

**Clifton Heights Borough Council
Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2015**

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 Catania, Solicitor
J.P. Kelly, Engineer
Stella Economidis, Treasurer
Timothy Rockenbach, Chief of Police
Tony Tartaglia, Borough Manager/Code

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer Led by Mayor Kelly

Public Comment:

Fred Rich, 82 Chester Ave., said that he would like to discuss the litigation for his annual inspection issue. He said that he did not agree to the mediation for the issue because he wanted Mr. Tartaglia to be present, and he was told that he would not be present and he was informed that an outside attorney William Neal, would be representing the Borough for the mediation. He said that the meeting was supposed to be between himself and Mr. Tartaglia and the Center for Resolution's own rules state that no attorney will be allowed to be present. He said that he is now scheduled for a hearing in Common Pleas Court on April 7 and he is asking the Borough to withdraw the charges and cancel the hearing because he is the party who has cooperated throughout the process and he has all the documentation to prove that Mr. Tartaglia has no authority to conduct inspections of rental properties.

President Casadei said that Mr. Catania was going to provide a response for him.

Mr. Catania said that Mr. Rich correctly stated the hearing date and correctly stated that the mediation had been scheduled. He said that Mr. Tartaglia was advised by himself not to attend the mediation because he would be a witness in any proceeding against Mr. Rich. He said that Mr. Rich cancelled the mediation, not the Borough.

Mr. Rich interrupted Mr. Catania's response.

President Casadei asked for Mr. Rich to allow Mr. Catania to respond.

Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to accept the February meeting minutes as presented; 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, Casadei – yes.)

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Kelly announced that the Recreation Department would be hosting the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 28th at 10am.

He said that they are all looking forward to the arrival of Spring. He asked for everyone to take pride in their properties. He said that he would have more information at next month's meeting about the PAL's annual parade. He said the preliminary date is Saturday, April 25th.

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 7-0.

Fire Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to accept the Fire Report as presented; seconded by Councilman Humphreys; 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 Councilman Martin; 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.)

Manager's Report:

Mr. Tartaglia said that he had nothing additional from his report at Caucus.

Engineer's Report:

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

Mr. Kelly reported that the County Aid forms had been submitted to Delaware County Council and that they expect to have the scope of work ready for Council's consideration at the next meeting.

Mr. Kelly said that the Baltimore Pike street light work is scheduled to begin this Friday and should be completed within a week.

Mr. Kelly said that they should know about the playground application for 2015 by the end of the week.

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

Solicitor's Report:

Mr. Catania presented the Solicitor's Report.

He said that the Tax Revenue Anticipation Note documents were completed and a binder was returned to the Borough to keep on file.

He said that they discussed a Police Personnel issue in Executive Session.

He said that he recently attended a presentation by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and that the storm water measures would be changing again effective in 2018. He said that they should start researching and preparing for the changes that are going to be made. He said that Darby Creek is one of the impacted waterways, and they should have J.P. Kelly prepare a presentation for them on the impending issues.

Mr. Kelly said that they have not announced the actual numbers yet, but they are getting very strict with their regulations. He said that he will prepare a presentation.

Councilman Humphreys said that he is of the opinion that all of these issues are stemming from the Blue Route and the runoff from the Blue Route.

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

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Councilwoman Tumolo announced that the Fourth of July Association would be hosting Coach Bag Bingo at the Firehouse on Saturday, April 25th and tickets were \$30. She said doors open at 6pm and Bingo starts at 7pm.

Councilman Humphreys said that he noticed a light fixture on the way down at Sycamore and Baltimore Pike, the bulb is hanging from the wire, and the whole housing unit is gone.

Ward Reports:

Councilman Resnick had nothing to report.

Councilman Humphreys wished everyone a happy Saint Patrick's Day.

Councilwoman Berry had nothing to report.

Councilman Martin had nothing to report.

President Casadei had nothing to report.

Councilwoman Peterson thanked the Borough Manager for the noticeable difference post pick-up of the televisions throughout her ward.

Councilwoman Tumolo had nothing to report.

Closing Public Comment:

Fran Smith announced that the newly formed Clifton Heights Civic Association would be hosting a meet and greet at Good Time Cholly's on Saturday, April 11th at 7pm.

Terry Bruna, 58 N. Penn St., said that she was having issues with squirrels getting into her adjoining neighbor's house and coming through the walls into her house. She said that the landlord/owner of the property does not keep up with the property, and she is happy with her current neighbors and would like to try and have the issue addressed with the landlord.

Mr. Tartaglia said that they have multiple issues with this particular landlord, and they will work to address the issue. He said that he has been cited in the past, and they can cite him again because he probably won't move on any issues unless he is before the Judge. He explained to Mrs. Bruna that she has the right to file a claim against the landlord/homeowner for damages for the money she is putting out to repair her property.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly A. Duffy
Clifton Heights Borough Secretary