

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

Present:

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

Absent:

Leona Papale, 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 Mayor Kelly

Public Comment:

No opening public comment.

Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to accept the September meeting minutes as presented; seconded by Councilwoman Tumolo; and carried unanimously by a roll call vote of 7-0. (Resnick – yes, Humphreys – yes, Berry – yes, Martin – yes, Peterson – yes, Tumolo – yes, Casadei – yes.)

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Kelly presented Tony Blanche, owner of the Broadway Bar & Grille & Clam Tavern, a resolution honoring his "Best of Philly" award. He also reminded residents to be safe during the upcoming Halloween holiday.

Chief Rockenbach said that they would have extra patrols on the streets on Halloween night.

Code Enforcement Report:

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

Treasurer's Report/Bill List:

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

Police Report:

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

Fire Report:

There was no fire report.

Manager's Report:

Presented in caucus.

Engineer's Report:

J.P. Kelly said that the 2013 Road Program punch list items have been completed and that he is recommending the release of the retainer for the project.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Berry to approve the final payment on the Road Program in the amount of \$6,892.55; seconded by Councilman Martin; and carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to authorize the engineer to investigate additional monuments for the meditative park; seconded by Councilwoman Berry; and carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Mr. Kelly said that the meditative park is substantially complete & they are waiting on an invoice.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Berry to authorize the engineer to advertise for snow removal; seconded by Councilman Martin; and carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Berry to authorize the engineer to design a plan for moving the school monument to the new meditative park; seconded by Councilwoman Peterson; and carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Mr. Kelly said that would be fairly easy because they would only need to design a base for it.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Berry to authorize the engineer to complete the street laterals on Madison Ave.; seconded by Councilwoman Tumolo; and carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Solicitor's Report:

Mr. Catania explained that they discussed 4 Rockbourne Road in Executive Session. He said that Rockbourne Investments LP filed a petition to have their tax assessment reduced. He said that they had a hearing on October 2, and the attorney for the owner was there but did not present an appraisal. He just argued in narrative fashion that there were unspecified environmental problems and unexplained sewer problems. He said that they have written to the attorney asking him to explain the issues.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Berry to approve the preliminary budget, representing a $\frac{3}{4}$ mill increase; seconded by Councilman Humphreys; and carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Ward Reports:

First Ward:

Councilman Resnick asked for Council's permission for the Boy Scouts to use Borough Hall for their annual food drive on Saturday, November 16.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to authorize the Borough to pay for 2,500 copies for the Boy Scouts annual food drive; seconded by Councilwoman Berry; and carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Second Ward:

Councilman Humphreys had nothing to report.

Councilwoman Berry asked everyone to be careful on Halloween.

Third Ward:

Councilman Martin had nothing to report.

Councilman Casadei had nothing to report.

Fourth Ward:

Councilwoman Peterson had nothing to report.

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 Berry; and carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly A. Duffy

Clifton Heights Borough Secretary