

**Red Lion Borough Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, February 8, 2010**

**Members**

Kelly Henshaw  
Garby Snell  
Thomas Shellenberger  
Dennis Klinedinst  
Christina Frutiger  
Michael Gebhart  
Brad Smith

**Others**

Mayor Steven Kopp  
Dan Shaw  
Nicole Ehrhart, Solicitor  
Stacy Myers

**Visitors**

Danielle Kabacinski  
Walt Hughes  
Scott Kopp  
Dave Stump  
Lori Badders  
Eric Immel  
Ryan Sanders  
Brett Patterson

Betty Contino  
Lucian Contino  
Rev. James VanZandt  
Julie Yahnke  
Vincent Caltagirone  
Chelsea Parkent  
Robert Frutiger

1. The meeting was called to order @ 7:00p.m. Rev. James VanZandt from Bethany United Methodist Church offered a prayer, and everyone present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Mr. Klinedinst made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2010 meeting. Mrs. Frutiger seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
3. **VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS**—The following were present:
  - A. Ryan Sanders, President of Red Lion Area Business Association, was present to discuss the following:
    - Marking the streets for Street Fair vendors—Ryan proposed using either permanent stickers or small brass tags to mark spots for the vendors. The brass tag (approx. 2” diam), would cost around \$1-2 each and would be stamped onto the sidewalk or curb with a tap gun. Ryan stated permanent markings would, 1) save volunteer time and, 2) save money (approx. \$300/yr). RLABA’s goal for this year’s Street Fair is 200 vendors, located on East & West Broadway, as well as North & South Main Street. RLABA would be responsible to maintain and replace any markers used. Council members discussed ideas. Council was favorable to using a Thermo Plastic material, which Brett Patterson uses to put lines on curbs. It bonds well and lasts fairly long. Ryan also believes the sticker would be less costly and not pose a walking/tripping hazard as the brass tag may do. Ryan will pursue the vinyl material for the markers.
    - Greenery along Main Street & Broadway—RLABA has supplied the pots/greenery in the past, and they would like to see it expanded to include one block going each way from the square (East/West Broadway & North/South Main Street). The problem is that the Business Association would not have the manpower to maintain all of the pots. Ryan said the York County Juvenile Probation Office could come 1-2 times per week to

maintain the plants, which is who did it last year. With the added plants, Ryan wondered if the Borough personnel could help maintain them. Council was not favorable to this; Borough employees are busy enough with their current work. Mr. Henshaw suggested that RLABA contact the local churches to help with this. Ryan will pursue this idea.

- Ryan extended an invitation to Council members to attend RLABA meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month @ 11:30 a.m., held at Handy Concepts Art Gallery.
- B. Betty Contino of the Fairmount Park Committee was present to discuss the possibility of turning off the fire siren in the park. Their committee feels this is necessary to improve the park and to bring people/families there for activities. Mrs. Contino presented a petition to Council that she had signed by area residents who were in favor of turning the siren off. Fire Chief Dave Stump was present and said currently the siren is regulated to not ring as often, and it is completely shut off between 11:00pm-5:00am. Should we have a civil defense situation, the call would be activated from County Control and the siren would be necessary to alert residents of the emergency. Chief Stump said County Control cannot sound the alarm only in a civil defense situation and not for fire calls; it's all connected. With the new digital paging system (purchased by the County) Chief Stump said fire personnel relies on the siren to alert them, should their pagers not sound/vibrate loudly enough to alert them. This is a problem they face with the new pagers; this digital system does not necessarily give emergency personnel what they need. Not sure of the solution to this situation, Mrs. Contino suggested moving the siren so people can use Fairmount Park.
- C. Danielle Kabacinski from the Red Lion Mile Committee was present to announce the Committee is planning a "Wednesday Walk" to be held every Wednesday @ 6:00p.m., starting April 28, 2010. Everyone is welcome! The group will meet at Franklin Street & walk the trail. This will be advertised in the Borough's spring newsletter.
4. **FIRE REPORT**—Chief Stump reported for January:
- 60 calls/15 in Borough
  - 188 personnel per call
  - 3 pieces of used equipment were to be sold after buying the new rescue truck. As of now, 2 pieces are sold; new rescue truck won't be in service for a few more weeks
  - Hydrant markers need to be replaced in some areas; Authority/Council members to find out how many are needed
5. **ORDINANCES**—none
6. **PETITIONS**—none
7. **RESOLUTIONS**—none
8. **AGREEMENTS**—none
9. **BIDS**—none
10. **POLICE REPORT**—no officer present
11. **MAYOR KOPP'S REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**—Mayor Kopp reported the following:
- At last month's Police Commission meeting, Bernell Sprenkle was appointed to a two-year term on the Civil Service Board.

- Officer Tim Damon, who has 8 years experience, was promoted to the position of Corporal.
  - Chief Gross was appointed as a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, which is quite a prestigious honor.
  - Mayor Kopp thanked and commended Dan Shaw, Brett Patterson, and the Highway crew on their great efforts in plowing and removing snow during this past snow storm. Hard work and leadership were demonstrated.
12. **ENGINEER'S REPORT**—Jeff Shue was not present. Mrs. Snell reported there will be a Streetscape meeting on Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> @ 8am between herself, Jeff Shue, Brad Smith and Dan Shaw.
13. **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**—Mrs. Ehrhart requested an Executive Session at the end of the Council meeting.
14. **PARKS AND RECREATION**—Mr. Klinedinst reported:
- Fireworks will not be set off @ Horn Field this July due to the sprinkler system
  - Spaghetti dinner previously scheduled for February 27<sup>th</sup> has been canceled
  - MA/PA Greenway Committee minutes can be viewed on [www.yorktownshiprec.com](http://www.yorktownshiprec.com)
  - Agreement (MOU) for Youth Center has not been closely followed. The yearly cleaning fee of \$3,900 has not been collected, and the 5% increase was never enforced. Mr. Klinedinst suggests dissolving the MOU. The Youth Center is not well-attended on Saturday nights; the pre-school program held there now is basically carrying the Youth Center financially. Mrs. Snell suggested going back to a “gentlemen's agreement”, where there was no rent charged. She believes this to be an educational community service. Money generated goes back into keeping the pre-school program operating. Maybe an agreement could be established where they conduct their own cleaning. If the program is forced to shut down, the community may suffer as a result. Council members discussed options. Could another agreement be drafted to determine cleaning and rental costs? Council would like the representatives from the Youth Center to be invited to March's Council Work Session for further discussion.
15. **PUBLIC SAFETY**—Mrs. Frutiger distributed the ambulance report. Fire Report was given previously.
16. **MUNICIPAL SERVICES**—Mr. Gebhart had no report. Dan Shaw reported he will soon be contacting Ed Ward from Penn Waste to review the next trash bid. The current contract ends in August 2010.
17. **PUBLIC WORKS**—Brad Smith reported:
- He thanked Brett Patterson and the highway crew for the hours and effort they put into plowing and removing snow during the recent snow storms. Brad also stated it would be very helpful to the snow removal crew if residents with no sidewalks in front of their homes (Bellevue & Edgewood developments, etc) would put reflective markers along their property lines. He suggested this be printed in the next Borough newsletter. This would alleviate the highway crew from having to replace curbs that get torn up by plows.
  - Brad suggested to Ryan Sanders, the members of the Business Association, and local businesses along Main Street to coordinate a snow removal project. He said Council could coordinate a date and time for volunteers to push the snow from the sidewalk into the street. The highway crew can then come along, remove it and haul it away in order to free up limited road and parking

areas. Ryan will ask business members at their next meeting. Scott Kopp offered fire company equipment (lights, etc) and manpower during this project.

- A meeting to discuss PennDot projects will be held at Stan Saylor's office on February 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6p.m. Any available Council members should plan to attend.
- Scott Kopp mentioned that Clair Paules still owns EMA equipment (radio, etc). Council believes a letter should be sent to Clair requesting either the equipment be returned or Clair should let someone know if he's interested in continuing to serve on committee.

18. **PLANNING, ZONING AND REDEVELOPMENT**—Mrs. Snell reported:

- No Redevelopment Commission meeting was held this month; no quorum
- Received a resignation letter from John Clemons resigning from Red Lion Mile Committee
- Dan reported there is a Planning Commission meeting tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 15, 2010.
- Comprehensive Plan Focus Group meetings are scheduled for:  
**February 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 10am**—at Red Lion—discussion on transportation  
**March 24<sup>th</sup> @ 10am**—place TBA—discussion on community facilities and services  
**April 28<sup>th</sup> @ 10am**—place TBA—discussion on economic development, revitalization and historic preservation

19. **ADMINISTRATION**—Mr. Shellenberger congratulated Brett and the highway crew for a job well done for snow removal. He would also like Administration Committee to start working on updating the employee handbook.

20. **COMMUNICATION**—Mr. Henshaw reported:

- Received a letter from York County Planning Commission regarding YAMPO (York Area Metropolitan Planning Organization) as the official decision-making body for transportation, planning, and project programming within York County. This responsibility is handed down from PennDot through a charter, established in 1964. A two-tiered committee structure administers decisions made from YAMPO; the Technical Committee and the Coordinating Committee. The Technical Committee has representation from 7 regions, which encompass 72 municipalities in York County. Red Lion Borough is included within Region 2, and the current representative is Jennifer Gunnet from Windsor Township. This letter is asking for nominations from the 14 municipalities in Region 2 to fill terms from July 2010 through July 2014. If any elected official or Borough employee is interested in serving, contact a Council member or the Borough office.
- Received a letter, mailed through York County Council of Churches, from someone apologizing for stealing the baby Jesus figurine from the nativity scene in the square in 1988. This person is now in a 12-step recovery program, which requires them to look back over their past, examine their life and to make amends for any wrong-doing. This person felt compelled to apologize to Borough residents, the church responsible for displaying the nativity scene and others that their action may have hurt.

21. **Manager's Comments**—Dan also thanked Brett and the crew for their great job in the recent snow storms. Dan also thanked Brad Smith for accompanying the crew in the plow truck recently. Dan said he hopes the general population of Red Lion will

have patience over the next few weeks as the crew will attempt to move more snow and clear roadways.

22. Other correspondence

- Eric Immel reported the Water Authority has acquired the help of a Consulting Engineer to address all problems/concerns at the filter plant. A cost analysis will also be done in trying to correct these problems.
- Eric announced Phil Ropp is now unofficially retired as Authority Superintendent. Authority is very close to hiring another Assistant Superintendent at this time.
- EMA Services—housed on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Municipal building—has facilities for highway crew to shower and rest if necessary while they are working during storms, etc.

23. Council recessed to Executive Session @ 8:50p.m. Council reconvened @ 9:00p.m. No action is necessary.

24. Mrs. Frutiger made a motion to approve the bills and statements. Mr. Smith seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.

25. Mr. Henshaw made a motion to adjourn the meeting @ 9:04p.m. All were in favor; motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stacy Myers  
Recording Secretary