

**Clifton Heights Borough Council
Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2016**

Present:

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

Absent:

Karen Peterson, Councilwoman

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

Resolution Presentation:

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to adopt Resolution 16-12, honoring Skip Barnes for his years of service to the youth of the community through his involvement with the Clifton Heights Boys' Club among other organizations; seconded by Councilwoman Tumolo; and carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Mayor Kelly presented the resolution and plaque to Mr. Barnes and thanked him for his years of service.

Public Comment:

No Public Comment.

Meeting Minutes:

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

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Kelly reiterated his appreciation for Skip Barnes and his years of service.

Mayor Kelly thanked the Fire Department and all involved for the 9/11 ceremony that they hosted at the memorial at the Fire House.

Mayor Kelly noted that Cow Pie Bingo was a success for the Boys' Club.

Mayor Kelly reminded residents that school was now back in session and to be careful while driving.

Mayor Kelly read a snippet from a newspaper article from April 24, 1965 that was provided to him from Lou Valentine Jr. It included business owners on Baltimore Pike complaining about business being bad. He assured everyone that concerns about businesses on Baltimore Pike have been ongoing for over 50 years. He said that the article would be on hand for anyone to read.

Police Report:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Papale 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 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 Councilman Berry; and carried unanimously by a roll call vote of 7-0. (Resnick – yes, Humphreys – yes, Berry – yes, Martin – yes, Tumolo – yes, Papale – yes, Casadei – yes.)

Manager's Report:

Mr. Tartaglia said that he had nothing further from Caucus.

Engineer's Report:

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

Mr. Kelly said that the punch list items for the highway garage had been completed so he would be executing the final documents for the contract and submitting final payment recommendations.

Mr. Kelly said that the 2016 Road Program list had been substantially complete, and they would generate a punch list for follow up and that project would be finalized.

Mr. Kelly said that they had received and commented on plans for the proposed Wawa at the intersection of Jackson and Baltimore Pike. He said that accordingly, Council is being asked to consider a zoning amendment. The proposed amendment would clean up the zoning boundaries and match the boundaries of the property.

Solicitor Catania asked based on a percentage of the entire lot, what amount is being rezoned.

Mr. Kelly said that it was probably about 40% and would make the zoning consistent with Lot 1.

Solicitor Catania asked to confirm that they were asking for Council's authorization to advertise so that it could come before Council at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to authorize the engineer and solicitor to advertise a draft ordinance for the zoning amendment for the Wawa development proposal at Baltimore Pike and Jackson to be considered for adoption at the October meeting; seconded by Councilman Resnick; and carried unanimously by a roll call vote of 7-0. (Resnick – yes, Humphreys – yes, Berry – yes, Martin – yes, Tumolo – yes, Papale – yes, Casadei – yes.)

Mr. Kelly explained that it was now in front of the Delaware County Planning Commission, and that it would move through a process. He said that a hearing and vote could occur on the same day; they just had to allow for public comment at the meeting. Mr. Kelly said that the land development and plans would still have to go through the process after the zoning was figured out.

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 7-0.

Solicitor's Report:

Mr. Catania presented the Solicitor's report.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to authorize the Solicitor to sign and execute stipulations for 241 W. Washington, 130 Church Ave. and 261 Cambridge that were already approved and return them to the County; seconded by Councilwoman Tumolo; and carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to add the Delaware County Redevelopment Corporation, who completed demolition at the properties, to the transfer agreement between the Borough and the Clifton Heights Economic Development Corp. to ensure that the Borough receives clear titles on the properties; seconded by Councilwoman Tumolo; and carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Humphreys to authorize the solicitor and Borough Manager to solicit bids and proposals for a new sanitation services contract commencing January 1, 2017; seconded by Councilman Berry; and carried unanimously by a roll call vote of 7-0. (Resnick – yes, Humphreys – yes, Berry – yes, Martin – yes, Tumolo – yes, Papale – yes, Casadei – yes.)

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to authorize the solicitor and Borough Manager to review and prepare the provided asset transfer agreement and to investigate and ensure the appropriate bond and obligations are in place to transfer the current sanitation services contract from Suburban Waste Services to Creative Waste Solutions Inc. (B&L Disposal); seconded by Councilwoman Tumolo; and carried unanimously by a roll call vote of 7-0. (Resnick – yes, Humphreys – yes, Berry – yes, Martin – yes, Tumolo – yes, Papale – yes, Casadei – yes.)

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:

A motion was made by Councilman Berry to print 2,000 fliers for Troop 111 for their annual food drive and to donate \$100 to help feed the volunteers on the day of the food drive; seconded by Councilwoman Tumolo; and carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Ward Reports:

Councilman Resnick reminded residents that they would need assistance and volunteers for their annual Boy Scouts' Food Drive in November and invited all to partake.

Councilwoman Papale presented a list of recent events in the Borough – Cow Pie Bingo on 9/10, the 9/11 ceremony, a movie night featuring Goonies at Clifton Field on 9/16, a Mystery Dinner Theater at Illusions on 9/17. She also announced upcoming events including Clifton Boys' Club Homecoming on 10/1, St. Eugene's Carnival from 9/27 to 10/1 and Halloween.

Councilman Humphreys had nothing to report.

Councilman Berry had nothing to report.

Councilman Martin had nothing to report.

President Casadei had nothing to report.

Councilwoman Tumolo had nothing to report.

Closing Public Comment:

Fred Rich, 82 Chester Ave., said that the bid to renovate the municipal building was mentioned at caucus. He said that it totaled \$1.7 million. He said that he wants to know what Mr. Tartaglia did with the previous \$1.2 million that he received over the years to renovate the municipal building.

President Casadei said that it is still in the bank.

Mr. Rich said that Mr. Tartaglia can't account for \$1,195,000. He said that he previously provided the documentation from the bonds through the years in 2003, 2012 and 2015. He asked where all of the money went. He said that they only painted the Borough building in 2012 and they moved the salt shed this year. He said that he believes that this is a criminal act of fraud on the taxpayers. He also said that they should bring back the Borough's own sanitation department instead of getting a contract with an out-of-town business.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly A. Duffy
Clifton Heights Borough Secretary