

Clifton Heights Borough Council
Meeting Minutes
May 21, 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:

Stella Nicholas, 36 W. Broadway Ave., said that she has lived in the Borough for over 50 years and decided that she wanted to put a small porch on the front of her house. She said that was turned down, so decided on a patio. She said she submitted a proposal for a patio and that was turned down. She said that she re-submitted and was turned down again. She said that she sought the assistance of Councilman Ed Martin and State Representative Jamie Santora, and they were unable to assist. She said that she then submitted another proposal for an awning, and she has been getting the run around. She asked why she couldn't just get an awning. She said that when she was told the awning couldn't go over her doorway, she submitted an alternative. She said that the process has become frustrating for her.

Mr. Tartaglia said that the issue is that it is a modular home that was placed right up against the front yard setback on the street, and the proposed structure that the contractor submitted has columns. He said that anything with columns will be in the front yard setback, which requires relief from the Zoning Hearing Board. He said that without relief from the Zoning Hearing Board, she would have to install an awning that folds out from the front of the structure.

President Casadei advised Miss Nicholas to request a hearing with the Zoning Hearing Board who could provide her the relief that she was seeking. He said that Council was unable to do that. He

said that he could not guarantee that they would provide the relief, but that was the necessary outlet. He told her to discuss with Mr. Tartaglia about setting something up with the Zoning Hearing Board.

Lelania Reardon, 406 N. Springfield Rd., explained her history of living in the County. She said that Tony of Nina's Nail Salon is the new owner of the building she lives in. She said that they have a problem in their area with businesses with no customers and no posted hours. She said that she believes that the officers who respond to calls should always come in two squad cars because they do not know who they are approaching. She said that she gets nervous when entering her home at night because there are men congregating on the sidewalk and she will call a squad car if necessary. She said that all of the Borough's ordinances should be enforced, especially with the sidewalk lips, the snow removal & unattended businesses.

Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to accept the April meeting minutes as presented; seconded by Councilwoman Tumolo; 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 opened the floor to Chief Rockenbach to present a commendation to Sergeant Marie Morgan.

Chief Rockenbach presented a commendation to Sergeant Marie Morgan for her role as the liaison of the program on behalf of the Borough of Clifton Heights for the Southeast Regional Youth Police Academy for younger kids in the area. It was an 8 week program for kids aged 11 to 17 to give them an inside look at the role of the Police Department in the community and to provide them access to the Police Department to see if it would be a career they would be interested in. She was instrumental in the success of the program.

Chief Rockenbach thanked the Columbus Club for hosting the graduation for about 75 people total, at no cost to the Borough or the cadets and their family. They volunteered their space, food and drinks, and it is businesses like that in our community that makes projects like the Academy possible.

Mayor Kelly announced that they would be having their annual Memorial Day ceremony on Memorial Day at 11am at the Fire Company Memorial because the Memorial Park is under construction.

Mayor Kelly announced that the Williams Lombardo Funeral Home would be hosting a Pet & Rescue Expo on Saturday, June 7th from 11am to 3pm in the parking lot at the Funeral Home.

Police Report:

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

Fire Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Humphreys to accept the Fire Report as presented; seconded by Councilwoman Peterson; 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 the report he presented in Caucus.

Engineer's Report:

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

Mr. Kelly said the bid opening for the Road Program was held on Thursday, May 14th, and he is recommending that the contract be awarded to Couzins Inc. of North Wales for the base bid amount of \$76,188.30.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to award the 2015 Road Program Bid to Couzins Inc. of North Wales for the base bid amount of \$76,188.30; seconded by Councilwoman Berry; and carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Mr. Kelly reported that the CDBG lighting project along Baltimore Pike had been completed and they received the close out documents and payment request.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to authorize the acceptance of work and approval of the payment requested for the CDBG lighting project along Baltimore Pike; seconded by Councilwoman Berry; and carried unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

Mr. Kelly reported that pursuant to Council's request, he solicited bids for necessary sidewalk repairs along Baltimore Pike consisting of 530 square feet of side walk & 30 lineal feet of curb. The lowest responsible bidder was Couzins Inc. of North Wales in the amount of \$7,500.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to award the Baltimore Pike sidewalk repair bid to Couzins Inc. of North Wales in the amount of \$7,500; seconded by Councilwoman Berry; and carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to authorize the Engineer to submit the plans for the site development and stormwater calculations of the highway department garage to the County Planning Commission for review and comment upon completion; 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 as presented; seconded by Councilwoman Berry; and carried unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

Solicitor's Report:

Mr. Catania presented the Solicitor's Report.

He said that they covered 2 litigation matters in Executive Session, 4 Rockbourne Rd. and 500 E. Broadway. He said that they were status reports, and no action was required.

He said that they covered 1 personnel matter in Executive Session, and there is one Administrative Action necessary.

Administrative Actions:

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to approve and accept the disability retirement of Officer Press effective June 1, 2015 subject the review and approval of the Borough Manager and Solicitor; seconded by Councilwoman Berry; and carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

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

Old Business:

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to donate \$750 to the Boy Scouts Troop 111; seconded by Councilwoman Berry; and carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

New Business:

No new business.

Ward Reports:

Councilman Resnick had nothing to report.

Councilman Humphreys had nothing to report.

Councilwoman Berry reminded all residents that it was grass cutting season and to keep up with the upkeep. She also reminded residents and landscapers that grass is not to be blown into the street because it will clog the sewers.

Councilman Martin had nothing to report.

President Casadei had nothing to report.

Councilwoman Peterson reminded everyone to be safe driving with the carnival in town.

Councilwoman Tumolo had nothing to report.

Closing Public Comment:

None.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly A. Duffy
Clifton Heights Borough Secretary