

**Clifton Heights Borough Council  
Meeting Minutes  
August 17, 2010**

**Present:**

Edward Martin, Council Vice President  
Betsy Berry, Councilwoman  
Harris Resnick, Councilman  
Jane Tumolo, Councilwoman  
Leona Papale, Councilwoman  
Mario Alpini, Councilman  
Robert Penjuka, Councilman

**Absent:**

Anthony Casadei, Council President

**Others Present:**

Joseph Kelly, Mayor  
Frank Catania, Borough Solicitor  
Tony Tartaglia, Code Enforcement/Borough Manager  
Chief Walt Senkow, CHPD Police Chief

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Prayer Led By Mayor Kelly**

**Public Comment:**

Fred Rich, 82 Chester Ave., said that he would like to discuss the abandoned cars. He said that he had been coming up for the last 10 years off and on about this issue. He said that there are abandoned and unregistered cars parked sometimes for up to 6 months. He said that when going over to his mother's house on East Berkley Street (just a matter of a few blocks), and he saw 4 cars that were abandoned or unregistered. A white van parked on Glenwood Ave. across from Rosati's with no inspection stickers. A blue Buick on East Berkley across from the Columbus Club with no license plate that has been sitting for at least 2 months. A silver Ford on Cherry & West Madison that has been sitting for a couple of months, which is legally registered but the front end is all smashed in making it not street drivable. He said that Ford is actually across the street from Walt's on Baltimore Pike. He said that nothing gets done about the vehicles. He also said that he has a police report dated June 21<sup>st</sup> because he wanted a police report about a car that was parked on Glenwood Ave. across from Rosati's. It was in reference to a white Chrysler Concorde that was parked on S. Glenwood Ave. & E. Madison Ave. for 3 months. The car had valid registration, but the inspection expired March 2010. He said that the Officer did make a report but nothing was done about the car (no ticket or abandoned sticker) and it sat there for at least another month until the owner did something about it.

Councilman Martin stated for the record that if Council members looked in their packets, they would see a police report that lists 17 abandoned vehicles prepared by Sgt. Francis Rich.

**Meeting Minutes:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Berry to accept the meeting minutes as presented; seconded by Councilwoman Papale; and carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Kelly reminded residents that school would be starting in September and to be careful while driving. He turned the floor over to Chief Senkow for some commendations.

Chief Senkow called up Officer Robert McCaughn. He explained that each year, 'Mother's Against Drunk Driving' present a certificate to an Officer from every department in Delaware County for exemplary service in DUI enforcement. He said that MADD Southeast Pennsylvania presented this year's certificate to Officer McCaughn. In addition, Officer McCaughn was receiving a special certificate of Congressional recognition of his extraordinary contributions to public safety presented by Joe Sestak.

**Police Report:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Berry to approve the police report; seconded by Councilwoman Tumolo; and carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

**Fire Report:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Papale to approve the fire report; seconded by Councilwoman Berry; and carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

**Code Enforcement Report:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tumolo to approve the code enforcement report; seconded by Councilman Penjucke; and carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

**Treasurer's Report/Bill List:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Berry to accept the treasurer's report; seconded by Councilwoman Tumolo; and carried unanimously by a roll call vote of 7-0. (Resnick – yes, Alpini – yes, Berry – yes, Penjucke – yes, Tumolo – yes, Papale – yes, Martin – yes.)

**Manager's Report:**

Tony Tartaglia announced that there was a resolution in the packet for Suicide Prevention Week. Mayor Kelly read the full resolution:

“WHEREAS, some 34,000 persons in the United States die each year by suicide, and 1.1 million adults attempted suicide in the past year; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the 11<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in America, and is the 3<sup>rd</sup> leading cause of death for persons aged 15-24; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, one person completes suicide every 15.2 minutes and estimated 94.8 Americans die each day by suicide; and

WHEREAS, more people die from suicide than from homicide in the United States;

WHEREAS, Delaware County has a recorded 1201 suicides from 1990-2009, a spike from 57 in 2008 to 77 in 2009; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 4.6 million people in the United States are survivors of suicide (those who have lost loved ones to suicide); and

WHEREAS, the stigma associated with mental illness and suicidality works against suicide prevention by discouraging persons at risk for suicide from seeking life saving help and further traumatizes survivors of suicide; and

WHEREAS, with more than 80% of suicide victims communicating their intent, the risk for human self destruction can be reduced through public awareness, education, and treatment, and

WHEREAS, a great many suicides are preventable;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Clifton Heights, hereby declares September 5-11, 2010 to be Suicide Awareness Week.”

A motion was made by Councilman Resnick to pass the Resolution; seconded by Councilwoman Berry; and carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Mr. Tartaglia explained that he included some proposed ordinances in the Council members' package tonight that he would like them to read and comment back to him on. A junked motor vehicles ordinance that would create a timeline for junked vehicles and also allow code officers onto properties to find junked vehicles. A proposed ordinance that would require registration for residents over 18 years of age living in rental properties. And a clarification for property maintenance issues with a clearer definition of items such as grass height.

Mr. Tartaglia said that there was a storm water management agreement that was sent to the Finance Committee but that they wouldn't hear anything about that until after the Committee had a chance to review it.

Mr. Tartaglia asked Council's authorization to the have the Engineer look at 325-327 E. Baltimore Pike. He said that they have stickered the building, which is owner occupied, and they have taken the stickers off. He said that he would like the Engineer to look at it because he has a strong fear that the building is collapsing. He said that his second authorization would be to have a design professional give an estimate for what it would cost to build a new municipal building. He said that all it would be at this point is finding out what it might cost somewhere down the road. He continued that they also had in their packet tonight information for General Code. The information includes what they're going to do and what they're going to charge. He said that the ordinances haven't been codified in years, and it's a real necessity to get it done. He said that the work would include editing the ordinances to make sure that they are not redundant and putting them up on the website. He said that the price was received through the Costars program so it has already been discounted. He said that he also needed authorization for a change in the billing for the signs that were put on the outside of the building from \$2,200 to \$2,900. He also reminded all of the Council members to provide profile/bio information for the website.

A motion was made by Councilman Alpini to authorize the Engineer to inspect 325-327 E. Baltimore Pike; seconded by Councilwoman Berry; and carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Berry to authorize the Borough Manager to have a design proposal completed for a new municipal building; seconded by Councilwoman Papale; and carried unanimously by a roll call vote of 7-0. (Resnick – yes, Alpini – yes, Berry – yes, Penjucke – yes, Tumolo – yes, Papale – yes, Martin – yes.)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tumolo to accept the Manager's Report as presented; seconded by Councilwoman Berry; and carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

### **Engineer's Report:**

Mr. Kelly

A motion was made by Councilwoman Berry to accept the Engineer's Report as presented; seconded by Councilman Alpini; and carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

### **Solicitor's Report:**

Mr. Catania

### **Old Business:**

### **New Business:**

**Ward Reports:**

**First Ward:**

Councilman Resnick

Councilwoman Papale

**Second Ward:**

Councilman Alpini

Councilwoman Berry had nothing to report.

**Third Ward:**

Councilman Martin had nothing to report.

**Fourth Ward:**

Councilman Penjucke

Councilwoman Tumolo

**Closing Public Comment:**

None.

**POST EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A motion was made by Councilman Resnick to name Brian Razzi as the Borough's Health Officer; seconded by Councilwoman Papale; and carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Alpini to approve the payment to TASK Mechanical that had been held when the other bills were approved; seconded by Councilwoman Papale; and carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Resnick to reappoint Tony Tartaglia for another 30 days as Borough Manager; seconded by Councilwoman Papale; and carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Berry to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Resnick and carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly A. Duffy  
Clifton Heights Borough Secretary