

**Clifton Heights Borough Council
Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2016**

Present:

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

Others Present:

Joseph T. Kelly, Mayor
Chuck McDonald, 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 Mayor Kelly

Oath of Office:

Mayor Kelly swore in Ronald Berry as a councilman for the 2nd ward.

Public Comment:

No opening public comment.

Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to accept the January 2016 meeting minutes as presented; 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.)

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Kelly announced that the 4th of July Committee would be hosting a Coach Bag Bingo event on Saturday, February 27th at the Firehouse. He thanked Tony Blanche of the Clam Tavern and Broadway Bar & Grill for coordinating the wonderful New Year's Day event that saw the Upland String Band perform and march down Broadway Ave.

Police Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to accept the Police Report as presented; seconded by Councilwoman Papale; 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 Councilman Martin; 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 Councilwoman Tumolo; 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:

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 contractor for the 2015 CDBG Project has submitted additional documentation as requested from OHCD.

Mr. Kelly said that they had prepared the applications for the 2016 Road Program.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to authorize the Engineer to submit the 2016 Road Program application; seconded by Councilman Berry; and carried unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Papale to award the bid for the sanitary sewer slip lining repair on East Broadway Ave. to Tri-State Grouting for \$35,837.50; seconded by Councilman Resnick; and carried unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

Mr. Kelly reported that Chapter 94 reports would be due, so they were finalizing their preparation.

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 8-0.

Solicitor's Report:

Mr. McDonald presented the Solicitor's report.

Mr. McDonald reported that the TRAN documents were signed and would be sent to Republic Bank for processing.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to approve Resolution 02-16, honoring Boy Scout Troop 111 and their leaders for their years of service and dedication to the community of Clifton Heights, particularly

through their annually record-breaking food drive around the Thanksgiving holiday; seconded by Councilwoman Tumolo; and carried unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Councilwoman Papale said that she had been in contact with the Borough's Tax Collector, Claudia Fagioli, and she had reported that all of the taxes had been sent out, but she was receiving more than a normal amount of returns on the addresses.

Mayor Kelly suggested reaching out the County since they use the same tax list for addresses to see if they were having similar issues with returned mail.

Councilwoman Papale said that she would pass along that recommendation to the tax collector.

Ward Reports:

Councilman Resnick thanked the Highway Department on the good snow cleanup, but reminded residents not to snow blow into the street causing continued work for the road crews who were cleaning up.

Councilwoman Papale had nothing to report.

Councilman Humphreys thanked the road crew.

Councilman Berry had nothing to report.

Councilman Martin had nothing to report.

President Casadei had nothing to report.

Councilwoman Peterson welcomed and congratulated Councilman Berry.

Councilwoman Tumolo said that she was happy to be back and thanked everyone for their support.

Closing Public Comment:

Bonnie Callahan, 235 Woodbridge Rd., asked why the alley behind her house had been blocked off to traffic.

Mr. Tartaglia said that they were assessing the situation and that it seemed that the alley had cracked and shifted earlier in the day, resulting in water coming up from underground. He said that they are going to see if a water main had cracked or if there was another cause. But in an abundance of caution, they blocked off the entry late in the afternoon. He said that the Highway Department did knock on doors but not all homeowners were home. They were trying to inform homeowners who wouldn't have access to their garages so that they could move their cars. He said that they would follow up with more information as it became available to them, but this was a late in the day development.

Pastor Derrick from Kingdom Dominion Cathedral Church, the new church at 100 Penn St. introduced himself to Council and said that he was looking forward to being of service to the community.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly A. Duffy
Clifton Heights Borough Secretary