

**Clifton Heights Borough Council
Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2016**

Present:

Anthony Casadei, Council President
Edward Martin, Council Vice President
Ronald Berry, Councilwoman
Mike Humphreys, Councilman
Leona Papale, Councilwoman
Karen Peterson, Councilwoman
Jane Tumolo, Councilwoman

Absent:

Harris Resnick, Councilman

Others Present:

Joseph T. Kelly, Mayor
Francis Catania, Solicitor
J.P. Kelly, Engineer
Cynthia Leitzell, Treasurer
Timothy Rockenbach, Chief of Police
Tony Tartaglia, Borough Manager/Code

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer Led by Mayor Kelly

Swearing-in & Presentations:

Mayor Kelly swore in new full-time patrol officers, Ryan Cummings and Robert Scott.

Mayor Kelly presented Fire Chief Jim Kneass with a resolution honoring his 40 years of service to the Clifton Heights Fire Company.

Public Comment:

No opening public comment.

Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to accept the October 2016 meeting minutes as presented; seconded by Councilwoman Papale; and carried unanimously by a roll call vote of 7-0. (Humphreys – yes, Berry – yes, Martin – yes, Peterson – yes, Tumolo – yes, Papale – yes, Casadei – yes.)

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Kelly wished everyone a happy upcoming Thanksgiving holiday.

Mayor Kelly thanked Chief Jim Kneass again for his service.

He wished the new Borough police officers well.

Mayor Kelly announced that there would be an American Red Cross Blood Drive event held at Borough Hall on Thursday, December 15th from 2pm to 7pm, with appointments recommended.

Mayor Kelly introduced Vanessa Bazzari of B&L Disposal. She explained her husband, Lou's, involvement with the SBMC 2nd Brigade Motorcycle Club. She said that they started a "Welcome Home" program for veterans of the armed forces in 2012, helping those in need get back on their feet, and from the monies raised through the Borough's recycling program last year, the proceeds were donated to that Welcome Home program. She presented a plaque to the Borough thanking them for their support.

Police Report:

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

Manager's Report:

Mr. Tartaglia said that it would be in order to discuss the 2017 preliminary budget.

Solicitor Catania explained the process. He explained that it is a requirement of the Borough's code that the Borough adopt the preliminary budget as prepared. It has to be done 30 days prior to the December meeting. He said that is not a vote to adopt the budget, just a vote to advertise that the budget is available for public inspection. The budget would be voted on at the December 20th meeting. He said that the tax and revenue ordinances would also be adopted in conjunction with the budget at the December meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to accept and post the 2017 preliminary budget; seconded by Councilman Berry; and carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0. (Humphreys – yes, Berry – yes, Martin – yes, Peterson – yes, Tumolo – yes, Papale – yes, Casadei – yes.)

The preliminary budget proposes a tax millage of 14.501, a sewer fee of \$314, which includes the expected increase for the Darby Creek Joint Authority, and a trash fee of \$210, which represents no increase.

Engineer's Report:

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

Mr. Kelly said that they received the final billing for the completed 2016 Road Program and recommendation for payment had been submitted to the Borough Manager.

Mr. Kelly announced the snow removal bid responses were received today. He said that they only received a bid from A2U Services for a unit/hourly based contract with no increase from the previous contract that just expired. He said that the optional 3 years included with the contract also reflect no increase.

A motion was made by Councilman Berry to award the snow removal contract to A2U Services for one year with the optional 2 additional years that can be voted on annually; seconded by Councilman Martin; and carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Mr. Kelly announced that the lawn maintenance bid opening would be December 13th and the street lighting bid opening would be December 20th.

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

Solicitor's Report:

Mr. Catania presented the Solicitor's report.

Mr. Catania requested that Council vote on Resolution 16-16.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to adopt Resolution 16-16 honoring Fire Chief Jim Kneass on his 40 years of service with the Clifton Heights Fire Department; seconded by Councilman Berry; and carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Mr. Catania requested authorization to advertise the 2017 meeting schedule.

A motion was made by Councilman Berry to authorize the solicitor to advertise the Council's public meeting schedule for 2017; seconded by Councilwoman Papale; and carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Mr. Catania informed Council that it would be in order for them to renew their contract with the Delaware County Solid Waste Authority, which was set to expire after 25 years.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to adopt Ordinance #852, renewing the Borough's contract with the Delaware County Solid Waste Authority for an additional 25 years; seconded by Councilwoman Peterson; 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 Papale; and carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

No new business.

Ward Reports:

Councilwoman Papale congratulated Chief Kneass on his years of service and wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Humphreys had nothing to report.

Councilman Berry congratulated Chief Kneass on his years of service.

Councilman Martin congratulated Chief Kneass on his years of service and wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving and commented on the light at Madison Ave. and Springfield Rd. that was installed and is too short. He asked if Tony could reach out to find out who handled that light and its length so that they could try to have it adjusted.

President Casadei congratulated Chief Kneass on his years of service and wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Councilwoman Tumolo wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving and congratulated Chief Kneass.

Councilwoman Peterson requested a status update on the roof on Oak Ave. and congratulated Chief Kneass on his years of service. She also wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Council reminded residents about the Boy Scouts Food Drive that would be taking place this upcoming Saturday at Borough Hall.

Closing Public Comment:

Fred Rich, 82 Chester Ave., asked about the Republic Bank \$1.7 million loan that was discussed at last month's meeting.

President Casadei said that closing public comment was for items that were discussed at the meeting, and the loan that was voted on at last month's meeting was not discussed at this month's meeting.

Mr. Rich said that he didn't care and that he would like for them to explain the loan the Borough took out and where the money from previous loans ended up. He said that they are facing another mill increase in the taxes and he wants to know where the money is.

Mayor Kelly said that Mr. Rich's message is clear.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly A. Duffy
Clifton Heights Borough Secretary