

**Clifton Heights Borough Council**  
**May 25, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes**

**Council Members Attending:**

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

**Council Members Absent:**

Louis Cabrelli, Councilman  
Timothy O'Hara, Councilman  
Karen Peterson, Council President

**Officials Attending:**

Joseph Lombardo, Mayor  
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 Vice President Mark Campbell presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Lombardo offered an opening prayer.

Mayor Lombardo asked for a moment of silence in memory for Delaware County Park Police Chief, Scott Mahoney, who passed away. He noted that he worked as a part-time police officer for the Borough in the past.

**Roll Call:**

Vice President Campbell took a roll call of Council members in attendance. Mark Campbell, Leona Papale, Harris Resnick, Destiny Borelli and Mike Humphreys were in attendance. Lou Cabrelli, Tim O'Hara and Karen Peterson were absent.

**Special Presentation:**

Mayor Lombardo presented a commendation to Sergeants Brown & McCaughn and Patrolman Paul, who responded to a report of a woman in crisis armed with a gun on April 26, 2021. Responding to the scene, the officers acted in a heroic manner and relied on their training to deescalate the subject and ensure that the family of the subject and the public were no longer in harm's way. They were able to engage the subject and establish a safe perimeter with the help of

neighboring law enforcement agencies. With the arrival of trained police negotiators, tactical units and EMS, there was continued negotiations for almost 2 hours, which led to the resolution of the situation without injury to the subject, police or the surrounding community. It is with great pride that a commendation of merit is bestowed upon Sergeants Steve Brown & Robert McCaughn & Patrolman Steven Paul for their heroic dedication, duty applied training, compassion and humanity when faced with an emotionally charged, highly dangerous armed person.

[Applause.]

**Public Comment:**

Vice President asked if there was any citizen comment for any items listed on the agenda.

Councilman Resnick said that it had always been that you could sign up for opening public comment and closing public comment was limited to items discussed during the meeting.

Solicitor McBlain said that it was his understanding that Council had been using several different types of agendas over a period of time, he's not sure how many months since he was not there for previous meetings. He said that in speaking with the Borough Manager he asked if there was a standard agenda, and they discussed it and Solicitor McBlain put together what he would consider to be a standard agenda used in municipalities. He said that typically you would see that there is citizen participation on the agenda items at the outset of the meetings so that the public could comment on any matters to Council that are known to be voted upon during the meeting. There is also included citizen participation under agenda item 11, after new business, for citizen participation for anything. He said that it would be up to Council.

Councilman Resnick said that their meetings were setup to allow residents to call in advance and inform a Borough staff member what they would like to discuss at opening public comment so that Borough representatives could be prepared with answers if it required any research. Then closing public comment was reserved only for items that were discussed during the course of the meeting.

Mayor Lombardo said that he thinks that they are doing that, just in the opposite setup.

Someone in the audience asked if they could just get on with the meeting and not worry about something so ridiculous.

Councilwoman Papale asked Solicitor McBlain if the agenda was publicized prior to the meeting. She asked if the audience had a copy of the agenda at least to know what is on the agenda.

Solicitor McBlain said that he does not know if the agenda was distributed or not. He said that he looked at the April agenda and it read, "Public comment on agenda items" and then had an additional public comment after new business.

Councilwoman Papale said that she understands that and is just wondering if the agenda was publicized. She said that agendas in the past would be posted to social media to allow people to see the agenda in advance.

Solicitor McBlain said that he is unaware of that.

Councilwoman Papale said that he just wondered how anyone would know what the agenda items are to comment at the outset of the meeting if the agenda wasn't shared prior to the meeting.

Solicitor McBlain said that it would be the pleasure of Council to entertain whatever public comment they wanted.

Vice President Campbell said that they would stick with the agenda items only.

Councilwoman Papale said that if that is what they are going to do, the agenda would need to be publicized in advance so that the public would know what is on the agenda to comment.

Councilman Humphreys said that for a point of order, he would have to agree with Councilman Resnick, that since he has been on Council, opening public comment was allowed from residents who called in advance and stated what they wanted to discuss during opening public comment and closing public comment allowed for residents to discuss any items that were discussed during the meeting. He said that allowed for Council to be prepared for any items that they might have to look up. He said that calling in and providing 24 hours' notice on the opening public comment items is how they always did it previously and he thinks that is how they should handle it moving forward for June's meeting and beyond.

Councilwoman Papale said that they should also publicize the agenda so it's not a surprise as to what would be discussed during the course of any meeting.

Vice President Campbell thanked Councilman Humphreys for pointing out that prior practice and Councilwoman Papale so that they can ensure that they get the agenda out to the public in advance.

### **Administrative Items:**

Vice President Campbell said that he received a letter from Karen Peterson explaining that she resigned as Council President due to personal reasons. He said that she would still be the councilwoman for the 4<sup>th</sup> ward.

He said that he would like to open the floor now for nominations for President of Council.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Borelli to nominate Mike Humphreys as Council President; seconded by Vice President Campbell.

Councilwoman Papale asked if she could ask questions or comment before her vote.

Vice President Campbell said that she could.

Councilwoman Papale asked everyone to bear with her for a moment. She played “Pop Goes the Weasel” on her phone and said that people may recognize it as a song that is played while children play musical chairs. She said that she feels like this is the Mayor’s musical chair now that they have had 2 Council Presidents appointed in the last 2 months. She said that she also wanted to ask what Mr. Humphreys’ qualifications were to be Council President. She said that there was a calendar committee and asked if Mike was on the calendar committee.

Councilman Humphreys said that no, he was not.

Councilwoman Papale asked if Councilman Humphreys was ever involved with the Clifton Quarterly or submitted any articles for the Clifton Quarterly.

Councilman Humphreys said that he did not.

Councilwoman Papale asked him if he was involved with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Association.

Councilman Humphreys said no but he supports the Association.

Councilwoman Papale asked if he was part of the Clifton Heights Community Cleanup Day that they hosted a few weeks ago as a community event.

Councilman Humphreys said that he was with some of his neighbors on Arch Street cleaning up Arch Street.

Councilwoman Papale said that there is a holiday decorating contest each year and asked if he participated in that at all outside of giving out the awards at the end.

Councilman Humphreys said that he only gave out the awards at the end.

Councilwoman Papale asked if he was involved in providing any of the information for the Borough website or Borough Facebook page.

Councilman Humphreys said that at the Council meetings he promotes the PAL and Boys’ Club and any other things that he may see fit at certain times. He said that he defers to other Council members who are in charge of certain committees to provide their information.

Councilwoman Papale asked Councilman Humphreys if he has ever participated in the Boy Scouts’ annual food drive that takes place in the Borough each year.

Councilman Humphreys said that for many years he worked for the Catholic cemeteries and worked every Saturday, so he was unable to participate in that event because of his work schedule.

Councilwoman Papale said that based on what she heard in response to her questions her vote would be no for Councilman Humphreys as President of Council.

Vice President took a roll call vote of the motion to appoint Councilman Humphreys as President of Council. The motion carried 3-2. (Papale – no, Campbell – yes, Resnick – no, Humphreys – yes, Borelli – yes).

President Humphreys asked if he would take over the meeting at this point.

Solicitor McBlain confirmed that President Humphreys would now chair the meeting.

President Humphreys said that he just wanted to say something after Councilwoman Papale's comments. He said that he knows how to run a meeting. He said that he knows that he doesn't usually say much during the course of meetings, but he knows how to run a meeting. He said that when he was in his mid-30s he ran De LaSalle 590 when it was in its glory days with 2,500 members and there used to be 5 factions over there that he had to make amends to. He said that he intends to help everyone and listen to everyone in the Borough. He said that goes for both parties, independents, everyone. He said that anyone could feel free to come and see him and talk to him. He said that if someone has a problem with something that he is doing, they can come and talk to him directly and not behind his back. He said that he just got this position and he is trying to open himself up to everyone. He said that he serves at the whim of the 8 people at the table. He said that if they don't like what he's doing in a month or 2 or even at the end of this meeting, they could go and elect someone else. He said that he hopes to keep everyone happy with what he's doing and he plans to serve the residents of the Borough of Clifton Heights.

Vice President Campbell asked President Humphreys how long he has been on Council.

President Humphreys said 10 or 11 years probably. He said that he also served on the Zoning Board prior to becoming a Councilperson.

Solicitor McBlain said that in terms of the agenda for the evening, one of the items is to appoint a part-time police officer. He said that he knows that they have some folks here for that, so he would suggest that Council deviate from the agenda for that item.

#### **Swearing-In of Part-Time Police Officer:**

A motion was made by Councilman Resnick to appoint Officer Andrew Tustin as a part-time officer for the Borough's Police Department; seconded by Councilwoman Papale; and carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

Mayor Lombardo swore in Andrew Tustin as a part-time officer of the Borough of Clifton Heights.

[Applause]

#### **Meeting Minutes:**

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

### **Financial Reports/Bills:**

Financial Advisor Leitzell said that the reports were before Council and it appears that approximately 91% of taxes had been collected at this point. She said that they are well within budget in all areas at this point.

President Humphreys said that he would like to give kudos to the tax collector who is in the room this evening.

[Applause]

Councilwoman Papale said that she just received the bills when she arrived here this evening at 7pm. She said that she would like to be able to look through them in advance to see what is being paid. She asked if there would be any way for her to get them out to Council earlier.

Ms. Leitzell explained that the system is setup with the Wednesday prior to the meeting being the cutoff day for bills to come in and be processed so that the reports can be processed and the checks can be cut over the weekend. She said that they usually get the bills down to the Borough by Monday, but with the setup it would be harder for them to get them down here any sooner. She said that if they were to receive all the bills by Wednesday, there would be a chance that they could get them here by Saturday.

Councilwoman Papale said that she knows that there have been times in the past when they have received the bills by Friday.

Ms. Leitzell explained that would be if all the checks were in by Wednesday and they were able to turn them around quickly. She said that this week in particular, they received a number of bills on Friday.

Councilwoman Papale asked Borough Manager Micozzie if the bills were received by Monday if he could have them circulated around to Council prior to the meeting for review like they had been able to do for a few months previously.

Borough Manager Micozzie said that he could do that moving forward.

Councilwoman Papale said that she understands the difficulties, she would just like to be able to have a chance to review them.

Borough Manager Micozzie and Ms. Leitzell both advised that they could circulate the reports and or bills on Friday and then share the checks once they are prepared.

Councilwoman Papale said that would be helpful and she certainly doesn't want to hold up any bills because she didn't have a chance to review them.

Ms. Leitzell said that they would do their best to get it over as soon as they could and that if there were a few stragglers, they would keep them updated on the few that came in after.

A motion was made by Councilman Resnick to approve the treasurer's report and pay the bills with the understanding that the information would be shared in advance of arrival at next month's meeting; seconded by Councilwoman Papale; and carried unanimously by a roll call vote of 5-0. (Resnick – yes, Borelli – yes, Humphreys – yes, Papale – yes, Campbell – yes).

### **Police Report:**

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

### **Fire Report:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Borelli 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 said that a potential list of roads and scope of work for the 2021 Road Program was attached to his report. He said that if Council were to approve the list, then he would seeking authorization to advertise the Road Program and solicit bids. He said that the list is in order of priority based on their current condition. He said that the Borough typically spends \$70-80,000 annually on the Road Program. He said that pothole repairs are typically included with the Road Program work. He said that his suggestion would be to put out the first three roads and then include the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> roads as possible alternates so that they could see what the price ends up being and figure out the budget considering fuel prices and construction costs are currently up. He said that he thinks that they would be safe price wise with the first three roads and then if they get competitive pricing, they may be able to do a 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> road.

President Humphreys announced that the first 3 roads on the list are Wilton Ave (from Davis Ave. to W. Baltimore), Ogden Street (from E. Baltimore to E. Broadway), and Jefferson St. (from S. Springfield to S. Penn St.). He said that the 4<sup>th</sup> street is Penn Street (from 2020 paving to Jefferson Street) and the 5<sup>th</sup> street is Davis Ave. (from N. Oak to Wilton).

A motion was made by Councilman Resnick to authorize the 2021 Road Program to be put out to bid for Wilton Ave., Ogden Street and Jefferson Street as outlined in the Engineer's Report; seconded by Councilwoman Papale; and carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

Mr. Kelly noted that they submitted a request for additional funds to Delaware County Council for the CDBG project at Garchinsky Park and are awaiting a decision on that after the bids came in higher than the grant they received. He said that if they are not granted additional funds, they will adjust the scope of the work to remove some items from the scope to proceed with the funds they were awarded.

Councilwoman Papale said that she has the existing plans but she wondered if they would receive copies of the revised plans if they were to change.

Mr. Kelly said that the plans wouldn't change much. He said that maybe some of the plantings and equipment would be scaled down.

Councilwoman Papale said that it was brought to her attention about not having it totally enclosed. She said that she doesn't think that's a good idea. She said that it was really a tot lot to begin with and not really for older kids, so she thinks it being enclosed would be helpful to keep the kids from running into the surrounding streets.

Mr. Kelly assured her that fencing is included in the plans.

Mr. Kelly said that they are seeking authorization to generate a scope of work, advertise and solicit bids to clean and video record a portion of the sanitary sewer line. He said that it would be his suggestion to rotate on a 4 year program, cleaning 25% of the sewer system each year. The Borough recently received from funds that must be used on the sewer system and this would be the perfect project for those funds. He said that many, many years ago, they did have this rotating system of cleaning and video recording set up. He said that the Darby Creek Joint Authority and DEP are constantly asking what the Borough is doing to maintain the sewer system line so that there are funds available, he is recommending that they start the cleaning again. He said that this would allow the Borough to be more proactive with repairs and slip lining.

Mayor Lombardo asked what something like that would run.

Mr. Kelly said that he would estimate that 25% of the system could be cleaned for \$30-40,000.

Councilwoman Papale asked where that money would come from.

Mr. Kelly said that right now, there was \$90,000 deposited for the rare purchase of ETUs and that money can only be spent on sanitary sewer expenses. He said that they have their own account already set up for that, but he is not the accountant so he couldn't tell you the balance of the account, but he does know they have these funds.

Borough Manager Micozzie noted that this was part of the 500 E. Broadway project.

President Humphreys asked Mr. Kelly how old the sewer lines are roughly. He said that they were maybe from the 1920s-1930s. He said that this is definitely something that needs to be done. He said that they are not a new town and the sewers are old, and they need to complete maintenance.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Papale to authorize the engineer to proceed with developing a scope of work for a sewer cleaning & videoing project, and then advertising and seeking bids for the scope of work that he develops; seconded by Councilwoman Borelli; and carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

Councilwoman Borelli asked about the sewer at the corner of Cherry and West Madison. She said that it looks like a portion of the roadway is falling into the sewer.



Borough Manager Micozzie said that there are cones up there and the storm water drain. He said that the brick underneath fell apart and the street would have to be repaired. He thanked her for her call because James was able to get out there right away to look at it.

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

### **Solicitor's Report:**

John McBlain presented the Solicitor's Report.

Solicitor McBlain said that they are working on the Land Development Agreements for the R2K property on East Baltimore Ave. and working on a sewer agreement for 570 E. Baltimore Ave. for the development for the former Kmart property. He said that he passed on and is in the process of reviewing a draft of a vacant property registration ordinance. He said that Mr. Gould and Mr. Catania had been working on that previously. He said that they have done quite a bit of work on the code issues at 32 Mill Street. He said that there were citations that were still pending before the District Court last month. He said that the owner of the property has several legal matters pending in District Court. He said that they weren't able to proceed at last month's Court hearing because the criminal matters were previous to the Borough's matters and he did not have an attorney so he was incarcerated for a brief period of time, so it was continued and that comes back up this Thursday. He said that he, Mr. Gould and Mr. Micozzie have talked extensively about what to do with that property. He said that he would ask for Council to meet in Executive Session after this meeting to discuss 2 matters of litigation.

Solicitor McBlain said that concluded his report.

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

### **Manager's Report:**

Borough Manager Micozzie said that BrightHouse Financial is the carrier of the Borough's life insurance policies for the Police Department. He said that they had an officer, Thomas Wooding, leave the Department; therefore a termination refund was issued to the Borough for approximately \$3,000. He said that he is looking for authorization to sign that agreement in order to get the refund.

A motion was made by Councilman Resnick to authorize Borough Manager Micozzie to execute the agreement with BrightHouse Financial to recoup the refund after Thomas Wooding left the Police Department; seconded by Vice President Campbell; and carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

Borough Manager Micozzie said that he would like to start a Safety Committee. He said that if they have an active Safety Committee, they are eligible for a 5% reduction on their Worker's Comp policy charges. He said that would save the Borough \$9-10,000 annually. He said that they would do weekly park inspections and vehicle inspections. He said that accident reporting

was a big part of it, as well as post-accident discussions to try to ensure that the same thing didn't happen again. He said that the Committee would meet once a month and they already have the application into the State.

Borough Manager Micozzie said that they had a meeting with the Historical Committee on May 5<sup>th</sup>. He said that the meeting was about an hour long and he sent a copy of the minutes to all of Council. He said that they are looking for a good working relationship and they discussed items such as by-laws, helping with applications. He said that they want an open line of communication with Council and their next meeting will be June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Borough Manager Micozzie said that the Borough Cleanup Day was held.

Councilwoman Papale said that if he didn't mind, she had quite a few things she would like to say about the cleanup day and she would do it in her ward report.

Borough Manager Micozzie said that the Civil Service Test had been enacted on behalf of the Police Department, and they are looking to add 2 officers per the Chief. He said that they would like to hire one officer with a start date of July 1, 2021 and then work through the summer months and reevaluate because the summer months see more overtime because of vacations and the like. He said that they also are short a supervisor and would like to make the necessary promotions to ensure that they are not short staffed on a supervisor position on shifts. He said that they are currently paying an officer to be the supervisor without the title.

Councilwoman Papale asked how that would impact the budget.

Financial Advisor Leitzell said that as of right now, the Department is well within its budget, so it should fit into the budget without too much of an impact. He said that they had talked about hiring the 2<sup>nd</sup> officer later in the summer to see where the budget stands after the extra overtime that is accrued normally in the summer months. He said that the additional officer should help to equalize itself by bringing the overtime down.

Councilwoman Papale said that she knows that they are also up for police negotiations this year. She asked if they were hired prior to a new contract if they would be grandfathered into items from the previous contract or would they be under the terms of the contract that is adopted this year.

Solicitor McBlain said that it would really depend and they could negotiate that in the contract. He said that typically if there is a benefit change and you want it to stay for the older officers and not the newer officers, you would say as of a certain date and any officer hired after that date would have a specification. He said that typically would be for January 1<sup>st</sup> of the new contract year. He said that any officer hired in 2021 would be hired on the current contract but obviously subject to negotiation.

Councilwoman Papale asked what his opinion would be as to how that might go over.

Borough Manager Micozzie said that they have started preliminary negotiations for that and that was taken into account in those preliminary negotiations.

Solicitor McBlain explained that this would be to proceed with the process of the hiring of a new police officer service, subject to the Civil Service process. He said that the Civil Service Commission has met, tested, and developed a list of the top 3 scoring individuals and those 3 are on the civil service list. Council may, at any time, choose one of those 3 from the list. He said that this was being brought up tonight, but obviously Council is not in a position to vote tonight to pick someone from the list. He said that they want authorization to proceed with the process and set up interviews and perhaps Council would be in a position to pick a candidate at the June meeting.

A motion was made by Vice President Campbell to authorize the Borough Manager and Chief of Police to proceed with the process of hiring new police officers, subject to the Civil Service process; seconded by Councilwoman Borelli.

Councilman Resnick asked if the interviews would occur prior to the next meeting.

President Humphreys asked the Borough Manager to reach out to Councilmembers to coordinate scheduling a time for interviews to take place, preferably prior to next month's meeting.

Michelle Hartel, 317 Harrison Ave., asked if she could ask a question.

President Humphreys said she could.

Mrs. Hartel asked if they were just saying that they were starting the interview process in June, not that they were hiring a new officer in June. She asked for clarification if they were getting the candidates ready in case they wanted to hire in June, not that they were hiring in June.

President Humphreys clarified that the officers have already completed their civil service examinations, and they have identified the top 3 candidates from their scores, and Councilmembers would be interviewing those top 3 candidates. He said that they would then decide which of the 3 they wanted to hire.

Mrs. Hartel said that they are just voting to interview the candidates and then in June they would look at the budget provided by the Financial Advisor and see if they could hire an officer.

President Humphreys said that if they decided to hire an officer, it would be done at a Council meeting, not behind closed doors.

Mrs. Hartel said that she didn't ask that, she just wanted to confirm that they were voting on the process and not voting on the hiring.

President Humphreys said that they are voting on the process. He also said that while he allowed that discussion to take place right now, he wanted to remind everyone that there is a time for public comment at the end of the meeting and public comment shouldn't be happening in the course of agenda items.

Mrs. Hartel said that if she hadn't asked her question then it would have been too late to clarify after a vote that couldn't be reversed.

After questions on the motion, the motion was carried 5-0.

### **Committee/Ward Reports**

**Councilwoman Papale**: She said that she would like to comment on the Clifton Cleanup Day that was held on May 15<sup>th</sup>. She said that overall, she felt it was a success for something that they did for the 1<sup>st</sup> time that was so big. She thanked the over 30 volunteers who came out that day to help clean up. She said that they had regulars and new faces. She thanked Chief Rockenbach who was at the planning meeting for the event and shared some things they may not have thought of otherwise about what to pick up and what not to pick up. She thanked Councilwoman Borelli for coming out. She thanked State Representative Mike Zabel for participating. She thanked Borough Manager Micozzie and his staff, Peg, Paula, Chris, Lou and John for the tremendous job that they did putting together the bags that were distributed that day. They set up 2 individual bags for each person that was a block captain, one with supplies and one with snacks. She thanked the staff for putting that together.

[Applause]

She thanked the Highway Department, James & Jimmy for helping to distribute the bags in the morning and coming back later in the day to pick up the trash that was placed throughout the Borough.

[Applause]

She thanked the owner of 1Owner Car Dealership on Baltimore Pike, who was the 1 business that responded to the flyer given out by the Borough. He responded by saying that he couldn't attend or help on the day of the event, but he wanted to buy the volunteers pizza for lunch, and he did. He said that was a class act thing to do. She thanked Bill Kneass for his help with the social media posts. He shared photos of the event and just worked to get the word out in advance of the event. She also thanked Jane Tumolo, the Borough Tax Collector, who volunteered at the event. She said that they hoped to have another event after the summer with even more volunteers. She thanked everyone.

Vice President Campbell said that next year maybe they could get the flyer to the Clifton Heights Business Association to get more businesses involved.

Councilwoman Papale said that they were supposed to do that but she's not sure what happened and why it didn't go out to the Business Association. She said that it was definitely discussed at the meeting to get it to them. She said that they definitely learned a few things with this first attempt, another one being to get the idea circulated earlier.

**Councilman Resnick**: He said that he didn't have anything further for the 1<sup>st</sup> ward.

**President Humphreys:** He said that he is here to help everyone in the Borough. He said that anyone was welcome to reach out to him with any issues, but they should also continue to seek the assistance of the council people in their ward first. He said that the carnival is up and running. He asked everyone to watch for kids and adults and be careful driving up by the fields. He wished them a successful event.

**Councilwoman Borelli:** She had nothing to report.

**Vice President Campbell:** He said that carnival is looking to be a big success so far. He asked everyone to pass along about the carnival to encourage attendance so that it would be a success for both organizations.

### **Code Enforcement Report:**

John Gould presented the Code Enforcement report.

Mr. Gould reported that he stopped down to the Clifton Plaza and that it looks like 2 of the businesses will have a late summer/early fall opening, the Dollar Tree and the Big Lots store. He said that hopefully the others will follow in the fall.

President Humphreys asked about across the street.

Mr. Gould said that is just getting started.

Councilwoman Papale asked if the R2K property had done any other cleanups.

Mr. Gould said that they have been staying on top of it and they should probably be out again next week.

President Humphreys asked about the charter school at Rockbourne.

Mr. Gould explained that they had a Zoning Hearing Board meeting on that on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

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

### **Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Lombardo said that he wanted to mention that 4<sup>th</sup> of July is coming up and he knows that they are always in need of volunteers. He asked Ed Jones if he could comment on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Ed Jones said that they are working on their fundraising. He said that he prepared the business flyer that he would be submitting to the Business Association. He said that flyers would be going out to houses in the next week.

Councilwoman Papale asked if he needed any help putting them together. She said that she knows that they've done that in the past.

Ed Jones said that he really has a busy work schedule currently working 6 days a week and he is working around that to get this done because it has to be done.

Councilwoman Papale said that they could certainly coordinate an evening to help get it done.

Ed Jones said next Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> would be the best night.

Councilwoman Papale said that she would be asking some people out in the audience to help, so Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. She said that she would call him.

Ed Jones said Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 6pm in the Borough building and for everyone to bring staplers if they have them. He also said that he was able to successfully get the cost of the fireworks down \$3,000, so the cost will be \$12,500.

Mayor Lombardo said to share the info on when everything would be.

Ed Jones said that the parade and fireworks would be on Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. He said that the parade route would be their normal parade route because they talked to Saint Stephen's Church and they have mass from 9-10 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> mass isn't until 12pm. He said that bands are signed up and they are ready to go.

President Humphreys said that he is happy to see the Borough returning to some normalcy with the carnival and 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Ed Jones asked about the permit for the field.

Mayor Lombardo said that he would talk to the Superintendent.

Ed Jones said that they would need a few days to setup the field.

Mayor Lombardo said that he would follow up with him after speaking to the Superintendent.

John Todd said that they would be having something for Memorial Day next week too.

Mayor Lombardo said that he didn't forget and hadn't yet concluded his report.

Mayor Lombardo said that on Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 10am, they would be having a Memorial Day ceremony at the monument. He said that American Legion would be hosting that, and they always do a wonderful job.

### **New Business**

Councilman Resnick said that the Boys' Scouts will be back up and running with their food drive event this year. He said that after hearing of success stories with other drive up food donation events, they wanted to host a drive through location at the Borough Hall building this year where people could drive up and drop off food and then once the truck is loaded, they would take that

food and deliver to the Today's Child location. He said that they wouldn't need the building, just the parking lot and some safety cones.

President Humphreys said that he wouldn't see any problem with that at all.

Mayor Lombardo said that he would have plenty of tents he could lend in the event of rain.

### **Old Business**

Councilwoman Papale asked where they stood with the summer help hires.

Borough Manager Micozzie said that they had received 4 applications to date.

Councilwoman Papale asked if they had any updates on the Farmer's Market.

Borough Manager Micozzie said that they hadn't received any bites. He said that with current situation with organizations and schools giving out food weekly, they may have to wait for that to conclude before interest in a Farmer's Market becomes a possibility.

Councilwoman Papale said that maybe they could adjust the concept from food to flea market or vendor oriented table sales.

Borough Manager Micozzie said that she could call him tomorrow and they could go through ideas.

### **Closing Public Comment:**

Bonnie Callahan, 235 Woodbridge Ave., she asked if a Venmo account could be setup for 4<sup>th</sup> of July. She said that there are a lot of young families moving into town that are not going to put checks in the mail because of the postal service. She said that they could Venmo in 2 minutes.

Mayor Lombardo asked if they would have to set that up through the bank.

Councilwoman Borelli said that it could be setup right through the Venmo app if you have the bank account information, you just enter the information into the app and it would link up to the checking account.

Ed Jones said that he already had the flyers printed so he wouldn't be able to add that.

Mrs. Callahan said that he could just advertise it through social media and get donations that way. She thinks that he would get double the donations with that way.

Mrs. Callahan said over the weekend at Oak and Wynncliffe, they were selling deodorant and shampoo and she just thinks that's a little hazardous to have traffic pulling over there. She said that someone was hit at that intersection on Sunday.

**Adjournment:**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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