

Red Lion Municipal Authority
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday August 27th, 2025

Members Present

Dennis Klinedinst - Chairman
Gary LaTulippe- Vice Chairman
Chris Minnich- Asst. Sec./Treasurer
Nevin (Butch) Horne - Treasurer
Kelly Henshaw - Secretary

Others Present

John Krantz- Superintendent
Tom Wymard - Solicitor
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. Minnich made a motion to approve tonight's agenda and Mr. Henshaw seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.
- Mr. Minnich made a motion to approve the minutes from the RLMA Meeting on July 23rd, 2025, and Mr. LaTulippe seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.
- Mr. Horne made a motion to approve the minutes from the joint meeting with RLMA and DYWA and Mr. Minnich seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

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:

➤ **Helen Hawkey (PA Coalition for Oral Health)**

- Ms. Hawkey presented the Board with a thorough amount of information about fluoride being beneficial to communities all across the country. She noted multiple research studies showing these benefits while ensuring that there are no known negative side effects of adding fluoride to drinking water. It should also be noted that fluoride naturally occurs in all water sources and PA just happens to be a state with one of the lowest amounts, thus sparking the need to add it to our water to see the oral health benefits.
- She also informed the Authority that this organization (which is non-profit and not government run) has been able to secure grants for water systems such as RLMA if money is the issue preventing continued fluoride use. These programs are important for the citizens that can not afford proper dental care or other preventive measures.

➤ **Tim Reonigk (Dallastown Dentist)**

- Mr. Reonigk provided the Authority with personal experiences as a dentist in the area of children suffering from dental decay and other oral issues. He went on to remind everyone that for every dollar spent on fluoridation, 20 dollars can be saved in treatment needs.

➤ **Rose Coeper (Resident at Mazie Gable)**

- Ms. Coeper addressed the Board as a concerned resident in the area. She noted multiple points from a CDC article backing how beneficial fluoride is to water supplies and also included notes from the American Dental Association stating the same view point.

- She went on to discuss findings on the minimal cost to water suppliers for fluoridation as well as saying she is happy to pay the current water cost with the knowledge some of it is going to fluoride.
- **Paul Statter (retired dentist Shrewsbury)**
 - Mr. Statter provided the Authority with handouts and many personal stories and experiences. These included time spent overseas on military bases in countries that did not provide fluoride and the negative effects witnessed.
 - He was able to break down the contributing factors of tooth decay and how fluoride is one of our only variables that we can manipulate to help reduce this type of pain (that he confirmed we have all experienced).
 - The children affected were the main focus of his discussion, as they were with everyone who spoke previously, but he emphasized the benefits of fluoride for all.
- **Dr. Wujcik (general dentistry East York)**
 - Dr. Wujcik addressed the Board from a different perspective. He noted that while other forms of fluoride intake are available, the main issue with that is compliance. The citizens have to ask for these supplements and then follow through with taking them.
 - He went on to discuss that dental health is something that affects all aspects of total body health, noting that many times if an individual needs a joint replacement surgery or even cancer treatment - a dental clearing is first required, reiterating that overall oral health is important for everyone.
- This topic concluded with an open discussion involving questions and answers from both the Board and various visitors present (some not previously mentioned). Individuals were mentioning safety concerns (noting that the required chlorine PPE matches that needed for fluoride), as well as monetary issues again. One visitor noted the cost of permitting (up to \$10,000) to stop fluoride use at this time. Other governmental issues were also brought up.
- All members of the Board thanked the visitors in attendance for their feedback and dedication to their cause. This matter will continue to be discussed going forward.
- Resources and materials were left by those in attendance for reference of things discussed.

Water & Sewer- New Business:

- **Cabin Creek Reservoir - Bascule Gate (Hydraulic Cylinder)**
 - Mr. Krantz informed the Board he was able to get this matter escalated and the repairs will be made within two weeks. Finding the appropriate bearings was difficult, but overall the project has been expedited according to its urgency.
- **York Water**
 - We still have not heard back from anyone on the CMV Development matter.
- **Greenbranch culvert**
 - Heavy rainfall caused a culvert to collapse at the Greenbranch intake. This needs replaced immediately because we cannot access our intake, pumps, or complete any dredging at this time. Mr. Krantz investigated who would be responsible for this repair (as it does cross the rail trail) but ultimately determined it is our cost to bear.
- **Paddock at Equine Meadows**

- RLMA completed the full inspection of the system and there are two valves in the main that are inoperable. These will need to be addressed before RLMA can accept dedication (cost estimate \$10,000-\$12,000). This information was forwarded to the Paddock and we have not yet heard back.
 - They are also waiting on a curb repair that RLMA does not have planned for some time yet, but Mr. Krantz informed the HOA they can hire someone to complete this on their own if they so wish.
- **Greenbranch Generator Project**
 - Mr. Krantz reported that this project is almost completed and provided a video from Martin Energy for the Board to view.
 - Final details including security lighting and fencing will be implemented soon.
- **Edgewood Tank**
 - Kinsley has been on site completing the final stages of this project. There have been some minor discrepancies in timelines, but overall the project is nearing completion. As far as we are aware, all neighbors are satisfied with the results.
 - Mr. Klinedinst expressed displeasure with how long this project has taken overall considering Entech promised complete function months ago. Mr. Wagner replied with understanding and tried to give appropriate explanations.
- **Beaver Creek Raw Water Intake - Trash Rake**
 - Mr. Krantz is still waiting for the third quote to return and our employees are manually cleaning it in the meantime. This is a huge project (~\$500,000) and will be discussed further as budget season comes up.
- **Vulcan Road**
 - Brubacher is scheduled to complete the final phases of this project (permanent restoration) according to Borough specs.
 - This project has been more costly than previously anticipated (with the restoration costing almost as much as the replacement). The Borough electing to forgo parking lot restoration at the same time may cause even further costs down the road.
- **Village Walk**
 - Mr. Krantz noted that those in charge of this project have been trying to put pressure on the Authority to aid in their end goal. They are looking to give us a pumping station and get a sale going quickly, all of which is costly and overall not beneficial to RLMA.
 - The Board maintained that they do not wish to pay for any of these costs out of pocket and that any necessary agreements should come from the other solicitor/engineer/personnel etc. No time will be spent on our end until then and this is not an urgent matter as far as RLMA is concerned.
- **NYE Cigar and Soldiers**
 - The letter was sent to the Red Lion Business Association and discussion/agreements for transfer has been ongoing. RLMA will continue to store the cigar and soldiers until Mr. Ilyes can secure pickup and the tracking (used to lower the cigar) will be removed in the future.
- **Kensington Development**

- MPL provided an amendment to the Water Capacity Reservation Agreement (lowering the EDUs) due to the split of this development with York Water as previously discussed.
- Mr. Minnich made a motion to accept this amendment and Mr. Horne seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Solicitor's Report: (Tom Wymard)

- We are still waiting to hear back on the Holtzapple project and all other matters from the solicitor have been covered previously in the meeting.

Engineer's Report: (Matt Wagner)

- The Pump Station B Elimination project remains in the comment period and the Rules & Regulations changes have been submitted for review by RLMA and the solicitor.
- The Corrective Action Plan and Connection Management Plan have been submitted to DEP.
- Mr. Wagner commented briefly on the fluoride options in front of the Board and the associated costs - noting that bringing all equipment to compliance for keeping fluoride would be approximately \$50,000 and the costs for official elimination of fluoride would be approximately \$10,000.
 - The Board discussed further looking for any and all grants possible on this matter.
 - Mr. Krantz is going to ask for actual cost break down for these options as well.

Superintendent's Report (John Krantz)

- Mr. Krantz submitted all necessary reports for July 2025.
- There was a delay with Hamilton Musser on our audit completion and Mr. Krantz discussed this with Mr. Nick Shearer. It should be completed by the next meeting.
- The switch of the utility billing system (from EmGov to CUSI) has been very time consuming and we are continuing to find things missed from the antiquated system. Mr. Krantz is trying to address everything, and overall it is going well.
- The Board has opted to begin thoroughly reviewing the Superintendent's report ahead of time (as Mr. Krantz provides any and all details necessary with appropriate documentation) to reduce the length of the monthly meetings. Any other questions regarding the report will be answered by Mr. Krantz accordingly.

Other Matters:

-Mr. Klinedinst inquired about the status of the new funeral home and where Entech is at on the project. Mr. Krantz replied that it was decided our best course of action is a main extension from Chapel Church Road and allowing it to be a service line. Feeding off of the current Dallastown line is not possible due to pressure constraints.

Statement and Bill Approval:

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

Executive Session:

- The Board moved into Executive Session at 8:42pm to discuss various matters

Adjournment:

- o RLMA returned from Executive Session at 8:52 pm
- o Nothing was voted on and Mr. Klinedinst adjourned the meeting.

*Respectfully submitted by Kyrsten Scutta
With apologies for any misspelled names*