

**Clifton Heights Borough Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 19, 2017**

**Present:**

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

**Others Present:**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Prayer Led by Pastor Derek Rimson**

**Commendations:**

The Mayor and Chief Rockenbach presented commendations to Sgt. Marie Morgan and Officer Christian Caputo of the Clifton Heights Police Department, paramedic Sam Mason, EMT Kevin Cossentino.

He presented commendations recognizing their heroic actions on September 4, 2017 for the building fire at 313 N. Sycamore Ave. The first responders helped save a family who was entrapped on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the complex. All of the first responders played a vital role in saving lives and the Borough of Clifton Heights is grateful and proud of their heroic actions that day and every day.

**Public Comment:**

Suzanne Briddes, 319 Austin Dr., asked about a charter school being housed at the building at the corner of Oak Ave. and Springfield Rd. She said that over the weekend, they had balloons and signs out.

Mr. Tartaglia responded that the Borough does not have an application of any kind from that location. He said that if there is something that opened there, there were no applications filed with the Borough. He said that they would go check in with the location.

Mayor Kelly said that he would keep them updated on that if they found anything out.

Fred Rich, 82 Chester Ave., announced that Clifton Heights resident & 4<sup>th</sup> of July Association President, Ed Jones, who is an employee of PECO, had volunteered to go down to Florida for 2 weeks to help restore power to the homes following Hurricane Irma. He said that he is very proud of him. He also said that he wanted to

commend the residents of the Borough of Clifton Heights for their tremendous generosity in donating to the victims of the fire at the apartment complex. He said that the Clifton Heights Civic Association should be commended for their primary role in organizing the fundraiser on such short notice, notifying residents and collecting almost 3 truckloads of donations. He said that they did an outstanding job. (Round of applause). He asked Mr. Tartaglia where he was during this whole process. He said that Tony should have been present as the Borough Manager, but was nowhere to be seen.

### **Meeting Minutes:**

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to accept the August 2017 meeting minutes as presented; seconded by Councilman 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.)

A motion was made by Councilman Humphreys to accept the updated July 2017 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 thanked Mr. Rich for his thank yous. He said that all of those thank yous were on his list. He thanked all who responded to the fire on September 4, 2017. He said that they gave a few commendations out tonight, but if they could, they would give them to all who responded because they all played a vital role in that situation turning out the way that it did. He thanked Chief Kneass, Chief Rockenbach and the Civic Association for the assistance that they provided in the aftermath of the fire. He thanked the Council people who were able to assist in the aftermath of the fire, Councilwoman Papale and Councilwoman Tumolo, who helped at the collection drive and Councilman Humphreys who was at the scene of the fire and the fire house afterwards to help the families get settled.

Mayor Kelly announced that the week of September 17<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> would be Adult Day Services week and asked that the Borough adopt a Resolution to that effect.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to adopt Resolution 11-17, making the week of September 17<sup>th</sup> to September 23<sup>rd</sup> Adult Day Services week in the Borough; seconded by Councilwoman Papale; and carried unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

Mayor Kelly announced that he would be at the Senior Care of Clifton Heights on Baltimore Pike on Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> for their Open House from 1:30 to 3:30 to present the Resolution and that anyone was welcome to join him.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to accept the Mayor's Report; seconded by Councilman Berry; and carried unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

### **Police Report:**

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to accept the Police Report as presented; seconded by Councilman Humphreys; and carried unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

### **Fire Report:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Papale to accept the Fire Report as presented; seconded by Councilwoman Tumolo; 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 Councilman 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's report was covered in the caucus session.

### **Engineer's Report:**

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

A motion was made by Councilman Berry to authorize the 8<sup>th</sup> payment to GM Mechanical in the amount of \$178,850.39, contingent upon the receipt of notarized copies of the supporting documentation; 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.)

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. MacDonald presented the Solicitor's report.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to reactivate the 8/23/16 Civil Service test for another year; seconded by Councilman 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.)

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to adopt Resolution 12-17, revising the assessment for the two tax folios of HRES Clifton Heights LLC which was voted on last month, but with updated refunding language included in this version; seconded by Councilman Humphreys; 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.)

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

### **Old Business:**

No old business.

### **New Business:**

Councilman Resnick announced that the Boy Scouts would be hosting their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. He asked if the Borough would make a donation to help print the fliers and provide refreshments. He also announced this year's event would be taking place at Today's Child on East Berkley Ave., the former Sacred Heart Rec Center and gym, because of the renovations at Borough Hall.

A motion was made by Councilman Berry to donate \$200 to the Boy Scouts for their annual Food Drive; seconded by Councilman Martin; and carried unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

Councilwoman Papale announced that the Clifton Quarterly would be going to print the 1<sup>st</sup> week of October and being delivered thereafter.

**Ward Reports:**

Councilman Resnick said that they were always in need of volunteers for the Food Drive on November 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>.

Councilwoman Papale had nothing to report.

Councilman Humphreys reminded residents that the Boys' Club was back in action up at the field and asked everyone to be careful while driving around the field.

Councilman Berry announced that the Lions Club Beef & Beer would be taking place on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at the Clifton Heights Fire Club. The Lions' Club supports various charities and scholarships, and the beef & beer is their main fundraiser. He announced that tickets were available from Walt Senkow or Joe Lombardo.

Councilman Martin had nothing to report.

President Casadei reiterated the importance of the Lions' Club and asked everyone to attend.

Councilwoman Peterson had nothing to report.

Councilwoman Tumolo thanked all of the responders, the fire, police and EMS for all of their hard work.

**Closing Public Comment:**

Derek Rimson, Penn St., thanked Mayor Kelly and Chief Rockenbach for helping to make his parish's Community Day/Block Party a great event. He said that they gave out bikes and toys and school supplies. They had a lot of food and activities and it was a great success. He announced that his parish would be donating \$300 to the Boy Scouts for their Food Drive this year.

**Adjournment:**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly A. Duffy  
Clifton Heights Borough Secretary