

MINUTES

CITY OF BEVERLY

AUGUST 9, 2005

CALL TO ORDER. The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Beverly was called to order at 7:00pm, by Council President Bancroft on Tuesday, August 9, 2005, 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. Krzykalski, Mr. Wolbert, Mr. Newsome, Dr. Cook, Ms. Kinniebrew, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Setikas, Council President Bancroft, Mayor Lowden, Solicitor William Kearns, Director of Public Safety Mike Morton and Barbara Sheipe, clerk/administrator.

ABSENT: Ms. Gillette.

MINUTES. Mrs. Richards made a motion to approve the minutes of July 12, 2005 Mrs. Setikas second the motion. All members present voted in favor.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS. Dr. Cook presented Sergeant Anthony Pearce and Corporal James Boettger with the Colonel John Nixon Award. This award was given to the officers for going above and beyond the call of civic duty. They donate a lot of personal time for city functions and city needs. Sergeant Pearce and Corporal Boettger thanked Dr. Cook and City Council for the honor of the award. Mayor Lowden discussed that every municipality in the state should be proud of the work that their police force does.

COORESPONDENCE.

Mayor Lowden read a letter from Sara Myers giving a report on the Summer Art Camp Program sponsored by The Beverly Municipal Alliance. There were 32 children who attend for two weeks. There was an Art Show held that displayed the children's projects. Mrs. Richards thanked Sara Myers for the report. Mayor Lowden read a letter from a concerned citizen about fighting on Laurel Street and the city not being in the same as it was years ago.

OLD BUSINESS.

Council President Bancroft discussed that the stop sign ordinance had been sent to the law and order committee for further review of the placement of the signs. He would like to have this ordinance passed in September. Mrs. Richards will take a look at the ordinance. Council President Bancroft also inquired if any council

member had any further comments about the ordinance for the sale of the home on Second Street. Council members had requested that this ordinance be put on hold so that they could submit their comments to the clerk.

NEW BUSINESS. Item A through H will be enacted as a single motion needing no discussion. Any item requiring discussion will be removed from the Consent Agenda. All Consent Agenda items will be reflected in full in the official minutes.

- A. **Resolution No. 2005-64,** Resolution Late Tax Bills.
- B. **Resolution No. 2005-65,** Resolution Imposing A Lien For Property Maintenance On 203 Broad Street, Beverly.
- C. **Resolution No. 2005-66,** Resolution Requesting The Approval Of The Director Of The Division Of Local Government Services For The Insertion Of A Special Item of Revenue In The City Budget For The Year 2005. (playground grant).
- D. **Resolution No. 2005-67,** Resolution Authorizing Participation In The Burlington County Shared Services Forum.
- E. **Resolution No. 2005-68,** Resolution Requesting The Approval Of The Director Of The Division Of Local Government Services For The Insertion Of A Special Item of Revenue In The City Budget For The Year 2005. (waterfront workshop grant).
- F. **Resolution No. 2005-69,** Resolution of the City of Beverly Authorizing Entry Into A Subordination Agreement With Respect To 70 Pine Street, Beverly NJ.
- G. **Resolution No. 2005-70,** Resolution For Saint James Baptist Church.
- H. **Treasurer's Report.**

Mrs. Richards made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Ms. Gillette second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Krzykalski, Mr. Wolbert, Mr. Newsome, Dr. Cook, Ms. Kinniebrew, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Setikas, Council President Bancroft.

NAYES: None.

I. **Payment of Bills.** Mrs. Richards inquired about the bill for the alarm system and if it was a new bill. Mr. Wolbert explained that this was a yearly bill for the inspection of the alarm system. Mr. Wolbert requested that a bill for Sheldon Merritt be added to the bill list in the amount of \$75.40 for clothing. Mr. Newsome made a motion to approve the bills with the addition, Ms. Gillette second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

PUBLIC SAFETY.

Mr. Haaf-Riverbank thank Director Morton for his assistance at the basketball court during National Night Out with an unruly character. Mr. Haaf discussed that there are still cars parking on the grass strips on Cooper Street in the 400 block. They have two wheels on the street and two wheels on the sidewalk. Mr. Haaf discussed that a police officer drove pass the cars and did not stop. There is also a problem of parking on both sides of Church Street when it is used as a detour for Warren Street. It is difficult to get through the street on a regular day, but when there is a detour and traffic is attempting to go both ways it is impossible. Mr. Haaf discussed that since everyone has a driveway the street could be made into a one-way street. Mr. Haaf also discussed that he feels that there needs to be more directive cooperation in town between the police and the court system. People give out any address they want to in court and are not require to verify that address. Mr. Haaf discussed that he is a member of the Housing Authority and that they are attempting to have every resident issued an Id badge. The court should require that the ID badge be shown as proof of residence. There needs to be a way for the city to know who lives in the city and where the people come from. Cooperation is needed between the police department and court and housing department to verify these addresses. Director Morton explained that it is not legal to request someone to produce their ID unless there is a valid reason. Also that the Housing Authority Director is notified when someone is arrested or appears in court and gives the housing authority as their address. The Housing Authority Director is given an updated list of anyone appearing in court. Mayor Lowden explained that his daughter was removed from the housing authority because she had a friend who was arrested and gave her address as his address, which was a violation of her lease. Director Morton will provide the Judge with a list of the residents of the authority before court begins so that he can verify who is living there.

Ms. Kinniebrew inquired about the intersection of Van Sciver Street and that the cars are parked too close to the intersection. There are concerns about cars turning the corner and hitting the vehicles. Director Morton explained that it is the law that there is no parking 25 feet to corner or from an intersection. Council President Bancroft explained that council will be discussing an ordinance for VanSciver street to elimiate parking on Wed. Mrs. Richards discussed that the area needs no parking signs and where would the residents park. Ms. Kinniebrew also discussed that some of the brush needs to be trimmed back out of the roadway.

Mr. Wooters discussed that the bus is still parked on the grass at 61 Warren Street.

Ms. Gillette thanked the police department for their excellent work. Her daughter's window was broken and the officers kept watch when she would get in.

Mrs. Setikas discussed that as she left work she saw people hanging out at 308 Warren Street again and that they were using foul language. Director Morton advised her to call the police when this occurs.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT. None.

MAYOR'S REPORT.

Mayor Lowden read a letter from John Ruth, Jr., Division of Contract Compliance And Equal Employment Opportunity. The letter states that the city is in compliance with the Affirmative Action regulations of NJAC 17:27. Mayor Lowden also discussed that thirty is eligible for two grants, one is for the Delaware Valley Planning TCDI Grant that requires a 20% match and the other is for the Smart Growth 2006 grant. The Mayor discussed that perhaps the city did not need more planning grants. The city has completed a lot of planning and vision plans. Mayor Lowden reviewed that the planning board continues BCCAP until the September meeting.

Mayor Lowden made the following appointments to the planning board:

Trudi Desjardins-Regular member

Gail Rupert-Regular Member

Judith Ridgeway-Alternate #1

COUNCIL REPORTS.

Mr. Krzykalski discussed that on July 30th there was the first seminar on feral cats with Dr. Stull and training is available for anyone wanting to be a caregiver for the cats. There is available a Mobile clinic for the spaying and neutering of the feral cats and the city maybe able to use it o have pet cats neutered for a discount. On August 9, Mr. Krzykalski attend the Burlington County Health Communities Day. The seminar discussed what makes the community healthy and also about strategic planning for 2006.

Mr. Wolbert informed council that Dan Schoen of public works will be attending a seminar on Stormwater Management on August 16th. City Council still has to pass stormwater ordinances before the final grant money is released to the city. Mr. Wolbert discussed that with the switching of the telephone company the city has realized a large savings this year.

Dr. Cook announced that on August 20th the EAGLE has landed event will be held at the Riverline Station from 10am to 5pm. The major sponsor of the Eagle was the Burlington County College and Main Street Mount Holly is the co-sponsored who will receive the funds from the sale of the Eagle. Each Eagle will be auctioned off on Oct. 1. Diane Marshall will incorporate track the Eagle at Grandma's Attic that day. There will be a display of Dunk Ferry's costume. Dr. Cook discussed that she is looking for volunteers for September 17 to organize a Community Day.

Ms. Gillette discussed that she is glad to be back after a bout with poison ivy.

Mrs. Setikas inquired if something could not be done about the lace curtains on the business windows downtown. She said that she had complaints that it looks tacky.

Dr. Cook explained that it looks quaint and that the curtains were better than board up windows or blinds.

PUBLIC SESSION.

Beverly Haaf-Riverbank thanked Janet Lowe for helping organizing National Night Out. Mrs. Haaf discussed that she was proud to see Beverly listed in the Burlington County Times with the other towns as a sponsor of National Night Out. Council President Bancroft thanked everyone who was involved and that it was an excellent night out.

John Haaf-Riverbank thanked Mayor Lowden for making the appointments to the planning board. Mayor Lowden discussed that it mostly a new board and is headed in the right direction.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION. Mrs. Richards made a motion to go into executive session for the discussion of personnel. Mrs. Setikas second the motion. All members voted in favor.

PUBLIC SESSION.

Motion was made to return to public session by Mrs. Setikas, Mrs. Richards second the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. City Council return to open session. City Council held a discussion on the rental ordinance and the mercantile license and the requirements to have the licenses issued only after the taxes were paid.

ADJOURNMENT. Mrs. Setikas made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Wolbert second the motion. All members voted in favor.

Submitted by,

**Barbara A. Sheipe RMC
Municipal Clerk**