

Red Lion Borough Council
Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 13, 2009

Members

Christina Frutiger
Cynthia Barley
Dennis Klinedinst
Michael Gebhart
Jeffrey Herrman
John Clemons
David McCabe

Others

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

Guests

Walter Hughes
Ryan Sanders
Lori Badders
Loren McCleary
Brad Smith
Terry Frey

Julie Yahnke
Ron Harlacker
George Eveler, III
Carmine Pantano
Frank Pantano
Thomas Shellenberger

1. The meeting was called to order @ 7:00 p.m. Councilman Clemons offered a prayer.
Everyone present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. A motion to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2009 meeting was made by Mrs. Frutiger, and seconded by Mr. Gebhart. All were in favor; motion carried.
3. **FIRE REPORT**—Julie Yahnke reported the following:
 - John Clemons took a tour of the Fire Station, as the newest member of the Public Safety Committee
 - Received a quote for electrical upgrade for \$47,000; they are looking for other quotes to see if any cheaper, for same quality of work
 - Station is re-certified by American Red Cross as a “comfort” station. This will be helpful in obtaining grants for a new generator, but the electrical upgrade has to be completed first.
4. **POLICE REPORT**—Cpl. Goode reported the following for March:
 - Part I offenses—21
 - Part II offenses—28
 - 150 miscellaneous calls
 - Hours of service, -160 hours
 - Auto theft ring in York City (linked to Red Lion auto thefts) has been broken up
 - Email from Chief Gross concerning JAG (Justice Assistance Grant) money states that all 13 municipalities must agree for the County to be the overseer of the funds. The amount of funds received by Red Lion will be \$10,519.00, which will help fund the “Feet on the Street” program in the Borough. The County will receive up to 10% of the above amount as overseer of the funds. Mrs. Barley made a motion authorizing elected officials to execute Memorandum of Understanding with the County of York for the application and administration of the Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. Mr. Gebhart seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried.
5. **VISITORS**—The following visitors were present to address Council:
 - Red Lion Ambulance Association; Ron Harlacker is Director of Operations of the Association, and George Eveler, III is Board Chairman.

Mr. Harlacker stated that when the Ambulance club was formed in 1974, it was 100% voluntary; over the years, that has changed, and now has all paid employees. The club relies heavily on Borough and other municipality funds; 5 of those municipalities have written contracts with RLAA for 3-5 years of service. He thanked Red Lion Borough for their support in the past, and said any donations received are a big help.

Mr. Eveler stated that the Borough code amendment requires the Borough to provide financial assistance, and actual funding for the ambulance services. Currently, Red Lion Borough provides payroll services, workman's compensation, retirement services, and health insurance; however, at a recent meeting, RLAA was given notice by the Borough that these services were going to end.

Mr. Eveler and Mr. Harlacker are asking Council to re-instate the original contract with RLAA, which expires May 10, 2009, and waive the administration fee associated with that contract. They want to come to an agreement where the ambulance club employees will still have some benefits. They will not expect or ask for any additional funding from Red Lion Borough. In signing the contract, the ambulance association receives a reduced workman's comp rate, which is very important. Group health insurance is hard to get due to the number of employees in the RLAA. Workman's compensation insurance is hard to get also; insurance companies do not want to cover ambulance services. RLAA is now and will continue to be responsible for any costs incurred by the Borough, i.e. auditing fees, etc. Council members discussed options. Council agreed that the Public Safety Committee (Clemons, Barley, and Gebhart) can meet with the ambulance club, but in the interim, RLAA is asking that Council extend the deadline of the contract by 90 days. Mr. Klinedinst made a motion to extend the contract termination for 90 days beyond May 10, 2009. John Clemons seconded the motion. A vote was taken; 5 votes for; 2 votes against (Mrs. Frutiger, Mr. Gebhart); motion carried. John Clemons will schedule the meeting between the Ambulance Association and Public Safety Committee.

- Ryan Sanders addressed Council about ideas for marking street spaces for vendors of Red Lion Street Fair, approximately 200 spaces to mark, every 20'. One suggestion is a sticker (that sticks to asphalt), approximately 6"x 6", attached to the curb, with some kind of Red Lion emblem on it. They would be replaced as they fall off. The other suggestion is a brass tag that would be stamped into the concrete with some kind of emblem on it. Red Lion Area Business Association would pay for either item. Chalk has been used in the past, but is quite expensive, timely, and it washes away quickly. These ideas were discussed; Council seemed to favor the sticker idea. They asked Ryan to come up with a sketch (a mock sticker) to show his idea at next months' meeting.
- Walt Hughes from Red Lion Mile Committee provided an update on the Mile. From North Franklin to Mill Street, the Mile is complete. He thanked the Public Works Department employees for doing a great job on what is complete so far. They would like to install solar lighting, benches, erect a decorative wall with landscaping, and come up with a design for the memorial bricks that were purchased. Public Works installed drainage around Mill Street. County Sheriff's department spoke at Work Session and said Borough can apply for a work crew from County Prison (non-violent offenders) to help with trail work, moving a retaining wall, etc. April 25, 2009 from 9am-1pm will be a work day for clean-up along the trail. The Mile Committee would like to do a dedication of the Mile on the day of the Red Lion Street Fair, if possible.

6. **BIDS**—Bid for 600' of 36" drainage pipe for Red Lion Mile went out. Tri-Boro was lowest bidder, but their bid was for 30", not 36". Mr. Craley said it's a non-responsive bid, and Council can either reject both bids and re-bid the job, or consider it a typographical mistake, and accept the other bid. The other bidder was approximately \$1,400 higher than Tri-Boro, but it could be due to Tri-Boro bidding the wrong size pipe. Mr. Craley suggested accepting Tri-Boro's bid contingent on clarification that their bid was indeed for 36" pipe, and that this is a typographical

error. If it's not a typographical error, and they bid the wrong size (30") pipe, Council will accept the other bidder's (higher) proposal. Mr. Clemons made that motion, and Mrs. Frutiger seconded it. All were in favor; motion carried.

7. **PETITIONS**—none

8. **ORDINANCES**—none

9. **RESOLUTIONS**—none

10. **AGREEMENTS**—The following items were discussed:

- Agreement with Sheriff's office to use prison inmates as a work crew. They are non-violent inmates and will be heavily guarded the entire time they will work for the Borough, with no interaction with the public. They will handle no equipment, and it doesn't cost the Borough anything. North York Borough and West York Borough have used them for work, and it worked out well. A motion to accept and sign the Memorandum of Understanding was made by Mr. Herrman and seconded by Mrs. Frutiger. All were in favor; motion carried.
- York County Commissioners is the contracting agency for municipal bridge inspection. Red Lion Borough has one such bridge at North Franklin Street. The agreement is to have their engineer, C.S. Davidson inspect the bridge. Jeff Shue met recently with Brett Patterson to discuss necessary bridge repairs, but he will inspect it again. Mrs. Barley made a motion to allow the County's engineering agency to do the inspection. Mr. Klinedinst seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried.
- PA State Agency of Surplus property; agreement is to a) to acquire federal surplus property, b) obligate necessary funds for this purpose, and c) execute distribution documents agreeing to terms, conditions, reservations, restrictions applying to property obtained through that agency. Our representatives to purchase surplus property are Stew Graybill, Dan Shaw, Mike Lutz, Brett Patterson, Connie Boyer, and Charles Boyer. A motion to accept this agreement was made by Mr. Gebhart and seconded by Mrs. Barley. All were in favor; motion carried.

11. **MAYOR FRUTIGER'S REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**—Mayor Frutiger and a few Council members have received some complaints about youth activity in Fairmount Park. Chief Gross and YARPD have been notified; there will be more patrolling in the park at certain times of the day to deter this activity.

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

- Restroom facilities in Fairmount Park—locations had been discussed when Jeff met with Brett Patterson. An option would be to refurbish the Arts & Crafts pavilion and turn it into two bathrooms with a utility closet between the two, with security cameras still mounted on the outside. Jeff thinks this is a feasible idea. He said Hellam Borough just installed similar facilities, and he encouraged Council members to look at those to get an idea on how to proceed. Timed locks could be installed for the restrooms; prison grade materials/fixtures would be used for security/anti-vandalism purposes. Jeff said an approximate cost for this project would be \$50,000.
- HVAC bid—Jeff suggested that the bid go through the Borough office; he has a format packet for Borough to use. All administration and questions can come through the Borough; technical issues that arise can be addressed by Jeff. C.S. Davidson has not done any of the designing/certifying of the HVAC, so they can't seal the bid. This would be least expensive for the Borough. Jeff will contact Stew Graybill about details.
- Signal plan from PennDot—there are a couple parking spaces to remove yet on North Main Street; Jeff will contact Stew about this.
- Erosion & Sediment Control Plan was started along Mill Street; Jeff was told by Stew to stop surveying due to the recent Zoning Hearing decision about the recreation park in that area.

- FEMA has issued more mapping concerning flood plain recognition; an Ordinance may be necessary. Jeff can contact Stew about this.
13. **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**—nothing to report
14. **PARKS AND RECREATION**—Dennis Klinedinst reported the following:
- NYC bus trip is planned for May 30, 2009; RSVP's due by 4/30/09
 - 20 people attended recent movie night
 - Chicken BBQ planned for 4/19/09; 12:00-3:00pm @ Nitchkey Field; get tickets prior
 - Chicken BBQ planned for 7/3/09
15. **PUBLIC SAFETY**—John Clemons distributed the ambulance report; Fire report given previously.
16. **MUNICIPAL SERVICES**—Mike Gebhart reported the home on First Avenue that was destroyed in the recent fire is valued at \$0; no taxes are being billed to property owner, so no trash billings should go to them either.
17. **PUBLIC WORKS**—Jeff Herrman reported the following:
- Purchase order for Lawn Boy walk-behind mower; purchased at Innerst Auto Sales for \$687.00
 - Purchase order for John Deere 'zero-turn' riding tractor; purchased at Southern York Turf & Tractor for \$9,254.25; purchased under state contract.
A motion to approve these purchase orders was made by Mr. Herrman and seconded by Mrs. Barley. All were in favor; motion carried.
 - Storm drain on North Main Street at train station needs repaired. Historical Society wants to re-build train track there to put donated caboose on after the repairs to rail ties are completed also. Mr. Herrman owns a piece of equipment that will remove track; he wants to contact Brett about Borough employees possibly completing the work.
 - Memorial Day Parade permit has been approved by PennDot
18. **PLANNING, ZONING AND REDEVELOPMENT**—Frank's Marble and Granite from 125 Householder Avenue was present to request a waiver to the land development ordinance calling for curb/sidewalk improvements on their land development plan. Red Lion Planning Commission, YCPC and C.S. Davidson have reviewed the plans and approved them. They are completing an addition of 675 sq feet onto the building. Dan Shaw said they had needed a registered surveyor to sign and seal the plans, and information was received by MPC (Municipal Planning Code) that states an architect can do that. A motion for a waiver for curbs/sidewalks and to approve Frank's Marble & Granite's plans was made by Mrs. Barley and seconded by Mr. Klinedinst. All were in favor; motion carried.
19. **ADMINISTRATION**—Mrs. Frutiger reported the following:
- Red Lion Borough Safety Committee has been formed, consisting of members Brett Patterson, Dan Shaw, Mike Lutz and Debe Sowers. This committee will be tasked with workplace safety and exposure in any public areas (playgrounds, buildings, etc) in order to help cut workers compensation rates by 3%. Minutes & agenda of committee will be kept at Borough office.
 - The three Borough office employees to become employees under the Municipal Authority. They will be under the supervision of Phil Ropp, and the Borough will reimburse the Authority for any Borough work the employees complete. Mrs. Frutiger made a motion to approve Borough office staff becoming Authority employees. Mr. Clemons seconded the motion. A vote was taken; 6 were in favor; 1 (Mrs. Barley) against. Motion carried.

20. **COMMUNICATION**—The following was discussed:

- Borough received a letter from a 6th-grade student regarding needing stop signs at certain alleys/streets, signal lights and addressing speeding problems in Borough. Stew will respond.
- Thank you letter was received from Kaltreider-Benfer Library for donation
- John Clemons will contact Stew for the status on receiving the Emergency Response radios

21. Manager's Comments—none

22. A motion to approve bills and statements was made by Mrs. Barley and seconded by Mr. Gebhart. All were in favor; motion carried.

23. A motion to adjourn the meeting @ 8:55p.m. was made by Mrs. Barley and seconded by Mr. McCabe. All were in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stacy Myers
Recording Secretary