

**Clifton Heights Borough Council
Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2014**

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
Frank Catania, Solicitor
J.P. Kelly, Engineer
Cynthia Leitzell, Treasurer
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 July 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 asked all of the residents to be mindful of the children going back to school. He also asked all residents to support the Clifton Heights Boys Club and their upcoming season.

Police Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to accept 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 Councilman Humphreys to accept the Fire Report as presented; seconded by Councilman Martin; 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 8-0. (Resnick – yes, Humphreys – yes, Berry – yes, Martin – yes, Peterson – yes, Tumolo – yes, Papale – yes, Casadei – yes.)

Manager's Report:

The manager said that all of his items were covered in caucus.

Engineer's Report:

J.P. Kelly presented the Engineer's report.

Mr. Kelly said that PENNDOT issued the approval letter for the 2014 Road Program contract, and they have subsequently issued a notice to proceed with the work. He said that they need to ensure that the work is completed by the end of the calendar year because if not, they run the risk of not having access to the additional County aid set aside for pothole repairs. He said that they are delaying the contract as much as possible with the hopes that 500 East Broadway demolition starts and the heavy work is completed before the road repairs.

Mr. Kelly said that provided that the CDBG gives them the go ahead on the contract, they are going to solicit bids for the light replacement. He said he is hoping to have the bids available at the September Council meeting.

Councilwoman Berry asked what his suggestion would be since 500 East Broadway has not progressed as they have hoped.

Mr. Kelly said that part of the agreement had money escrowed for any damage or repair. He said that he believes that \$20,000 was set aside to repair or replace any damage. He said that they will video tape and take photographs of everything, curbs, pavement, change of characteristics so that they have a library to check for damages against.

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

Solicitor's Report:

Mr. Catania said that they discussed a tax assessment appeal for 4 Rockbourne Road in Executive Session that had been scheduled for trial in August but has been postponed until the Fall. He said they will continue to work on that and keep Council informed on the status of the litigation.

Mr. Catania said that Mr. Tartaglia appeared in Court today for the case that they had with Mr. Avilino. He said that Mr. Avilino did not attend, and judgment was awarded in favor of the Borough.

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

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Councilwoman Tumolo asked if they could choose a day for street and property clean up in the Fall. She also asked if they could be checking on the parks more often, especially the park on Springfield Road.

Councilwoman Berry said that issues with the parks, especially glass, should be called to Borough Hall immediately.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to set the Highway Department's first item on the schedule every day to check on all of the Borough parks; seconded by Councilwoman Peterson; and carried unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

Ward Reports:

Councilman Resnick had nothing to report.

Councilwoman Papale had nothing to report.

Councilman Humphreys had nothing to report.

Councilwoman Berry asked all residents to keep up on their grass cutting and property maintenance.

Councilman Martin had nothing to report.

President Casadei had nothing to report.

Councilwoman Peterson had nothing to report.

Councilwoman Tumolo had nothing to report.

Closing Public Comment:

None.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly A. Duffy
Clifton Heights Borough Secretary