

Clifton Heights Borough Council
October 19, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes

Council Members Attending:

Mike Humphreys, Council President
Mark Campbell, Council Vice President
Destiny Borelli, Councilwoman
Leona Papale, Councilwoman
Harris Resnick, Councilman

Council Members Absent:

Louis Cabrelli, Councilman
Timothy O’Hara, Councilman
Karen Peterson, Councilwoman

Officials Attending:

Tom Micozzie, Borough Manager
Timothy Rockenbach, Chief of Police
Nick DePompeo, Fire Chief
John Gould, Code Enforcement
John McBlain, Borough Solicitor
J.P. Kelly, Borough Engineer
Cynthia Leitzell, Borough Financial Advisor

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:

Borough Council President Mike Humphreys presided over the meeting; called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered an opening prayer.

Roll Call:

President Humphreys took a roll call of Council members in attendance. Councilman O’Hara, Councilman Cabrelli and Councilwoman Peterson are absent.

Public Comment:

No opening public comment.

Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilman Resnick to accept the September 2021 meeting minutes as presented; seconded by Vice President Campbell; and carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

Agenda Change for Recognition:

A motion was made by Councilman Resnick to change the advertised agenda so that they could swear in the police officers, an agenda item that was listed under the Mayor’s Report; seconded by Councilwoman Borelli; and carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

Mayor’s Report:

Judge Micozzie-Aguirre completed the swearing in of Christian Caputo as a Sergeant in the Clifton Heights Police Department.

[Applause.]

Judge Micozzie-Aguirre also completed the swearing in of new patrolman Duncan Smith.

[Applause.]

President Humphreys presented a resolution to Officer John Clancy upon his retirement.

[Applause.]

Councilman Humphreys reminded residents that the Mayor's Luncheon would be on Tuesday, October 26th at 12pm at the Columbus Club. He also reminded everyone of the Farmer's Market at Borough Hall tomorrow.

Financial Reports/Bills:

Financial Advisor Leitzell presented the report and expenses.

A motion was made by Vice President Campbell to approve the treasurer's report and pay the bills as presented; seconded by Councilman Resnick; and carried unanimously by a roll call vote of 5-0. (Resnick – yes, Borelli – yes, Papale – yes, Humphreys – yes, Campbell – yes).

Police Report:

Written reports provided to Council.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Borelli to accept the Police Report as presented; seconded by Councilman Resnick; and carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

Fire Report:

Written reports provided to Council.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Papale to accept the Fire Report as presented; seconded by Councilman Resnick; and carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

Engineer's Report

Borough Engineer Kelly presented the report.

Mr. Kelly reported that PENNDOT informed the Borough that they would not authorize the use of Liquid Fuels funds for this year's road program due to the time of year and the fact that only one bid was received. If approved by Council to rescind the award of the bid, the funds would stay in the fund and be able to be used next year.

A motion was made by Councilman Resnick to present a change order to Cousins of North Wales to amend the scope of the contract that was awarded for only the parking lot work and not the Liquid Fuels Road Program portion of the contract to see if they are amenable to completing that work as contracted; seconded by Vice President Campbell; and carried unanimously by a roll call vote of 5-0. (Resnick – yes, Borelli – yes, Papale – yes, Humphreys – yes, Campbell – yes).

A motion was made by Councilwoman Papale to approve the Engineer's Report as presented; seconded by Councilman Resnick; and carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

Solicitor's Report:

John McBlain prepared a small facility wireless ordinance on behalf of the Borough.

A motion was made by Vice President Campbell to adopt the small facility wireless in right of way ordinance; seconded by Councilwoman Borelli; and carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0. (Resnick – yes, Borelli – yes, Papale – yes, Humphreys – yes, Campbell – yes).

A motion was made by Councilman Resnick to accept the Solicitor's Report as presented; seconded by Vice President Campbell; and carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

Community Development & Code Enforcement Report:

John Gould submitted a written report to Council.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Papale to accept the Code Enforcement report; seconded by Councilwoman Borelli; and carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Micozzie provided a preliminary budget which reflected no tax increase or fee increases for the next fiscal year. He requested that the Finance Committee meet in November to go through the budget and work on the final budget for presentation.

Borough Manager Micozzie reported on the Farmer's Market.

Borough Manager Micozzie reported that they are working on the Borough's website after running into recent issues.

A motion was made by Vice President Campbell to approve the Borough's website contract with Proud City in the amount of \$1,800/year for 2022 & 2023 with a one-time \$4,500 onboarding fee; seconded by Councilman Resnick; and carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

Committee/Ward Reports

Councilwoman Papale: The Clifton Heights Swim Club had to cancel their annual Halloween Party.

Councilman Resnick: The Boy Scouts will be hosting their annual Food Drive on the 2nd & 3rd Saturdays in November. He said that they may be shorthanded on the 2nd Saturday so they may not get to all of the houses to drop the bags. They will be doing a drive through drop off option at Borough Hall on the 3rd Saturday and picking up and sorting food at Today's Child on East Berkley. He invited any and all volunteers to join them from 8:30am-4pm on either or both days.

President Humphreys: Recognized the Boys' Club on their recent 50th Anniversary celebration. He also mentioned the PAL who does an awesome job.

Councilwoman Borelli: Nothing to report.

Vice President Campbell: The lights discussed at previous meetings are up and running. He also congratulated the Boys' Club.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

No new business.

Closing Public Comment:

Fred Rich, 82 Chester Ave., asked about the 5G system going in. He asked if this would be a cancer inducing system being so close to residents with the 50 foot height outlined.

Solicitor McBlain said that there are always concerns voiced with new technologies, much like the cell tower complaints years ago. He said that 5G systems are up and running in other areas and there have been no reports of any issues.

Mr. Rich thanked the Code Enforcement Department for their work in helping keep the taxes in check.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Vice President Campbell to adjourn; seconded by Councilwoman Papale; and carried by a vote of 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly A. Duffy
Clifton Heights Borough Secretary