

**Clifton Heights Borough Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 17, 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

Absent:

Harris Resnick, Councilman

Others Present:

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer Led Mayor Kelly

Commendation:

Chief Rockenbach presented a letter of commendation to Sergeant Steve Brown for his work in solving two robberies at the Rite Aid.

Public Comment:

No opening public comment.

Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to accept the November meeting minutes as presented; seconded by Councilman Humphreys; 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 wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a healthy Happy New Year. He said that he was very proud of the police & fire departments and all of the employees of the Borough.

Police Report:

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

Fire Report:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Papale to accept the Fire Report as presented; seconded by Councilwoman Martin; 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 Councilman Martin; 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 Tumolo; 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:

Presented in caucus.

Engineer's Report:

J.P. Kelly said that the ad was placed as required for the CDBG application. He explained the CDBG program.

The floor was opened to the public to discuss any aspects of the CDBG application. Mr. Kelly noted that the application addressed sidewalks and tree removal on Baltimore Pike and with the secondary component being LED lighting. No public comments were made.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to approve the CDBG application as discussed; seconded by Councilwoman Berry; and carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Mr. Kelly noted that they would continue to work on the MS4 program.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to approve a PENNDOT related multi-municipal traffic resolution; seconded by Councilwoman Papale; and carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to approve a resolution to authorize the Borough Manager and Council President to submit the application for traffic signal improvements to PENNDOT; 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 Berry; and carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Solicitor's Report:

Mr. Catania explained that the Borough had prepared a contract with Local 835 for the term of January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2018.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to approve the Local 835 contract; 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.)

Mr. Catania said that all of the annual tax ordinances were duly advertised and ripe for consideration.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to approve Ordinance #840, the tax ordinance setting the millage at 13.0001 mills; seconded by Councilman 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.)

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to approve Ordinance #841, setting the annual sewer rental fee at \$282 per unit; seconded by Councilwoman Berry; 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.)

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to approve Ordinance #842, setting the annual trash collection fee at \$210 per unit; seconded by Councilwoman Berry; 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.)

Councilman Martin welcomed the Solicitor back after his recent surgery.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Councilwoman Papale informed the Council that the Tax Collector had met with the auditor and wanted to report that everything had gone well.

Ward Reports:

First Ward:

Councilwoman Papale asked everyone to be diligent with the snow and ice removal from their properties.

Mayor Kelly wished Councilman Resnick well after his recent back surgery.

Second Ward:

Councilwoman Berry said that she agreed with Councilwoman Papale about the diligence needed for the snow removal. She thanked James Salmon for his work with the snow removal. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilman Humphreys said that he thought the Borough looked beautiful with all of the lights.

Third Ward:

Councilman Martin wished everyone happy holidays.

Councilman Casadei wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Fourth Ward:

Councilwoman Peterson wished everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Councilwoman Tumolo wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Closing Public Comment:

Fred Rich, 82 Chester Ave., asked how much of a tax increase they were facing.

Councilman Martin said that it was $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mill.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly A. Duffy

Clifton Heights Borough Secretary