

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

**Members**

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

**Others**

Mayor Steven Kopp  
Dan Shaw  
Nicole Ehrhart, Solicitor  
Jeff Shue  
Chief Thomas Gross, YARPD  
Stacy Myers

**Visitors**

Rev. Ken Gibson  
Michael Poff  
Ron Harlacker  
Jean Newcomer  
Scott Thompson  
Lori Badders  
Brett Patterson

Walter Hughes  
Scott Kopp  
Dave Stump  
Julie Yahnke  
Christine Peterman  
Sandra Graham  
Robert Frutiger

1. The meeting was called to order @ 7:00p.m. Rev. Ken Gibson from Pleasant View Brethren In-Christ Church offered a prayer. Everyone present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. One change was necessary on the February 8, 2010 meeting minutes. **Item #14—last bullet point should read “representatives from the Youth Center....”**. Mr. Smith made a motion to accept the minutes with this change. Mr. Klinedinst seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
3. **FIRE REPORT**—Chief Stump reported:
  - 79 fire calls in February; 25 in Borough
  - During certain road conditions, such as snow, downed power lines, etc, on state roads when it's necessary to close the road, Chief Stump said fire personnel are required to sit at closed road, sometimes 6-8 hours at a time. Instead of having someone sit there, the Chief wondered if there are barricades that can be used to close the road. The Borough's barricades do not have flashing lights or reflective tape on them, and there are guidelines that barricades need to meet such as this. Legally, a permit should be issued by PennDot when closing a state road, but Chief Stump has difficulty reaching someone at PennDot to carry this out. While he has the authority to shut down the road, it's a matter of how he is going to go about it. In an emergency, certain roads need to be shut down fairly quickly. If state is not willing to shut down the road, municipalities need to be able to make the decision, and have barricades ready. Council agreed that PennDot representatives need to be contacted and possibly be invited to work session to find a solution regarding this issue.
  - Chief Stump thanked Brett and the highway crew for all their hard work during recent snow storms.
  - Open Game Night is being planned in April. Event offered at no charge. This is an attempt to reach out to community residents.
4. **POLICE REPORT**—Chief Gross reported:
  - February report not complete. January had 16-Part I offenses (crimes against persons); 43-Part II offenses (crimes against property)
  - 11 traffic accidents
  - 50 traffic citations issued
  - 14 summary citations
  - 35 misdemeanor arrests
  - Two robberies @ North Main Street Rutter's store—arrest has been made

- Recent vandalism in which BB gun was used to damage property—investigation continues
- 2009 Annual Police report shows:
  - Slight decrease in Part I offenses
  - Slight increase in Part II offenses
  - Miscellaneous calls are up slightly
  - Accidents in Borough—112 for the year
  - 911 calls in Borough slightly decreased
  - 790 traffic citations
  - 4 rapes; 1 robbery; assaults slightly decreased; thefts decreased; motor vehicle theft increased slightly
  - Drug arrests—35
  - DUI arrests—42
  - Foot patrols will hopefully start again soon and YARPD may possibly add bike patrols
- Vehicles that do not yield to pedestrians at crosswalks is a problem in Borough. Chief Gross said this is an “on-site” problem, where Police have to be present to see the vehicle not yield in order to enforce this law. He hopes to enforce this better with bike and/or foot patrol officers. The more signage displayed in the Borough (at crosswalks) the better.
- Reminder that snowmobiles and ATV’s are illegal on public roads.

5. **VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS**—The following visitors were recognized by Council:

- Christina Peterman from 627 West Broadway reported a problem with people parking in her handicapped space after it was cleared from snow. Police can enforce this if they are called and if the space is designated as “handicapped”. She and a neighbor reported many parking problems during snow emergencies for residents living along state roads. Since alleys/rear garages are the only parking alternative for people, they wondered if alleys could be treated as streets in order to get plowed sooner. Council said they have been discussing ideas in order to resolve this issue.
- Ron Harlacker from Red Lion Ambulance Association distributed Ambulance report, which showed 134 calls for February, 48 of them in the Borough. He also wanted to thank and compliment the Borough and Brett and his crew for their cooperation during recent snow storms. They did a wonderful job keeping the pad and surrounding area clear for the ambulance. Ron suggested that the “Complaint Form” on the Borough website be changed to “Compliment/Concern” form, to encourage people to send in good comments.
- Scott Kopp reported EMA needs another portable radio and to upgrade 2 other portables for a cost of approximately \$1700. His yearly budget is \$4500. Mr. Klinedinst made a motion to approve the purchase. Mr. Smith seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.

6. **ORDINANCES**—none

7. **PETITIONS**—none

8. **RESOLUTIONS**—none

9. **AGREEMENTS**—Agreement between the Red Lion Municipal Authority and Recreation Committee allowing the Rec Committee to advertise community events and recreation activities on a flyer inserted with the monthly water bills. Authority had agreed to this. Recreation Committee would reimburse Authority for advertising costs, and they plan to sell advertising space on the flyer to help offset costs. Mr. Klinedinst made a motion to approve the agreement. Mr. Shellenberger seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.

10. **BIDS**—none

11. **MAYOR KOPP’S REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**—Mayor Kopp reported:

- February Police Commission meeting was canceled due to snow
- Attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Senior Life Center on Memory Lane in York
- Will serve as a judge in a karaoke contest at Winterstown-North Hopewell Elementary School

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

- Intersection at East Broadway & Boxwood Lane—re-submitted comments for review. The improvements are preceding the development plans. Rexroth has planned to do some improvements for a development at

the top of Boxwood, but we haven't seen plans yet. Traffic volumes have been anticipated, which require improvements at Boxwood & East Broadway. Plans for this have been submitted to PennDot for permitting. Because Boxwood is a Borough street, Red Lion Borough was the permittee on those plans. Previous Council had signed these plans; the process is continuing. When PennDot is satisfied with plans, Borough will need to assume the conditions of permit (and pass a Resolution as such) & be in the position (as permittee) that binds the developer to all the improvements and responsibilities.

- Dan & Jeff have upcoming meeting with Gichner to discuss land options; will gather information about York Township subdivision improvement process, etc.
- Streetscape work—Jeff has a rough schedule for the work to be done. Bid opening will be held in June; construction to begin in July. Jeff proposes approximately \$6,000 in costs to take us from today to bid opening in June. Mr. Smith made a motion to proceed with this process. Mr. Klinedinst seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.

13. **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**—no report

14. **PARKS AND RECREATION**—Mr. Klinedinst reported:

- June 12 is the Revolution game—C.S. Davidson will have box seats for employees, Council & Authority members interested in attending
- April 24—spaghetti dinner will be held @ Recreation building; 200 tickets available
- Shaffer's will be providing fireworks for July 4<sup>th</sup> festivities
- Background checks will be done on all coaches for Rec activities
- Memorandum of Understanding with Red Lion Youth Center—agreements was never followed. Mr. Klinedinst would like it dissolved in order to try and build a better relationship between the two parties. A 90-day written notice has to be given in order to terminate the agreement. Mr. Klinedinst made a motion for our Solicitor to draft the 90-day termination notice to be sent to the Youth Center. Mrs. Snell seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.

15. **PUBLIC SAFETY**—Mrs. Frutiger reported:

- Fire company report given
- Ambulance report distributed
- Fire hydrant replacement on South Main @ Henrietta Street—hydrant was hit by snowplow & broke. It was an obsolete 4" hydrant which would have to be upgraded to 6" hydrant. There is a 4" main in the street so it needs an adaptor to go to the 6" hydrant. There is another option instead of fixing the old hydrant at South Main. There is a 6" main coming down Henrietta that could be used, but being that there is a storm drain and a gas line there doubles the price of replacing the hydrant. Approximate price of replacing only the hydrant is \$3,625; pipe going to the hydrant would be an additional cost. Installing a hydrant up on Henrietta Street would be double this cost. Some of the replacement costs may be covered by insurance. Mr. Klinedinst made a motion to fix the hydrant and submit the bill to insurance company. Mrs. Frutiger seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.

16. **MUNICIPAL SERVICES**—no report

17. **PUBLIC WORKS**—Mr. Smith reported:

- Congratulated highway department again for their time and efforts during recent snowstorms. He believes more good than bad comments were heard regarding snow removal.
- Thanked Water Authority employees for all of their help, lending their time and equipment for snow removal. He suggested sending "Thank You" letter to the Water department. Dan will send that.
- Costs turned into FEMA for storm 1 & storm 2 (to cover regular employees' overtime) was \$33,178.84.
- Snow removal costs for downtown (equipment costs & overtime) were \$19,530.27.
- Thanked Scott Kopp & EMA for help during snowstorms also.
- Handicapped parking request received from Jaquelin Korte at 62 East High Street; meets all requirements. Mr. Smith made a motion to grant request. Mr. Klinedinst seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.

18. **PLANNING, ZONING & REDEVELOPMENT**—Mrs. Snell reported:
- No quorum for March Redevelopment meeting
  - Adopt-A-Street program—start getting applications mailed out for Earth Day in April
  - First block (100 block) of Linden Avenue—possibly mentioning their exemplary snow removal job in the Borough newsletter. This would make them a good example for other residents to follow.
  - Red Lion Mile Committee—recommended to reinstate Scott Thompson as Chairman of RLM Committee; Danielle Kabacinski will continue to serve as Secretary/Treasurer
19. **ADMINISTRATION**—Mr. Shellenberger reported:
- Water & sewer bills for VNA & Fire Company paid by Borough—Council questioned why we continue to pay these? Fire Company was unaware of the last time they paid their \$1/yr annual fee. Fire Company & VNA had agreement together; Borough no longer owns that building. This issue will be tabled until next month to let Mrs. Ehrhart look into it.
  - Grant money has been received from the Community Revitalization Assistance Program. The \$20,000 will be used for a new copier, a computer and pitching machines for the recreation department. Mr. Shellenberger made a motion to accept the grant money. Mr. Smith seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
  - Letter received from Comcast regarding the franchise agreement with the Borough. On March 8, 2009, the agreement was up for action, but the Borough did not respond, so Comcast renewed the agreement until January 1, 2020. \$67,244 has been received from Comcast for the franchise monies. Mr. Shellenberger made a motion to send notice to Comcast acknowledging their letter. Mr. Smith seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
  - More applications for the Borough Manager position have been received. Mr. Shellenberger reported he knows of a candidate that he feels is very well-suited for the position. He will arrange interviews for Committee.
  - Garage door opener for Borough garage was not returned by Stew Graybill. A letter requesting that he return the opener will be sent. Dan will verify that the computer at Borough garage has been cleaned.
20. **COMMUNICATION**—Mr. Henshaw reported:
- York County Boroughs Association meeting will be held on Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Discussion will be held on Met-Ed rate cap removal. RSVP by March 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - York County Boroughs Association--\$45 dues are now due
  - Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00p.m. Jeff Shue will attend and report to Council in April.
21. **Manager's Comments**—Dan Shaw thanked Brett and highway crew again for continued efforts with snow removal/plowing. He also thanked Mayor Kopp for being spokesman for the Borough on WGAL during the storms.
22. **Approval of bills**—Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the bills, with the exception of Vendor # 44210; Check #108665. Mr. Klinedinst seconded. A vote was taken; motion passed with 5 ayes; 1 nay from Mrs. Frutiger.
23. **Approval of statements**—Mr. Shellenberger made a motion to approve statements. Mrs. Snell seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
24. Motion to adjourn the meeting @ 8:55p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stacy Myers  
Recording Secretary