

**Clifton Heights Borough Council  
Reorganization Meeting Minutes  
January 2, 2018**

**Present:**

Ronald Berry, Councilman - Elect  
Edward Martin, Councilman  
Leona Papale, Councilwoman  
Harris Resnick, Councilman- Elect  
Mike Humphreys, Councilman  
Fred Rich, Councilman - Elect  
Jane Tumolo, Councilwoman - Elect  
Karen Peterson, Councilwoman

**Others Present:**

Joseph F. Lombardo, Jr., Mayor - Elect  
Francis J. Catania, Solicitor  
J.P. Kelly, Engineer  
Cynthia Leitzell, Borough Financial Consultant  
Timothy Rockenbach, Chief of Police  
Tony Tartaglia, Borough Manager/Code

**Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor-elect Lombardo.**

**Prayer Led by Reverend Joseph M. McDermott from St. Eugene Church in Primos, Pa.**

**Call to Order:**

The Mayor-elect called the meeting to Order and noted that he and the Council members elect had executed the required Affidavits of Residency. The Mayor-elect gave the Affidavits to the Solicitor and directed that the Affidavits should be filed with the Borough records.

**Swearing In – performed by Judge Micozzie-Aguirre:**

Judge Micozzie-Aguirre swore in the following:

Joseph F. Lombardo, Jr.,  
Ronald Berry  
Fred Rich  
Harris Resnick  
Jane Tumolo

When Mayor-elect Lombardo was sworn in his daughters Alexandra Lombardo and Maura Lombardo held the bible.

When Councilman-elect Berry was sworn in his wife Betsy Berry held the bible.

When Councilman-elect Rich was sworn in his wife Sherry Rich held the bible.

The signed Oaths of Office were filed with the Borough records.

**Public Comment:**

There were no public comments.

**Reorganization:**

The mayor opened the floor for nominations for President of Council.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to nominate Councilman Berry as Council President; seconded by Councilman Humphreys. A motion was made by Councilman Martin to close the nominations; seconded by Councilwoman Papale; and the nominations were closed by a unanimous voice vote. The motion to elect Councilman Berry as Council President carried by a unanimous roll call vote of 8-0. (Papale – yes, Resnick – yes, Berry – yes, Humphreys – yes, Martin – yes, Rich – yes, Tumolo – yes, Peterson – yes.)

The Mayor congratulated Councilman Berry on assuming the office of Council President.

A motion was then made by Councilman Humphreys to nominate Councilman Martin as Vice President of Council; seconded by Councilwoman Tumolo. A motion was made by Councilman Humphreys to close the nominations; seconded by Councilwoman Tumolo and the nominations were closed by a unanimous voice vote. The motion to elect Councilman Martin as Vice President of Council carried by a unanimous roll call vote of 8-0. (Papale – yes, Resnick – yes, Berry – yes, Humphreys – yes, Martin – yes, Rich – yes, Tumolo – yes, Peterson – yes.)

The Mayor congratulated Councilman Martin on assuming the office of Council Vice-President.

Council President Berry took control of the meeting.

**2018 Meeting Schedule:**

The 2018 Meeting Schedule was distributed to Council and a motion was made by Councilwoman Tumolo to affirm the 2018 Meeting Schedule of meeting on the third Tuesday of each month with Work Session meetings at 7:00 PM and Borough Council meetings immediately after at 7:30 PM; seconded by Councilman Martin; and carried unanimously by a voice vote.

**Appointments for Borough positions:**

A motion was made by Councilman Humphreys to appoint Kim Duffy as Borough Secretary, Giana Martin as Borough Treasurer, Francis J. Catania, Esquire of the law firm Catania & Parker LLP as Borough Solicitor, John P. McBlain, Esquire of the law firm Swartz Campbell as Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor, Leitzell & Economidis, PC as Borough Financial Consultant, and J. P. Kelly of the firm Kelly & Close Engineers as Borough Engineer; seconded by Councilwoman

Tumolo; and carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Councilman Berry advised the Council that any additional appointments would be deferred until the January 16 meeting.

A motion was then made by Councilman Humphreys to authorize the Borough Solicitor to review allowing a combination of positions where allowed by Borough Code and to take any necessary action to allow Council to consider consolidation at its January 16, 2018 meeting; seconded by Councilwoman Tumolo; and carried unanimously by a voice vote.

**Closing Public Comment:**

From the audience Michelle Hartell asked if the Tax Collector was required to be sworn in at this meeting and Solicitor Catania responded not at this time.

**Adjournment:**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Francis J. Catania, Esq.  
Temporary Borough Secretary