

**Clifton Heights Borough Council  
Reorganization Meeting Minutes  
Monday, January 6, 2020**

**Present:**

Ronald Berry, Council President  
Mark Campbell, Councilman Elect  
Mike Humphreys, Councilman Elect  
Timothy O'Hara, Councilman Elect  
Leona Papale, Councilwoman Elect  
Karen Peterson, Councilwoman Elect  
Harris Resnick, Councilman  
Fred Rich, Councilman

**Others Present:**

Francis Catania, Solicitor  
J.P. Kelly, Engineer  
Cynthia Leitzell, Treasurer  
John Perfetti, Borough Manager  
Timothy Rockenbach, Chief of Police

**Meeting Called to Order by Mayor Lombardo**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Prayer led by Mayor Lombardo**

**Swearing in of newly elected Councilmembers**

Leona Papale, Councilwoman Elect, was sworn in by the Honorable Judge Kelly Micozzie-Aguirre.

Mike Humphreys, Councilman Elect, was sworn in by the Hon. Judge Kelly Micozzie-Aguirre.

Karen Peterson, Councilwoman Elect, was sworn in by the Hon. Judge Kelly Micozzie-Aguirre.

Mark Campbell, Councilman Elect, was sworn in by the Hon. Judge Kelly Micozzie-Aguirre.

Timothy O'Hara, Councilman Elect, was sworn in by the Hon. Judge Kelly Micozzie-Aguirre.

Jane Tumolo, Tax Collector Elect, was sworn in by the Hon. Judge Kelly Micozzie-Aguirre.

Mayor Lombardo congratulated the newly elected members of Council.

**Reorganization:**

Mayor Lombardo opened the floor to nominations for President of Council.

Councilwoman Papale nominated Ronald Berry to be Council President; Councilman Humphreys seconded the motion.

There were no other nominees.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Papale to close the nominations; seconded by Councilman Campbell; and carried unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

A roll call vote was carried 8-0 and Ron Berry was appointed Council President for a 2 year term. (Papale – yes, Resnick – yes, Berry – yes, Humphreys – yes, O’Hara – yes, Rich – yes, Campbell – yes, Peterson – yes)

Mayor Lombardo opened the floor to nominations for Vice President of Council. Councilwoman Peterson nominated Leona Papale to be Council Vice President; Councilman Resnick seconded the motion.

There were no other nominees.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Peterson to close the nominations; seconded by Councilman Resnick; and carried unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

A roll call vote was carried 8-0 and Leona Papale was appointed Council Vice President for a 2 year term. (Papale – yes, Resnick – yes, Berry – yes, Humphreys – yes, O’Hara – yes, Rich – yes, Campbell – yes, Peterson – yes)

### **Meeting:**

President Berry said that he wanted to start by thanking Mayor Lombardo for his tireless efforts over the last 2 years working on all of his many projects, including the redevelopment that they are working on. He said that he has a three person team along with Borough Manager Perfetti and Borough Code Enforcement Officer Gould who is just doing a phenomenal job on behalf of the Borough.

### **Action Items:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Peterson to schedule the regular Council meetings for the year 2020 for the third Tuesday of every month, except for the November meeting, which would be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday; seconded by Councilman Resnick; and carried unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Papale to make the following appointments as outlined:

- Kim Duffy – Borough Secretary
- Giana Martin – Borough Treasurer
- Francis Catania, Esq., Law Firm of Catania & Parker – Borough Solicitor

- John McBlain, Esq., Schwartz & Campbell – Zoning Board Solicitor
- Cynthia Leitzell – Borough Financial Advisor
- J.P. Kelly, Kelly & Close Engineers – Borough Engineer
- John Perfetti – Borough Manager
- John Gould – Chief Code Enforcement Officer & Building Code Official
- Lou Pontarelli & Tom Young – Deputy Code Enforcement Officials
- John Gould or his designee – Plumbing/Housing/Building Inspector, Zoning Officer
- Phil Fabrizio – Darby Creek Joint Authority Representative
- Lou Pontarelli – Munkinipates Joint Authority Representative

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Peterson; the motion was carried by a roll call vote of 8-0. (Papale – yes, Resnick – yes, Berry – yes, Humphreys – yes, O’Hara – yes, Rich – yes, Campbell – yes, Peterson – yes)

President Berry congratulated everyone. He said that he would appoint Councilmembers to their respective Committees at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting on January 21, 2020. He said that Councilmembers could reach out to him to let them know of their interest in serving on a particular Committee.

**Public Comment:**

John Todd, 29 W. Broadway Ave., asked if John McBlain should’ve been appointed as the solicitor for the Planning Commission as well.

Borough Manager Perfetti noted that Mr. McBlain is a special hearing officer for the Planning Commission, but there is no appointed Solicitor at this time.

**Adjournment:**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly A. Duffy  
Clifton Heights Borough Secretary