction to receive an allocation (of \$70,124) is York Township. Chief Gross said the Borough will probably receive an email from the County Commissioners regarding this. Discussion on how to use the money will probably follow at a later time. More information can be found at: www.ojp.usdoj.gov, click on "Bureau Justice Assistance" and there is a link for the Recovery Act.

4. **FIRE REPORT**—Julie Yahnke reported the following for February:

- Total calls in Borough—14
- Total personnel—163; per call 11.6
- \$0 Fire loss
- Voted to replace fridge, freezer and stove @ Fire Hall
- In process of getting re-certified with American Red Cross as a shelter; there are no shower accommodations, so they cannot be an overnight shelter. Red Cross is coming to do inspection. Hopefully, this will aid in getting grants and a generator for the old station.
- Five more firefighters received Fire One level certification
- Looking at possible electrical upgrade in old station
- New Safety Committee Chairman is John Clemons

5. **VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ryan Sanders, from Red Lion Area Business Association was present to discuss the "Feet on the Street" project. Ryan, RLABA, York Area Regional Police, and some other citizens have teamed up in trying this pilot program in the Borough. A foot patrolman from YARPD will patrol the downtown district of Red Lion Borough for a 3-month period beginning in May, and ending in July. The success of the program will be evaluated at the end of the 3-month period. If successful, a continuation and/or expansion of the service may be considered. Those involved hope this will open lines of communication between the public, businesses, and police, and provide constructive activities for youth under age 20. The presence of a patrolman can also be a deterrent of crime, and in turn, better the community of Red Lion. RLABA is giving \$5,000 to implement this pilot project.

Chief Thomas Gross from YARPD was present to also promote the program. He explained the patrolling officer would keep flexible hours, probably 3 days/wk around lunchtime and early evening for visibility purposes.

6. **PETITIONS**—none

7. **ORDINANCES**—Ordinance for the changes mandated by PennDot on North Main Street which restricts the parking along North Main Street, and also prohibits right

turns on North Main Street (at Prospect & High Street intersection) by trucks 55-feet and greater in length. This ordinance was advertised and was before Council for action. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Gebhart, and seconded by Mrs. Frutiger. A vote was taken; all were in favor, except Mr. Herrman, who voted “no”. Motion carried. Mr. Herrman asked that it be noted that Borough Council is bringing this forward without the relief money promised them by Representative Stan Saylor to put in Mill Street in exchange for Council making these North Main Street changes, and passing this Ordinance.

8. **RESOLUTIONS**—none

9. **AGREEMENTS**—none

10. **BIDS**—none

11. **MAYOR FRUTIGER’S REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**—

- There was a recent break-in at the Art & Crafts building in the park. Nothing was stolen, but the security camera equipment was unplugged, and Mayor Frutiger was not able to get it working again. Advantage Security bought the rights of the man who previously worked on the equipment, since he passed away. The Borough hasn’t had good luck with Advantage in the past, so they will continue to look for someone to repair the equipment. Ryan Sanders said Lion Technologies works with computers, cameras and equipment.
- Roxanne Smeltzer—owns one of the four houses still standing after the fire on First Avenue. The county assessment data claims there is no house on the property, which is wrong; the Borough will look into correcting this information.

12. **ENGINEER’S REPORT**—Jeff Shue reported the following:

- Per Dan Shaw’s request, Jeff reviewed permit plans for the development @ East Broadway & Boxwood. No development plans were received yet, but the permit itself proposes road improvements without the assumption that the development is approved. Stew said there is a development agreement in place, and he will email that to Jeff. Jeff would also like to review & correct some technical issues with the storm sewer system.
- Jeff recommended Council reduce the bond held on improvements by the school district. Jeff has held the 10% contingency until the project can be completely closed; there is still some seeding to be done for the project. A motion was made by Mrs. Frutiger to reduce the bond to a total remaining of \$50,165.10. Mr. Gebhart seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried.
- HVAC system and restrooms in park—these jobs will soon go out for bid. Council will have to decide the location of the restrooms. John Clemons, Brett Patterson, Jeff Shue, Dave McCabe, and Mike Zelger will meet on Monday, March 16th @ 7:00am to discuss some issues.

13. **SOLICITOR’S REPORT**—Mike Craley reported the following:

- Requested Executive Session to be held @ end of meeting
- PSAB article—Stew will review it to see if it impacts Borough about the “red flags” issue of identity theft. Mike thought it would impact the Authority more, and they are already acting upon that issue.
- MRR (Municipal Records Retention) Act—Borough has never formally adopted this policy. This deals with how long municipalities are supposed to retain their records. All municipal governments are to file a Resolution that they are to follow it, and how they will do it. Tapes of meetings are now public record

unless a Resolution is in place to dispose/destroy them. Stew and Mike will work on creating a Resolution to do this.

14. **PARKS AND RECREATION**—Mr. Klinedinst reported the following:
 - March 14th—movie night inside Recreation building @ 7:00pm
 - March 21st—possible dinner to be held
 - ZUMBA classes are going well; morning, afternoon & evening classes
 - York Revolution tickets will probably be sold again this year for Red Lion night
 - May 30th—bus trip to New York City is planned; \$50/person
15. **PUBLIC SAFETY**—John Clemons is the new Chairman of this committee. Ambulance report was distributed and Fire Company report was given previously.
16. **MUNICIPAL SERVICES**—Roxanne Smeltzer, from First Avenue disagrees with paying the trash bill, because she is not using the property and/or this service. The Borough offers no exceptions on this issue.
17. **PUBLIC WORKS**—Brett Patterson & his crew had removed all but one dead tree/stump in the park. Originally this tree was to be carved into a statue, so Brett wanted to get Council's blessing to remove it also, since it's decaying. Mr. Klinedinst made a motion to remove the stump; Mr. Clemons seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried.
Brett also reported that in order to apply to the County to use liquid fuels money to purchase a sign maker, you have to be a licensed sign maker.
18. **PLANNING, ZONING AND REDEVELOPMENT**—Mrs. Barley was not present. Mrs. Frutiger made a motion to exonerate Borough from paying Borough taxes for Pershing property. Mr. Klinedinst seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried.
Mr. Gebhart made a motion to accept John Clemons' resignation from the Redevelopment Commission. Mrs. Frutiger seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried. There are currently two openings on Redevelopment; these will be advertised on Borough website.
19. **ADMINISTRATION**—Mrs. Frutiger reported the following:
 - Vacancy Board Chairman—A motion to re-appoint Kelly Henshaw to this position was made by Mrs. Frutiger and seconded by Mr. Klinedinst. All were in favor; motion carried.
 - Free community yard sale will be held June 19th & 20th.
 - March 26th—Borough Association meeting will be held @ Viking Club in York @ 6:00pm; RSVP by March 18th
 - COG has dissolved due to no interest
20. **COMMUNICATION**—letter from Representative Saylor; previously discussed
21. **Manager's Comments**—Representative Saylor said he would try to get Red Lion Borough some money from the stimulus package. Stew said Borough submitted a list of five projects, two of which are completing the Streetscape Project and building a new Public Works building.
22. **Other Correspondence**—Mr. Klinedinst said 23 volunteers who are interested in helping with the MA & PA Greenway are needed; meeting date/time TBA.
22. **Approval of bills**—Mrs. Frutiger made a motion to approve bills and statements. Mr. Gebhart seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried.
23. **Approval of statements**—included with above

Council recessed to Executive Session @ 8:25pm to discuss two litigation matters. Re-convened @ 8:50pm. No action is necessary.

24. Adjournment—Mr. Gebhart made a motion to adjourn the meeting @ 8:55pm. Mr. McCabe seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried; meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stacy Myers
Recording Secretary