

Red Lion Municipal Authority
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday March 25th, 2026

Members Present

Dennis Klinedinst - Chairman
Gary LaTulippe- Vice Chairman
Chris Minnich- Asst. Sec./Treasurer
Kelly Henshaw - Secretary

Others Present

John Krantz- Superintendent
Cory Dillinger - Solicitor
Rebecca Mason-Entech (zoom)
Matt Wagner - Entech (zoom)

Meeting Agenda/Minutes:

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The pledge was recited and roll call was taken. Mr. Horne was not present.
- Mr. Minnich made a motion to approve tonight's agenda and Mr. LaTulippe seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.
- Mr. LaTulippe made a motion to approve the minutes from the RLMA Meeting on February 25th, 2026, and Mr. Henshaw seconded.

Water Usage Report: The report was distributed to the Board.

Connections Report: There were no new connections.

Overtime Report: The report was distributed to the Board.

Visitors:

- Ms. Michelle Poole (Red Lion Borough)
 - Ms. Poole was in attendance to discuss the hydrant issue that has been ongoing between the Borough and the Authority over the past few years. She reviewed the past meeting minutes from both sides and provided some notes on the complex issue of who is responsible for what regarding the hydrants. She hopes to find a resolution that will satisfy both the Authority and the Borough while saving money if possible.
 - Between Ms. Poole and Mr. Krantz searching, a draft document was discovered for the Authority to take ownership of the hydrants that were never completed.
 - Ms. Poole first wants to know if the Authority is interested in ownership and how we should proceed from here. Secondly, she noted that an actual legal document needs to be drawn up with clear lines on what each party is responsible for going forward. She also mentioned the Authority holding the permit for the water standards, and how the Borough completing repairs might be affected by this. Consistent reporting on every hydrant is something that also needs to be taken care of in the future. Hydrant flushing and the cost to the Borough for water testing were other concerns Ms. Poole brought up.
 - The water needed for Borough street sweeping also came up and Mr. Klinedinst assured Ms. Poole that the hydrants can still be used to fill the sweeper as long as he gets a total at the end to report to the state.
 - Ms. Poole recognized that a solution is not going to happen tonight, but she wanted to lay out the entire issue and begin discussion to find a resolution.

- Mr. Klinedinst agreed the Authority will review all the notes and begin discussion of where to go from here.

- Mr. John Runge Jr. (Gordon Brown & Associates)
 - Mr. Runge is attending regarding the Village Walk development O&M agreement. He mentioned that Ms. Mason at Entech had gone through the agreement he sent over and provided some comments for Mr. Dillinger to add. Mr. Runge then forwarded the amended agreement to his client's attorney for review.
 - He is looking into this O&M agreement, in addition to a letter from DEP stating that the Authority has agreed to a private pump station for this development. The PNDI and resolution have already been taken care of, and these are the last things needed.
 - Mr. Dillinger stated that he amended the agreement to be between three parties (RLMA, York Township, and the HOA/Development), but he is unsure if the township will want to be involved. He also had to add a lot of details to tailor the agreement to be for a pump station specifically.
 - A retainer has been posted, and Mr. Runge is hoping that we can all review the documents and be ready to finalize things by the next meeting.
 - Mr. Dillinger implored the Authority to thoroughly review the O&M document as much language was needed to be added. Specifically, that this private pump station be maintained to RLMA specs and what will happen if this development or HOA is no longer around a few years from now.

- A visitor via zoom, perhaps named Michael, failed to identify himself or reply to the Authority.

Water & Sewer- New Business:

- **York Twp Intermunicipal Interceptor Audit**
 - Mr. Krantz stated that RKL is still in the process of the forensic audit, but as soon as he receives it he will pass it on to the Board.
 - Reconciliation has not been completed since 2019, so we want to be sure the amount being requested is legitimate.
- **Hydrant Discussion Continued**
 - Mr. Klinedinst noted his concerns regarding this issue, including how much it is going to cost overall. This is especially concerning considering a previous committee deciding to plant trees next to all the hydrants and the resulting root growth causing problems.
 - Mr. Krantz stated that he does have reports on the hydrants for the last few years and will provide them to the Board. He has been providing these to the Borough as well.
 - There was discussion of putting a sample hydrant at the blow off Ms. Poole mentioned to avoid the Borough needing to pay anything for water testing on our behalf.
 - The Board agreed discussion will need to continue.
- **Updated Dallastown-Yoe Territory Map**
 - This is still being investigated.
- **PFAS Settlement**

- Mr. Dillinger reported that we have been reached out to multiple times over past few months regarding this matter. There was a lot of confusion back and forth on whether or not RLMA's system qualified to be part of the law suit, as it was raw water that was affected. He now believes that we may be able to get something back from this, and that it can be discussed further in Executive Session.
- Mr. Henshaw motioned to authorize Mr. Krantz to sign the PFAS Settlement Agreement and Mr. Minnich seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.
- **AT&T Equipment Upgrade at Fairmont Tank**
 - Mr. Wagner reported that Entech was asked to review if the equipment could be placed on the tank and it was determined that more calculations needed to be provided by AT&T before a decision could be made. This is still under review now.
 - This brought up some discussion of finding customers to use the Edgewood Tank as well.
- **Replacement of heating unit at WTP**
 - One unit is very old, and the other is damaged and malfunctioning after Dickason Plumbing came out to investigate. Mr. Krantz is going to get prices and report back.
- **Fluoride Shortage**
 - DEP sent a letter noting the shortage due to fluoride primarily being produced in Israel. Our current provider assured Mr. Krantz that they do not fear running out any time soon, but if we had to stop feeding fluoride the public would need to be notified.
- **Proposed fence at Red Lion Salvage**
 - Mr. Dillinger is in the process of reviewing the agreement and the maps to determine if we can approve the fence being installed over an unused RLMA water line.
 - There was discussion about if we need access to this line in the future and if we need an agreement or not because it is closed off by plates. Further review is needed.
- **Outside Parties performing work on RLMA service lines or mains**
 - Mr. Klinedinst raised concerns about anyone working on or replacing hydrants and the sanitation process afterward. He wants to ensure we have a way to enforce accountability on such things.
 - Mr. Krantz reassured the Board that RLMA will always do an inspection after work is done and they are on site during work as well. Mr. Dillinger also mentioned that our Water & Sewer Regulations do detail requirements for these outside parties, including provisions for non-compliance.

Water & Sewer- Old Business:

- **Greenbranch Culvert**
 - SA Way has everything needed to complete this project; we are just waiting for the area to be less muddy to ensure everything goes smoothly and safely.
- **The Paddock**
 - Mr. Dillinger noted that repairs are still underway and the agreement will come after. If the Authority is going to accept the system, an engineered drawing is needed, and we are still waiting for that as well. Ms. Mason also wanted to be sure we get as-built drawings, not just designs.

- Mr. Dillinger also noted that RLMA is not required to accept this system, but if they are leaning toward not accepting it we should stop before we put too much work into the extended maintenance agreement.
- After an in-depth discussion on the pros and cons of owning the system, the Board agreed to continue as we are currently to avoid losing revenue/customers (with the 18-month service agreement for protection).
- **Trash Rake at Beaver Creek**
 - The trash rake has been ordered and will be replaced when it is received and weather permits. Mr. Krantz is going to put the existing chain up for sale.
- **Hydraulic Cylinder at Bascule Gate**
 - The cylinder is due to be replaced this Friday, March 27th.
- **Chapel Church Rd Water Main Extension**
 - Mr. Wagner stated that the two maps known in existence (including one from Dallastown-Yoe) are still in the process of being compared to get a clearer map for the future. Mr. Dillinger also provided the joint resolution territory agreement with DYWA for reference.
 - Ms. Mason also pulled a map up from DEP's site showing the gap area in coverage.
 - Mr. Dillinger noted that we can provide suggestions to DYWA and show how working together would be beneficial to both sides, but at the end of the day it is their territory and their decision.
- **New Pump at Beaver Creek**
 - Mr. Krantz purchased this pump from Heim Electric (CoStars) and it is scheduled to be delivered 4/2/26. This pump is probably going to be installed right away rather than waiting for the screen (which will be delivered at the end of the year).
- **Hurco Vacuum Excavation Trailer**
 - This is scheduled to be demoed on 3/30/26.
- **York Water Wastewater Treatment Plant at CMV**
 - York Water reached out to connect to RLMA waterlines to service this Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Krantz suggested they install a new line to be connected to RLMA's lines and they were no longer interested.

Solicitor's Report: (Cory Dillinger)

- There was some more discussion about CMV development and RLMA maintaining their lines. It was noted that this is not a pressing issue but will eventually be something that needs taken care of.
- Mr. Dillinger noted that all his matters were previously discussed in the meeting apart from talking about the PFAS settlement in Executive Session.

Engineer's Report: (Matt Wagner)

- The Pump Station B Elimination project was submitted online to DEP January 2026.
 - We have no update as we are still in the waiting period to hear back.
- LSA Grant Application
 - No update

- Chapter 94 Report
 - It was noted that Mr. Krantz received this report and he will sign it and have it delivered to the engineer at Springettsbury Township.
- Country Club Hills Pump Station
 - Mr. Krantz was on site with Entech to discuss this project. Entech is going to provide a detailed report on this meeting.
 - Mr. Krantz recommends a service agreement with Envirep for the Gorman-Rupp pumps.
 - Mr. LaTulippe motioned to sign this service agreement and Mr. Henshaw seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.
- System Expansion into Felton
 - This project is going to be a massive undertaking that is very expensive. There are a lot of things that need to be investigated and discussed before paying for a feasibility study on this project. Mr. Krantz is going to reach out to Felton to gauge their interest.
 - Mr. Wagner provided a map of the potential service area.

Superintendent's Report (John Krantz)

- Mr. Krantz submitted all necessary reports for February 2026.
- There is one VFD at Beaver Creek and two pumps. Mr. Krantz would like to see more redundancy here because if something were to happen to the VFD it would be 6+ months to get a replacement. Existing electrical issues at Beaver Creek cause breakers to trip and other problems as well that are concerning.
 - Mr. Krantz mentioned that we could order one and have it ready on the shelf just in case without installing it right away.
 - Mr. Henshaw motioned that Mr. Krantz is allowed to purchase a new VFD from a costars vendor not to exceed \$75,000 and Mr. LaTulippe seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.
 - Ms. Mason also noted in an emergency that a VFD can be rented until a new one is received.
- The Board had no further questions on the report.

Mr. Dillinger noted that we should investigate clarifying public meeting policy in regard to zoom attendance

Statement and Bill Approval:

- Mr. LaTulippe motioned to approve the bills and was seconded by Mr. Minnich. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Executive Session:

- Mr. LaTulippe motioned that the Board move to Executive Session and Mr. Henshaw seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.
- The Board moved to Executive Session to discuss potential litigation at 8:37pm.

Adjournment:

- Mr. LaTulippe moved to return from Executive Session at 8:57pm and Mr. Henshaw seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

- No decisions were made.
- Mr. Minnich motioned to continue the March 25th, 2026, RLMA meeting on April 8th, 2026, at 7pm at 11 E. Broadway Red Lion, PA to further discuss hydrants and continue unfinished business. Mr. Henshaw seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.
- The meeting was paused at 9:00pm.

**Red Lion Municipal Authority
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday April 8th, 2026
Continued from March 25th, 2026**

Members Present

Dennis Klinedinst - Chairman
Gary LaTulippe- Vice Chairman
Chris Minnich- Asst. Sec./Treasurer
Kelly Henshaw - Secretary
Nevan Horne - Treasurer

Others Present

John Krantz- Superintendent
Cynthia Barley - Borough

Discussion of Fire Hydrants:

- Mr. Minnich spoke about the monetary value of the hydrants being one of the main issues, and as a member of both the Authority and Borough is in favor of the Authority assuming ownership of the hydrants. He noted concerns about who would be in charge of fire safety at that point. Mr. LaTulippe believes that responsibility would still fall with the Borough.
- Mr. Henshaw spoke to the potential increase in water rates to cover the cost of the hydrants and maintenance. This would affect all customers, not just those in the Borough. On the flip side, if the Borough were to assume ownership and as a result raise taxes to cover the cost, that would be tax on residents of the Borough only, who are benefitting from the hydrants.
- Mr. Krantz noted that the current agreement in Windsor Township is if there is an issue with a hydrant, he informs them. They then agree to RLMA repairing the hydrant and a bill is sent to Windsor Township for the repairs - because the hydrant belongs to them.
- Mr. LaTulippe asked Ms. Cynthia Barley to comment on why the Borough wishes to get rid of ownership of the hydrants.

- She noted this all started 10 years ago and because it became a disaster, it was never resolved. The Council has been in discussion about a lack of expertise on their part in dealing with the hydrants.
 - Mr. Krantz noted that since he has been with RLMA, they have dealt with the maintenance and repair of the hydrants and provided hydrant reports as needed - with their expertise being utilized.
 - Ms. Barley noted that this was all the Borough wanted when all of this started over 10 years ago.
 - Mr. LaTulippe further questioned Ms. Barley, noting that with the reports provided being the Borough's original request, why still does the Borough want to give up ownership of the hydrants (and is it financial).
 - Ms. Barley stated that she was not comfortable speaking for the Council as a whole.
- He went on to state that his question is because RLMA has no knowledge or expertise on fire safety - that is on the Borough. (However, this does require either side to be the owners of the hydrants).
 - Mr. Minnich also noted that there is no official documentation stating who owns the hydrants - it is all hearsay through the years.
 - Mr. Klinedinst emphasized the committee that planted trees next to all of the hydrants again, noting it cost \$3800 recently to dig a fire hydrant out and clear the roots of the tree that were clogging it.
 - Mr. Horne brought up that the original issue stemmed from a hydrant being damaged, and the ensuing discussion of who was responsible for repair.
- He recalls Ms. Price stating that she could find someone to repair the hydrants cheaper than the Authority and that's when the Authority stopped doing any repairs or maintenance.
 - The Borough currently pays a ready-to-service fee of \$17.50 per each of the 95 hydrants.
- Mr. LaTulippe suggests that maybe RLMA can come up with a more accurate pricing system to present to the council that would be amicable to both sides.
 - Mr. Krantz noted that some of these hydrants are over 70 years old and there is no maintenance that will help - they just need replacement.
- The question is who eats this cost as neither side has this in their budget.
- He believes we could do 2 hydrants a month and have them all replaced within 4 years.
 - Ms. Barley wants to know how we jumped from preventative maintenance to replacing all the hydrants.
- Mr. Krantz noted it is not all of them, but that when the Borough elected to stop the Authority from doing said maintenance - many of them became in such disrepair that they truly need to be replaced.
 - Some of the parts cannot even be purchased anymore.
- Mr. Horne noted the proactive thing is to start replacing now before we find ourselves in trouble.
- Mr. Krantz stated that there is a logical order to replacement, starting of course with the worst of them.
 - Ms. Barley wants the Council to be brought up to speed with the potential of these replacements as she does not believe this has ever been discussed before.
 - Mr. Horne brought up the potential of grant money and then determined which side is going to be able to secure funds.

- The idea of forming a committee that can focus on this issue and come up with a solution. Moving from the adversarial agreement we currently have, to something that benefits everyone.
 - Mr. Klinedinst stated that if the Borough retained ownership of the hydrants he would rather not spend \$3800 to repair all of the old ones, but rather put in a new one at that point.
- Mr. Krantz agreed that this is the best path to take.
 - Mr. Minnich brought up the past arrangement that existed between the Borough and the Authority where the Borough did not pay any water bills (perhaps due to this agreement). This was no longer an option with RLMA being a nonprofit, because they are only allowed to give \$1000 per year. He would like to propose the Authority give the Borough \$1000 each year to offset costs as a sign of good faith in this agreement moving forward.
 - On that note, Mr. Klinedinst listed \$77,000 at Vulcan Road, blacktop coverage, lead service line replacement, new service line at the church, etc. as things the Authority has covered for the Borough and did not bill them for recently.
 - Ms. Barley opined that the Vulcan Road situation was to benefit the Authority to better be able to test their water going forward. She went on to discuss other agreements where the Authority helped fund the splash pad and library and then stopped.
 - Ms. Barley went on to discuss the Edgewood Tank surcharge fee on some of the Borough buildings (\$25.00 each). She noted some don't even use water anymore.
 - Mr. Krantz stated that the price is the same across the Board for each connection type accordingly.
 - Mr. Klinedinst noted the Board will discuss some of these issues.
 - Everyone agrees that a **written and signed** agreement needs to be produced.
 - After some discussion, it is agreed that Mr. Minnich and Mr. Horne will join with the Borough representatives to form a committee and work through some of these issues together. Mr. Krantz will also be present to provide the necessary knowledge as needed.

No Parking Signs

- Mr. Krantz wants signs installed on the maintenance building to prevent the garage being blocked and our 5 employee spots being taken.
- Mr. LaTulippe made a motion to install the signs and Mr. Horne seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Vacuum Trailer

- Mr. Klinedinst noted that if the Authority purchases this trailer the current truck will be put up for sale on Municibid. He is aware of the Borough's interest in purchasing it.
 - Mr. Krantz provided quotes for a 600 gallons, and 300 gallons, and a demo truck. He believes the demo truck has everything we could possibly need on the trailer (vacuum, pressure washer, etc.).
- He stated the trailer has been maintained very well and it is his recommendation for purchase. It will be used to flush lines, express valves, etc.
- It would take approximately two months to receive, so Mr. Krantz would like approval to purchase it as early as tomorrow.
- Mr. Horne made a motion to purchase the demo unit and Mr. Henshaw seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Meter Replacements

- Mr. Krantz estimates there are approximately 220 meters left to be replaced. Each one is charged \$50/month until they schedule replacement.

Hardee's Closure

- Mr. Krantz noted that he informed DEP of one of their sample sites closing. He submitted McDonald's as a new site and it was approved.

Fire Company Books

- The Borough reached out to Mr. Krantz regarding the Fire Company's water bills, noting there were two late fees they were requesting to be waived. He informed her that he would bring it to the Board.
- The Board declined to waive the fees, not wanting to start a snowball effect of these requests.

Adjournment

- Mr. Henshaw motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:59pm and Mr. Minnich seconded. All were in favor at the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Kyrsten Scutta