

**Clifton Heights Borough Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 15, 2013**

Present:

Anthony Casadei, Council President
Edward Martin, Council Vice President
Betsy Berry, Councilwoman
Mike Humphreys, Councilman
Leona Papale, Councilwoman
Karen Peterson, Councilwoman
Jane Tumolo, Councilwoman

Others Present:

Joseph T. Kelly, Mayor
Francis J. Catania, Solicitor
J.P. Kelly, Engineer
Timothy Rockenbach, Chief of Police
Tony Tartaglia, Borough Manager/Code

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer Led By Mayor Kelly

Public Comment:

No opening public comment.

Executive Session:

Mr. Catania said that for the record, he wanted to indicate that prior to the evening's Council meeting, the Council and Mayor had an Executive Session to discuss litigation matters, the Commonwealth vs. Ruane, Rockbourne vs. the Borough, the Borough vs. Kent Mills LLC, along with the summary appeal, the Borough vs. Ucyoosi Mills (last name Ghartey). Those items were discussed.

Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to accept the December meeting minutes as presented, the both the regular meeting and the special meeting for the tax ordinances; seconded by Councilwoman Papale; and carried unanimously by a roll call vote of 7-0. (Humphreys – yes, Berry – yes, Martin – yes, Peterson – yes, Tumolo – yes, Papale – yes, Casadei – yes.)

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Kelly said that he had nothing to report, just hopes that the town continues to stay safe.

Police Report:

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

Fire Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to accept the fire report as presented; seconded by Councilwoman Berry; and carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Code Enforcement Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Humphreys to approve the code enforcement report as presented; seconded by Councilwoman Papale; 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 and pay the bills; seconded by Councilwoman Peterson; and carried unanimously by a roll call vote of 7-0. (Humphreys – yes, Berry – yes, Martin – yes, Peterson – yes, Tumolo –yes, Papale – yes, Casadei – yes.)

Manager's Report:

Mr. Tartaglia said that he had nothing new from their caucus meeting.

Engineer's Report:

J.P. Kelly said that his only item for the evening was the grass cutting contract. He said that low bidder was Tom Morris Landscaping of Boothwyn, PA for \$450 for year one, \$525 for year two, \$565 for year three.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to award the grass cutting contract to Tom Morris, as the lowest responsible bidder; seconded by Councilwoman Berry; and carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to accept the Engineer's report; seconded by Councilwoman Tumolo; and carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Solicitor's Report:

Mr. Catania said that as follow up to what was reported by the Borough manager earlier, he will contact Judge Durham and point out to him the deficiencies in the settlement submitted by Kent mills to try and speed up the process for the hearing.

He said that last month he was provided material for the codification of the Borough ordinances and an ordinance book. He said that if everything is in order, he will have that prepared for the February meeting.

No action items.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to accept the Solicitor's report; seconded by Councilwoman Berry; and carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

No new business.

Ward Reports:

First Ward:

Councilman Papale had nothing to report.

Second Ward:

Councilman Humphreys had nothing to report.

Councilwoman Berry had nothing to report.

Third Ward:

Councilman Martin had nothing to report.

Councilman Casadei had nothing to report.

Fourth Ward:

Councilwoman Peterson said that she was contacted by a resident last night who called about a woman who was going around with a petition concerning the proposed school in Clifton. She said that she instructed her who to contact in a situation like that, but her concern is that it was late, after dinner.

President Casadei asked Chief Rockenbach about rules for soliciting after hours.

Chief Rockenbach said that he would recommend homeowners getting in touch with his department with concerns, but that he wasn't sure with this specific instance.

Mayor Kelly said that elected officials would be going around getting signatures for office soon, so he didn't think something that was about a petition would be comparable to people soliciting for money. He didn't think it was something that would be prohibited. He asked if there was a decision on the school yet.

Councilwoman Berry said not yet.

Councilwoman Tumolo had nothing to report.

Closing Public Comment:

No closing public comment.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly A. Duffy

Clifton Heights Borough Secretary