

**Clifton Heights Borough Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 17, 2013**

Present:

Anthony Casadei, Council President
Edward Martin, Council Vice President
Betsy Berry, Councilwoman
Mike Humphreys, Councilman
Leona Papale, Councilwoman
Karen Peterson, 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
Tony Tartaglia, Borough Manager/Code

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer Led By St. Mark's Lutheran Church Pastor

Public Comment:

No opening public comment.

Meeting Minutes:

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

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Kelly reminded residents that school was back in session and asked everyone to be mindful of the students and children. He said that the firemen would be having an Open House in October and that everyone would get a notification. He asked for a moment to remember the victims of the shooting at the Navy Yard in Washington DC.

Police Report:

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

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 8-0.

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, Peterson – yes, Tumolo –yes, Papale – yes, Casadei – yes.)

Manager's Report:

Presented in caucus.

Engineer's Report:

J.P. Kelly said that the 2013 Road Program has been substantially completed and accordingly it is his recommendation to release \$62,030.25 for payment #1, which would leave \$6,892.55 in retainer until the punch list items are completed.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin make the Road Program payment as recommended by the Borough Engineer in the amount of \$62,030.25; seconded by Councilwoman Berry; and carried unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

Mr. Kelly said that the CDBG Property formerly known as the Scally property has the monument scheduled to be moved in the next 3 weeks, waiting on PENNDOT permits.

Mr. Kelly said that his last item was a resolution to extend the terms of the Darby Creek Joint Authority Articles of Incorporation.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Berry to pass the Resolution to extend the terms of the Darby Creek Joint Authority Articles of Incorporation as outlined; seconded by Councilman Martin; and carried unanimously by a roll call vote of 8-0. (Resnick – yes, Humphreys – yes, Berry – yes, Martin – yes, Peterson – yes, Tumolo –yes, Papale – yes, Casadei – yes.)

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

Solicitor's Report:

Mr. Catania explained that the Resolution that was passed to extend the terms of the Darby Creek Joint Authority, extended that term to 2063. He said that Resolution would be signed and sent to the Secretary of the Authority.

Mr. Catania said that he has a Real Estate matter to discuss with Council. He said that the Borough is the owner of a vacant parcel at 15 Maple Terrace. This property was the site of structure for many years, but the structure is now gone. He said that the site is currently vacant but not kept up very well and is an uneven grade. He said that there has been some interest in the property from some of the adjoining neighbors. He said that his recommendation after consultation with the Borough manager is to have Council authorize himself and the Borough Manager to either negotiate a fair market value lease, as supported by a letter of value from an appraiser or if they are unable to do that to authorize them to put the property out for bid. He said that he thinks the condition of the lot is such that one of the components of the lease would have to be that they want it cleaned up quickly, perhaps within 90 days, and to encourage the cleanup, credit towards the lease payments should be provided for any cost or work associated with cleaning that up and making it usable.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to pass a Resolution to authorize the Borough Solicitor and Borough Manager to move forward with negotiating a lease for the parcel at 15 Maple Terrace or putting the property out for bid; seconded by Councilwoman Berry; and carried unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

Mr. Catania said that everything else was covered in Executive Session.

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

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

No new business.

Ward Reports:

First Ward:

Councilman Resnick had nothing to report.

Councilman Papale had nothing to report.

Second Ward:

Councilman Humphreys had nothing to report.

Councilwoman Berry said that the Road Program went very well this year and she is very happy with the roads. She also praised the work done at the corner of Springfield Road and Baltimore Pike and congratulated Council and the residents for the now wonderful piece of property.

Third Ward:

Councilman Martin had nothing to report.

Councilman Casadei reminded everyone that the street sweepers were in the neighborhood.

Fourth Ward:

Councilwoman Peterson had nothing to report.

Councilwoman Tumolo had nothing to report.

Councilwoman Berry asked Chief Rockenbach if they could send the message back out to everyone over Global Connect about the street sweeping.

Chief Rockenbach said that the message was recorded and saved and he would send it back out tomorrow evening.

Closing Public Comment:

No closing public comment.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly A. Duffy

Clifton Heights Borough Secretary