

**Clifton Heights Borough Council
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 23, 2013**

Present:

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

Others Present:

Joseph T. Kelly, Mayor
Francis J. Catania, Solicitor
J.P. Kelly, Engineer
Timothy Rockenbach, Chief of Police

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer Led By Mayor Kelly

Post-Executive Session:

Mr. Catania explained for the record that they held an Executive Session prior to the evening's meeting to discuss litigation matters – the JMC bond claim, the Rockbourne property matter and delinquent taxes for that property, and the Borough vs. Kent Mills LLC. No action items are needed as a result of the session.

Public Comment:

Mary Pecko, 21 E. Berkley Ave., thanked everyone responsible for having the sinkhole at the end of her street repaired at the end of last year. She thanked James Salmon for taking her many reports as to the serious threat to the children because of their curiosity, and for him and his crew for doing a fine job. She thanked everyone for all the information that she has been receiving about happenings in the Borough. She thanked the Chief of Police for his informative and interesting talk at this month's Senior's meeting. She said to go along with her appreciation, she also had a complaint. She said that nothing prepared her for May 3rd & the trolley track repairs & the excruciating noise for 22.5 hours/day for almost 3 days. She said that she spoke to the SEPTA foreman on Monday while the work was being completed, and he informed her that the Borough had notice for over a year that the work was going to be done and that it was their job to notify the residents. She said that she did not receive permission to speak for others in the area, but in speaking with them, her impression was that they were equally as upset. She thanked everyone.

Mayor Kelly apologized for that issue. He said that they thought that they were just going to be repairing the tracks, and they were not aware that it was going to such extensive work.

Miss Pecko said that over the years as they worked on various issues, sometimes they would come and work at night and bring trucks with lights on them, but never in that time did they come with a whole flatbed truck of lights, which they did on this occasion.

Mayor Kelly said that that was ridiculous and no one should have had to deal with that.

Miss Pecko said that if she was aware of the extent of the work, she could have made arrangements to stay elsewhere.

Mayor Kelly concurred and said that everyone could have been afforded that opportunity.

Everyone thanked Miss Pecko for her comments.

Meeting Minutes:

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

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Kelly said that there would be a Memorial Day service at the monument on Baltimore Pike in front of the Rite Aid at 11am. He said that they are working diligently to have the parade back up and running for next year. He asked everyone to try and make it if they could to remember our veterans and to show their support to the American Legion and the work that they do for the town.

He said that his second item was the Mayor's Luncheon on Tuesday, May 28th. He invited the senior citizens to come and said that he was going to have the Chief of Police give some reports.

Police Report:

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

Fire Report:

No fire report was presented.

Code Enforcement Report:

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

Manager's Report:

No Manager's Report.

Engineer's Report:

J.P. Kelly said that the 2013 Road Program is prepared & he is requesting Council to approve the scope of work. If they are authorized to advertise, they will have bids ready for the next Council meeting.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Berry to approve the scope for the 2013 Road Program; seconded by Councilwoman Papale; and carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Mr. Kelly said that the CDBG project is moving along according to schedule and the site improvements are scheduled to start next week, with the project expected to last another 3 weeks.

Mr. Kelly said that his last item was that DELCORA is finishing up with their Act 537 with draft copies out and ready by June for the Borough's consideration and comments.

Mr. Catania said that last month the Borough Council passed a Resolution to participate in the 537 plan. He asked if Mr. Kelly could ask DELCORA to send a copy to the Borough so that they could execute that Resolution and send them a copy.

Mr. Kelly said that was critical to get DELCORA the Resolution, and that he would get the signature copy as soon as possible.

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

Solicitor's Report:

Mr. Catania said that he had nothing further from the Executive Session. He said that for the Rockbourne Road property, he will advise the Tax Claim Bureau that the Borough would ask that no payment plan be entered into with that property owner until all the taxes are paid currently. He said that additionally, if any payment plans were requested for rental properties, he would ask the Tax Claim Bureau to provide the Borough notice of that prior to entering into any payment plans.

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.

Administrative Actions:

None.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Councilman Papale asked Chief Rockenbach if they could include the Memorial Day Service information on the GlobalConnect system to inform residents about the services.

Councilwoman Berry said that at the finance meeting, they discussed going into partnership with Aldan Borough for a shredder event and electronic recycling, with the two boroughs sharing the financial responsibilities for the event. She said that Aldan has agreed and that she had heard through Tony Tartaglia that everything was a go, and that they were just waiting on a date for the event.

Ward Reports:

First Ward:

Councilman Resnick had nothing to report.

Councilman Papale thanked all of the military past and present for their dedication to the country and for everything that they have done for the citizens of this country.

Second Ward:

Councilman Humphreys asked everyone to watch for the kids at the carnival in the 2nd ward.

Councilwoman Berry had nothing to report.

Third Ward:

Councilman Martin had nothing to report.

Councilman Casadei thanked everyone for their phone calls and cards during his recent illness.

Fourth Ward:

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly A. Duffy
Clifton Heights Borough Secretary