

MINUTES

CITY OF BEVERLY

APRIL 13, 2004

CALL TO ORDER. The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Beverly was called to order at 7:30pm, by Council President Bancroft on Tuesday, March 23, 2004, under the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act c. 231 P.C. "Sunshine Law". Notice of this meeting was published in the Burlington County Times and posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building. All members present saluted the flag of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL.

PRESENT: Mr. Wolbert, Mr. Newsome, Dr. Cook, Mr. Williams, Ms. Gillette, Mr. Krzykalski, Mrs. Richards (arrived late), Council President Robert Bancroft, Mayor Robert Lowden, Solicitor William Kearns, Director of Public Safety Mike Morton and Municipal Clerk/Administrator Barbara Sheipe.

ABSENT: Mrs. Setikas was absent and excused for vacation.

MINUTES. Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of March 23, 2004, Ms. Gillette second the motion. All members approve the motion.

PUBLIC SAFETY. Ms. Gillette discussed with Mr. Morton that several cars are running the stop sign at the intersection of Cooper Street and Warren Street. The drivers are saying that they do not see the stop sign. Mr. Morton discussed that the city will relook at the sign and see if an additional sign, stop ahead can be installed. Council President Bancroft also discussed that stop signs are needed at Front Street and Magnolia and Second and Magnolia.

COORESPONDENCE.

Mayor Lowden advised city council that he had received a letter from DCA, Kim Rickens informing the city that there were many applications for the grant and that the city did not receive the money they had requested to make city hall ADA compatible. Mayor Lowden reviewed the letter from NJ Transit concerning the rules and regulations of horn blowing for the River Line. Mr. Kearns discussed that council could be held liable for accidents at the crossing if they passed any ordinances that required limited horn blowing or a quiet zone. Victor Vittorino, Mayor of Delanco discussed that he will be attending the meeting on April 28 at the River Line office in Riverside and will bring back information for the City. City Council discussed that the gates are actually located on Edgewater Park property.

OLD BUSINESS.

Council President Bancroft informed the public that the budget hearing would be continued until the city hears from the state on the aid that was requested.

Resolution No. 2004-30, Resolution to Amend The 2004 Budget. The resolution was read by title. Council President Bancroft opened the public hearing on the amendment.

John Borden-Riverbank inquired if this would be any change in the budget amount presented. Council President Bancroft explained that this would not change the final budget figures until the city had received information about the aid from the state.

No one else wishing to be heard, the public hearing on the amendment was closed.

ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING.

Ordinance No. 2004-5, An Ordinance Of The City Of Beverly Amending Chapter XVI, XVII And XVIII Of The Code Of The City Of Beverly Entitled Respectively, "Land Use Procedures," Land Subdivision" And "Site Plan Review". The ordinance was read by title.

Mrs. Richards made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2004-5 on first reading. Mr. Wolbert second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Wolbert, Mr. Newsome, Dr. Cook, Mr. Williams, Ms. Gillette, Mr. Krzykalski, Mrs. Richards and Council President Bancroft.

NAYES: None. The ordinance will be heard on second and final reading at the April 27, 2004 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS. :

Resolution No. 2004-35, Resolution Adopting Personnel Policies And Procedures. The resolution was read by title.

Mrs. Richards made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2004-35, Mr. Wolbert second the motion. At the call of the roll the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Wolbert, Mr. Newsome, Dr. Cook, Mr. Williams, Ms. Gillette, Mr. Krzykalski, Mrs. Richards and Council President Bancroft.

NAYES: None.

Resolution No. 2004-36, Resolution Awarding A Contract For Servicing Fire Extinguishers. The resolution was read by title. The lowest proposal was received from B & C Fire Equipment from Burlington City.

Mrs. Richards made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2004-36, Ms. Gillette second the motion. At the call of the roll the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Wolbert, Mr. Newsome, Dr. Cook, Mr. Williams, Ms. Gillette, Mr. Krzykalski, Mrs. Richards and Council President Bancroft.

NAYES: None.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mr. Wolbert requested that the amount on the water bill be corrected and that the bill for the outside security payroll for the police department be removed until proper signatures were acquired.

Mr. Wolbert made a motion to approve the bills as corrected. Mrs. Richards second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Wolbert, Mr. Newsome, Dr. Cook, Mr. Williams, Ms. Gillette, Mr. Krzykalski, Mrs. Richards and Council President Bancroft.

NAYES: None.

WORK SESSION

Resolution No. 2004-37, Resolution Opposing the Transportation And Treatment Of Hydrolysate AT Dupont Chambers Works In Salem County New Jersey As Per U.S. Army's Draft "Fonsi" Proposal. Mayor Lowden explained that this resolution would send the message that the City of Beverly does not agree with the decision to have VX hydrolysate (nerve gas) shipped through the State of New Jersey and delivered to the Dupont Chambers Works in Salem County NJ. Mr. Williams discussed that hydrolysate is actually VX nerve agent that is turned into VX hydrolysate for disposal. There is no guarantee that the nerve gas will not eventually turn back into the original form. The City supports the idea of requiring the US Army to conduct a thorough environmental impact study. Mr. Krzykalski discussed that there is always a problem with transporting this type of problem and that the number of trucks that are going to be used could cause a traffic impact. City Council agreed that they did not want to see this incident occur.

Mr. Krzykalski made a motion to approve Resolution 2004-37, Mrs. Richard second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Wolbert, Mr. Newsome, Dr. Cook, Mr. Williams, Ms. Gillette, Mr. Krzykalski, Mrs. Richards and Council President Bancroft.

NAYES: None.

Discussion on Alarm Fees. Mr. Wolbert discussed that he had prepared a worksheet for council showing the various municipalities and their fees for false alarms. The alarms could be registered with or without a fee charge. Council discussed the various charges

and the amount of alarms that a resident could incur before the charge would take effect. Mr. Kearns explained that city council has the right to make the determination of the amount. The average amount on the chart is \$25.00-\$50.00. Mr. Borden discussed that he has had an alarm for over 10 years and that while on vacation the alarm had malfunction and also that when a new alarm is installed there is always a learning curve in using the system. Director Morton discussed that the alarms systems need to be registered so that the police and emergency personnel have a number to call for response. Also that the Director can waive the fee at his discretion if there is a malfunction of the alarms or if it is being installed. Mr. Krzykalski discussed that the city needs to avoid having alarms go off everyday for no reason. The ordinance will be introduced at the next council meeting.

SOLICITOR'S. None.

MAYOR'S REPORT.

Mayor Lowden advised council that there is an emergency management meeting on April 22 at 7:30pm in Edgewater Park if anyone from council would like to attend. There will also be another one at 3:30pm on May 5, 2004. Mayor presented a plaque from United Way to the employees for their contributions. Mayor Lowden also discussed that with all of the recent rains that there has been no flooding in the area of Manor and Bentley since the storm drainage has been constructed. The school budget will be discussed at the next council meeting on April 27, 2004. The school has passed the budget and it will be presented to council for approval. Dr. Gray from the school will attend the next meeting to explain and answer any questions. Mayor Lowden informed the board that the Riverline would be placing plaques inside the trains for each city along the line. The small cities application for grants has been received by the city and that there is a meeting on April 27 at 9am in the DCA office in Trenton. The Mayor will attend the meeting. Mayor Lowden will present a proclamation to the Knights of Columbus on April 25 in honor of their anniversary.

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COUNCIL'S REPORT.

Mr. Wolbert read a letter from Barbara Ptaszenski thanking Dan Schoen and Sheldon Merritt on a job well done in regards to limb and leaf pick/up.

Dr. Cook discussed that she had attend the Burlington County Bridge Commissioner's breakfast. The clean communities pledge will be presented at the meeting of April 27, 2004 and that a group of the clean communities children will be going to the NJ State Museum. On May 22 Dr. Cook and Mrs. Richards will be attending a Clean Communities Banquet in New Brunswick on May 22, 2004 and will having a large wreath of the Smiley symbol sold at the Chinese auction.

Ms. Gillette thanked everyone for their donation of candy for the Easter Baskets. Ms. Gillette also inquired if there was a scholarship fund through the city for Beverly kids. Dr. Cook explained that bonds are given by the Democracy Fund and the Beverly Bee.

Mayor Lowden also gives a bond for the Mayor's award. Various associations in the city also give out bonds to the Beverly graduates in the elementary school and high school. Ms. Gillette informed the council that she was attempting to get more registered voters in the city.

Mr. Krzykalski discussed that he was going to attend a meeting in Delran on the environmental issues facing the area. Mr. Williams will also attend the meeting.

Mrs. Richards discussed that perhaps the city should started a group of volunteers to be on a panel to help with the trash and housing violations in the city. The group could report back to the city as an extra set of eyes and ears. Mr. Kearns discussed that perhaps there is a civic organization in the city that could accomplish the goals of a volunteer group. Mr. Krzykalski discussed that the new residents moving into the city do not know the rules and regulations of keeping the city clean. The council held a discussion on guidelines for creating such a group and that the group would not have any enforcement power.

PUBLIC SESSION.

John Borden-Riverbank discussed the school board and the ideas that the state is discussing with giving up smaller schools and joining a larger district. The long-term ratification is that it will cost money. No one wants to give up community identity. Dr. Cook discussed that there is a movement to have shared services within the surrounding communities. Mayor Vittorino of Delanco Township discussed that the state is trying to combine services of the towns and that Delanco currently combines services with Riverside for a code enforcement officer. There has been talk since 1998 for a shared public works department and that towns do not want to give their rights and control over their departments. Mr. Kearns discussed that municipalities want to share services and still maintain their strong identity. Mr. Borden discussed that many years at the nationwide level products are being shared with private companies.

No one else from the public wishing to be heard, the public portion was closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION. Mr. Wolbert made a motion for a closed session for the discussion of personnel and contracts, Mrs. Richards second the motion. All members were in favor. City Council returned to public session. No further action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT. Mrs. Richards made a motion to adjourn, Ms. Gillette second the motion. All members were in favor.

Submitted by,

Barbara A. Sheipe RMC
Municipal Clerk