

**Clifton Heights Borough Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, June 19, 2012**

**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  
Francis J. Catania, Solicitor  
J.P. Kelly, Engineer  
Timothy Rockenbach, Chief of Police  
Tony Tartaglia, Borough Manager/Code

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Prayer Led By Mayor Kelly**

Borough Solicitor, Frank Catania, read the following Resolution for consideration into the minutes:

“Whereas the Borough Council of the Borough of Clifton Heights appointed Timothy Rockenbach to the position of Chief of Police of the Borough of Clifton Heights Police Department as of January 2, 2012.

Whereas by notice dated June 14, 2012, the Borough Civil Service Commission notified the Borough Council that Timothy Rockenbach passed the noncompetitive examination give by the Borough Civil Service Commission and that Timothy Rockenbach is qualified under the Borough Civil Service Rules to hold the position of Chief of Police.

Now therefore, be it resolved by the Borough Council of the Borough of Clifton Heights that:

Timothy Rockenbach is hereby given the job tenure protection afforded by the Civil Service Rules of the Borough of Clifton Heights in the position of Chief of Police and that he may therefore not be removed from that position except for one of the reasons prescribed by the Civil Service Rules.

Enacted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Clifton Heights, Delaware County, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June 2012.”

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to adopt the Resolution as presented naming Timothy Rockenbach the Chief of Police of the Borough of Clifton Heights; seconded by Councilwoman Berry; 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.)

(Applause.)

Mayor Kelly swore Timothy Rockenbach in as Chief of Police of the Borough of Clifton Heights.

(Applause.)

Chief Rockenbach thanked everyone who came out to support him. He said that he fully expects to perform his duties to the best of ability and meet the expectations that everyone has for him and the men and women of his Department.

The meeting was recessed for a few moments.

**Public Comment:**

No opening public comment.

**Meeting Minutes:**

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to accept the May meeting minutes as presented; seconded by Councilwoman Tumolo; and carried unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Kelly reminded everyone that school was out and the kids would be out playing and to be careful while driving. He said that curfew would still be enforced -10pm on weekdays and 11pm on weekends. He congratulated the Boys Club and PAL on a successful carnival. He said that everyone should have received their information for 4<sup>th</sup> of July. He asked everyone to donate to the all-volunteer organization. He thanked the Businessman's Association and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee for all of their hard work. He said that the Parade would be forming at 9am at CAPP Industries on Marple Ave.

**Police Report:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Berry to approve 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 Councilman Martin to accept the fire report as presented; seconded by Councilwoman Tumolo; and carried unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

**Code Enforcement Report:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Papale to approve the code enforcement 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 Councilwoman Berry 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 no new items from his report on Thursday night.

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

J.P. Kelly said that he only had one item on his report and that was working with the Borough Manager to coordinate the scope for the Road Program.

Councilwoman Berry said that she had a question regarding Brubaker.

Mr. Kelly said that that question should be posed to the Borough Manager.

Councilwoman Berry said that she assumed that they were going to start the work. She asked if they had a date.

Mr. Tartaglia said that assuming that they were going to start, they would want to start on Monday of next week. He said that they discussed it at Caucus. He said that they did not want to post the \$20,000 escrow, so the water company had to step in and guarantee the street sweeping and conditions of the street since the water company is the permit holder. He said that under his and Bill Miller's guidance, they are going to complete the work and only communicate with the water company.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to approve the Engineer's Report; seconded by Councilwoman Berry; and carried unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

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

Mr. Catania said that he would need a brief Executive Session to discuss litigation, the Borough vs. Kent Mills (Mark Kennedy). He said that they also have police arbitration scheduled for Monday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9 or 10am. He asked that Borough Hall be made available that day. He said that Tony and Cyndi would both be testifying. He said that Tom Anderson is not available, but they can add his testimony later. He said that it would help their position if the arbitrator heard from some members of Council also.

### **Old Business:**

No old business.

### **New Business:**

Councilman Humphreys said that in a lapse of memory, he forgot to resign from the Zoning Board. He said that he hasn't been involved with it since being elected to Council and that he would like to tender his resignation

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tumolo to nominate Jen Trout to the vacancy on the Zoning Board; seconded by Councilwoman Peterson; and carried unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

Councilwoman Papale asked Mr. Tartaglia if he could go over the Clean Up Clifton Heights Week for those present.

Mr. Tartaglia said that circulars would be out to households tomorrow, but beginning on Monday of next week starting on the North side of the Borough, they would be bringing in a street sweeper and asking residents to move cars from the even side of the street so that they can sweep the streets. In addition to which, they are inviting all of the Borough residents to bring all of their stuff out to the front, items that wouldn't normally go in the regular trash and things that aren't recycled. They can bring tree branches, brush, tables, larger items. They are encouraging residents to clean out their yards, and they will have their trash trucks out there, picking these items up. Tuesday and Wednesday, they will do the South side of the Borough; and Thursday, they will return to the North side again. He said that the Highway Department will distribute the circulars tomorrow. He said that all of the regular trash services will be in effect, and this is all in addition to the regular pickups. They can put anything that wouldn't normally go in the trash out for pickup. He said that for the purposes of the clean up, they are waiving the time for putting out the trash and the parking.

Councilwoman Berry reminded everyone that there would be no recycling pickup on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Ward Reports:**

#### **First Ward:**

Councilman Resnick had nothing to report.

Councilwoman Papale said that tomorrow would be the 1<sup>st</sup> day of summer, and they were starting out with hot days. She reminded residents to check on their neighbors, especially the elderly. She said that if it is too hot in their house, they are always welcome at Borough Hall to enjoy the air conditioning.

#### **Second Ward:**

Councilman Humphreys asked everyone to be on the lookout for the kids now that school is out, especially by the playgrounds.

Councilwoman Berry had nothing to report but reminded everyone that the Borough's website was up and running at [cliftonheightsboro.com](http://cliftonheightsboro.com).

#### **Third Ward:**

Councilman Martin had nothing to report.

President Casadei had nothing to report.

**Fourth Ward:**

Councilwoman Peterson had nothing to report.

Councilwoman Tumolo wished everyone a safe summer and a happy July 4<sup>th</sup>!

Mayor Kelly reminded residents that the Police Department still has the rule in effect where you can notify them when you are going away on vacation, you can provide them with your name and address and they will check your property.

**Closing Public Comment:**

None.

**POST-EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to allow the Borough Manager to take care of the refund on the taxes and trash fees for the Clifton Car Wash due to a mailing mistake; seconded by Councilwoman Berry; and carried unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

**Adjournment:**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly A. Duffy

Clifton Heights Borough Secretary