

Clifton Heights Borough Council
Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2011

Present:

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

Others Present:

Joseph T. Kelly, Mayor
Frank Catania, Borough Solicitor
Tony Tartaglia, Code Enforcement/Borough Manager

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer Led By Mayor Kelly

Public Comment:

None.

Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to accept the meeting minutes as presented; seconded by Councilwoman Berry; and carried unanimously by a roll call vote of 8-0. (Resnick – yes, Alpini – yes, Berry – yes, Martin – yes, Penjuko – yes, Tumolo – yes, Papale – yes, Casadei – yes.)

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Kelly said that they have had a quiet month so far. He said that the PAL had started up and that it would be Easter or Spring break week this coming week. He said that they would be enforcing the curfew. He asked Sergeant Rockenbach if he had an update on Officer Schieler.

Sgt. Rockenbach said that he spoke to him earlier today and that he is doing well and the surgery that he had last week went well by his account.

Mayor Kelly thanked Sgt. Rockenbach for his update and said that Friday would be a legal holiday for non-uniformed employees, meaning that trash would not be picked up on the South side. He asked residents not to put their trash out

Police Report:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Berry to approve the police report; seconded by Councilman Martin; and carried unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

Fire Report:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Papale to accept the fire report as presented; seconded by Councilwoman Berry; and carried unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

Code Enforcement Report:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Berry to approve the code enforcement report; seconded by Councilwoman Tumolo; and carried unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

Treasurer's Report/Bill List:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Berry to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills as money becomes available; seconded by Councilwoman Tumolo; and carried unanimously by a roll call vote of 8-0. (Resnick – yes, Alpini – yes, Berry – yes, Martin – yes, Penjuke – yes, Tumolo – yes, Papale – yes, Casadei – yes.)

Manager's Report:

Tony Tartaglia covered his report in the Committee meeting held prior to the Council meeting.

Engineer's Report:

J.P. Kelly said that the Road Program had been forwarded to the Borough Manager and once it has been authorized, they can advertise for bids to get a contract in front of Council.

Councilman Alpini asked if he could review that.

Mr. Kelly said that he could provide Council with a couple of extra copies to review.

Councilwoman Papale asked Mr. Kelly when work is being done on a street why some areas have tar around the re-paved areas and some do not. She said that she is seeing that the street is being torn up more around the areas that are not tarred. She said she specifically noticed this on East Berkley. She asked if there was a reason for that.

Mr. Kelly said that he wasn't familiar with the specific work but the difference would be between a temporary repair and a permanent repair because they only apply the seal when they complete the work.

Councilwoman Papale said that she noticed it on Cambridge as well.

President Casadei said that there is a reason for that because they put in new pipes but are now going to lay a main right down the middle of the street. He said that the patches on Cambridge are permanent.

Councilwoman Papale asked if there were any permits pulled for the 300 block of East Broadway.

Mr. Tartaglia said that he would take a look at it.

President Casadei said that the patches on Cambridge are good but the water company is going to redo the whole street.

Councilman Alpini asked what streets were scheduled for the Road Program right now.

Mr. Kelly said that the roads were based on past road programs and roads that were not completed. He outlined: West Broadway – Cherry to Church, Eyre - Baltimore to Davis, Prospect – Oak to Church and East Broadway.

Councilman Alpini asked if he could review Maple Terrace from Baltimore Pike to at least the back of the Rite Aid property. He said that section where two-way traffic is allowed is broken up bad.

Mayor Kelly said that he could verify a big hole right outside of the parking lot.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to approve the Engineer's Report; seconded by Councilwoman Berry; and carried unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

Solicitor's Report:

Frank Catania said that he had no action items for tonight but at the next meeting they will have 2 ordinances to adopt. He asked for a brief executive session to discuss the East Broadway Ave. property.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to approve the solicitor's report; seconded by Councilwoman Berry; and carried unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Councilman Martin said that he was asking for Council to make their annual contribution to the Clifton Heights Trout Tournament.

President Casadei asked if they budgeted for that.

Councilman Martin said that it would come out of the recreation budget.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to donate \$100 to the Clifton Heights Trout Tournament; seconded by Councilwoman Berry; and carried unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

Ward Reports:

First Ward:

Councilman Resnick announced that the zoning hearing would be on Thursday at 7pm and he hopes that everyone attends. He asked if they had an opinion yet on the Sacred Heart decision.

Mr. Tartaglia said that the Zoning Hearing Board hadn't yet published their opinion.

Mr. Catania asked what the requested use of the property was for.

Mr. Tartaglia explained that the 2nd hearing was for the Sacred Heart Recreation Hall to be used as a kitchen for the preparation of foods to be distributed to the other Today's Child Centers and the Recreation center itself.

Councilwoman Papale announced that the Clifton Heights Swim Club would be celebrating their 50th year and they would be having various fundraisers around that. She asked for everyone to support the pool.

Second Ward:

Councilman Alpini thanked Mayor Kelly for getting the tree down next to Mr. Sebastiani's house.

Mayor Kelly said that the Finance Committee gave the approval and they reacted as fast as they could.

Councilman Alpini said that was excellent and he had nothing further to report in the ward.

Councilwoman Berry encouraged the residents to continue to recycle or to those who hadn't started yet to get involved. She asked residents to drive carefully with the kids home from school in the coming week.

Third Ward:

Councilman Martin had nothing to report.

President Casadei wished everyone a happy Easter.

Fourth Ward:

Councilman Penjoke had nothing to report.

Councilwoman Tumolo had nothing to report.

Closing Public Comment:

None.

Post Executive Session:

No action items.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Berry to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Martin; and carried unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly A. Duffy
Clifton Heights Borough Secretary