

**Clifton Heights Borough Council  
Meeting Minutes  
March 18, 2014**

**Present:**

Edward Martin, Council Vice President  
Betsy Berry, Councilwoman  
Mike Humphreys, Councilman  
Hugh McElhenney, Councilman  
Leona Papale, Councilwoman  
Karen Peterson, Councilwoman  
Jane Tumolo, Councilwoman

**Absent:**

Anthony Casadei, Council President

**Others Present:**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Prayer Led Mayor Kelly**

**Presentations by Chief Rockenbach:**

Chief Rockenbach presented letters of commendation to Sergeant Marie Morgan and Officer Thomas Gallo for their work in responding to an armed robbery at the Rite Aid Pharmacy, locating the assailant and locating physical evidence in the surrounding area, including a firearm that was found abandoned in a snow bank on Maple Terrace.

Chief Rockenbach presented letters of commendation to Sergeant John Martin, Officer Ryan Berry and Officer John Burke Jr. for their work in responding to an armed robbery at the 7-11 store after a 911 hang-up and locating the assailants before they made it outside of the Borough.

Mayor Kelly read a Resolution honoring Sergeant Francis Rich, Jr. upon his retirement after 46 years of service.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Berry to approve the resolution honoring Francis Rich Jr.; seconded by Councilwoman Papale; and carried unanimously by a roll call vote of 7-0. (McElhenney – yes, Humphreys – yes, Berry – yes, Peterson – yes, Tumolo – yes, Papale – yes, Martin – yes.)

Chief Rockenbach presented a letter of commendation to Francis Rich Jr. for his devotion to duty during his 46 years of service to the Borough of Clifton Heights. He also noted his involvement in the community through the Fire Department, social and athletic organizations and the Lions Club.

Mr. Catania said that they had received information from the Police Department's Civil Service Commission that Robert McCaughn has successfully met the requirements to be promoted to Sergeant.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Papale to appoint Robert McCaughn to the vacated Sergeant position; seconded by Councilman Humphreys; and carried unanimously by a roll call vote of 7-0. (McElhenney – yes, Humphreys – yes, Berry – yes, Peterson – yes, Tumolo – yes, Papale – yes, Martin – yes.)

Mayor Kelly swore in Robert McCaughn as a Sergeant of the Police Department.

**Public Comment:**

Gary Doricott, 38 Marple Ave., expressed concerns with the grass across the street from him at the AT&T substation. He said that the building is in dire need of some attention too.

Councilman Martin said that wouldn't be something that they would be able to address at the meeting, but that he could speak to the Borough Manager and set up a dialogue on that.

Mr. Doricott said that he also had a small Chevy S10 dump truck and that he has been getting tickets on it in the past month. He said that he checked other vehicles prior to purchasing his truck and never saw any issues with ticketing.

Councilwoman Papale asked if it was a work truck with lettering.

Councilman Martin said that would be an issue that he would take up directly with the Chief.

**Meeting Minutes:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Berry to accept the February meeting minutes as presented; seconded by Councilwoman Peterson; and carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Kelly said that he was proud of the Borough's Police and Fire Departments for all of their hard work.

**Police Report:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Papale to accept the Police Report as presented; seconded by Councilman Humphreys; and carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

**Fire Report:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Berry to accept the Fire Report as presented; seconded by Councilwoman Papale; and carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

**Code Enforcement Report:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Berry to accept the code enforcement report as presented; seconded by Councilman Humphreys; and carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

### **Treasurer's Report/Bill List:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Berry to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills; seconded by Councilwoman Peterson; and carried unanimously by a roll call vote of 7-0. (McElhenney – yes, Humphreys – yes, Berry – yes, Peterson – yes, Tumolo – yes, Papale – yes, Martin – yes.)

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

The manager said that all of his items were covered in caucus.

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

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

Mr. Kelly said that he received 3 phone solicits for the lighting at Micozzie Park. He said that the lowest responsible bidder was Commercial Line Electric for \$14,500. He said that they would start tomorrow and expected to be completed within a week.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Papale to submit the necessary documents for the expanded pothole repair program that the County set up for the 2014 Road Program; seconded by Councilwoman Berry; and carried unanimously by a roll call vote of 7-0.

Mr. Kelly said that the Chapter 94 reports for the Darby Creek Joint Authority have been completed and submitted.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Berry 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.

Mr. Catania explained that 254 Davis Ave. is a demolished property and received relief from the assessment department but were inadvertently billed for sewer and trash for 2014.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Berry to remove the sewer & trash fees for 254 Davis Ave; seconded by Councilman Humphreys; and carried unanimously by a roll call vote of 7-0. (McElhenney – yes, Humphreys – yes, Berry – yes, Peterson – yes, Tumolo – yes, Papale – yes, Martin – yes.)

Mr. Catania said that the Delaware County Solid Waste Authority requested that the Borough adopt and ratify the Delaware County Municipal Solid Waste Management Plan, which was revised in 2013.

A motion was made by Councilman Humphreys to adopt the Resolution ratifying the Delaware County Solid Waste Management Plan; seconded by Councilwoman Tumolo; and carried unanimously by a roll call vote of 7-0. (McElhenney – yes, Humphreys – yes, Berry – yes, Peterson – yes, Tumolo – yes, Papale – yes, Martin – yes.)

Mr. Catania noted that they discussed a litigation item in the Executive Session.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Berry to accept the Solicitor's report as presented; seconded by Councilwoman Papale; and carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

**Old Business:**

Councilman Humphreys said that he was happy to see the Clifton Heights Fire Department trucks on display in the Saint Patrick's Day parade.

**New Business:**

Councilman Martin asked for attention to be paid to the streets. He said that he believes that they need to have 3 street sweeps per calendar year. He asked for a motion.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tumolo to have the street sweeps three times from now until the arrival of winter; seconded by Councilwoman Peterson; and carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

**Ward Reports:**

**First Ward:**

Councilman McElhenney said he was looking forward to progress on the roads being paved.

Councilwoman Papale had nothing to report.

**Second Ward:**

Councilman Humphreys reminded all the residents to be careful with the turning of the clocks with the kids being out again.

Councilwoman Berry asked residents to be vigilant in taking care of their homes and yards.

**Third Ward:**

Councilman Martin had nothing to report.

**Fourth Ward:**

Councilwoman Peterson had nothing to report.

Councilwoman Tumolo had nothing to report.

**Closing Public Comment:**

Rich DePompeo, 224 E. Broadway Ave., said that they should send a reminder out to residents to do their part in cleaning up the town as well.

Donna Burg, 125 W. Madison Ave., expressed concerns with the green bags from the Community Service cleanup still being on the streets and with neighbors not cleaning up after their dogs.

Councilman Martin said that she should call the office to let them know about the trash issue. He also recommended that she call the office for the dog defecation issue as well. He said to pay

attention to the time of day that they are walking the dogs because it is common for owners to walk them around the same time each day, so you would be able to let them know about the general time.

**Adjournment:**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly A. Duffy  
Clifton Heights Borough Secretary