

MINUTES

CITY OF BEVERLY

DECEMBER 27, 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, December 27, 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. Wolbert, Ms. Kinniebrew, Mrs. Setikas, Mr. Newsome, Ms. Gillette, Mrs. Richards, Mr. Krzykalski, Dr. Cook, Council President Bancroft, Mayor Lowden, Director of Public Safety Mike Morton, Solicitor William Kearns and Barbara Sheipe, clerk/administrator.

ABSENT: None.

MINUTES. Mrs. Richards made a motion to approve the minutes of December 13, 2005, Mr. Wolbert second the motion. All members present voted in favor.

COORESPONDENCE.

Mayor Lowden discussed that the Beverly Sewerage Authority had received plans for the Cosden Site. The EPA has the funding to place 15 wells to pump water up and out to lagoons. Mr. Kirchner explained that once the work is started it usually takes years to complete. Mrs. Richards discussed that the city was told that there was no contamination on the site, so why are they taking the entire site and can the city fight it. Mr. Kearns explained that the city is working to make the area a redevelopment site and is in negotiations with a developer to clean up the site.

OLD BUSINESS.

NEW BUSINESS. Item A through D 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. 2005-97,** Resolution Of The City Of Beverly Authorizing Entry Into A Subordination Agreement With Respect To 105 Dory Court, Beverly.
- B. **Resolution No. 2005-98,** Resolution Authorizing Transfers Among 2005 Budget Appropriations.

C. Resolution No. 2005-99, Resolution Of The City Of Beverly Authorizing Entry Into A Subordination Agreement With Respect 309 Third Street. (added to agenda).

D. Treasurer's Report.

Mrs. Richards made a motion to approve Item A through D on the consent agenda, Mr. Wolbert second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

E. Payment of Bills. Mrs. Richards made a motion to approve the payment of bills. Mr. Wolbert second the motion.

Mr. Newsome inquired if item #34, West Jersey Stationers had an invoice? Mr. Wolbert inquired about the escrow fee bills and placing them on hold until the escrow accounts were settled. Mr. Kearns discussed that the city should have enough escrow to cover the fees before the application is heard. Mr. Kearns will review the city's fee ordinance and make some recommendations for increasing the escrow fees. Mr. Newsome inquired about Item #44 the fee for Cosden site and meeting with developers? Mr. Kearns explained that the city will pay the fees for the first meetings and if a developer commits to the city, an escrow account will be established. Mr. Newsome inquired as to why the payroll was higher than usual? Mrs. Sheipe explained that city council members were paid out of this payroll and also the police department received their bonus checks this payroll. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

PUBLIC SAFETY.

Mrs. Dreher discussed that she had read about Burlington City and Edgewater Park adopting sex offenders ordinances to not allow them to live in there towns. Director Morton explained that Beverly is working with the state to pass statewide ordinances for all municipalities. Council President Bancroft discussed that the city council has held several discussions on the matter and would like to follow the state lead. Mr. Kearns explained that the ordinances being adopted by several towns are being challenge as a violation of civil rights.

Mr. Kirchner-Environmental Resolutions thanked city council for his year, as city engineer and that he would like to continue serving the city.

SOLICITORS REPORT. Mr. Kearns thanked city council for the last year and that it has been interesting.

MAYORS REPORT. Mayor Lowden congratulated Mrs. Sheipe on the birth of her granddaughter. Mayor Lowden announced that work has begun on Beverly Common's next to St. Joseph's Church.

COUNCIL REPORTS.

Mr. Wolbert discussed that it's been a busy year and that council has accomplished a lot. Mr. Wolbert thanked Mayor Lowden and that it's been a privilege to serve with him.

Ms. Kinniebrew discussed that the streetlights stayed on all year and thanked Mayor Lowden for his efforts. Ms. Kinniebrew also thanked Mr. and Mrs. Haaf and Mrs. Dreher for keeping council on their toes.

Mrs. Setikas thanked everyone. Mrs. Setikas also discussed that trash on Warren Street was put out early and is in violation of the ordinance.

Mr. Newsome inquired about the notice from the county highway department concerning keeping the brush trimmed back from signs. Mr. Kearns explained that it is a general reminder that the municipalities are responsible for the signs and that it is a hazard to not have a clear view. Mr. Newsome wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked Mayor Lowden for his hard work and efforts for the city.

Ms. Gillette wished everyone a blessed and safe year and thanked Mayor Lowden.

Ms. Gillette thanked everyone for the donations of the coats and the toys. 1500 children were helped through Catholic Charities and 25 families received food.

Mrs. Richards wished everyone a Healthy New Year and thanked the Mayor for all the years of service towards the city.

Mr. Krzykalski wished everyone Happy New Year and wished the Mayor good luck.

Dr. Cook wished everyone a Happy Holiday and thanked Ms. Gillette for all of her charity work. Dr. Cook discussed that the Mayor will be a great resource for consulting.

Council President Bancroft thanked Mayor Lowden and wished everyone a Happy New Year and that the city is moving forward.

PUBLIC SESSION.

Mr. Haaf-Riverbank thanked Mayor Lowden for representing the city. The Mayor served many years as council member and Mayor. Mr. Haaf thanked council for their service and that efforts to improve are paying off.

Mrs. Dreher thanked council for working to get Beverly back to being a good place to live in. She also thanked Mayor Lowden.

Mr. Haaf inquired about a section of the minutes from the last meeting discussing Lou Gallagher and if there was an increase in salary. Mr. Wolbert explained that Mr. Gallagher requested to be placed in the state pension plan and that it will cost the city about \$65. a month.

Mrs. Haaf wished everyone a Happy New Year and wished Mayor Lowden well.

Dr. Cook reminded everyone that reorganization of council is January 3 at 6pm.

Mayor Lowden discussed that council is working to better the city. Years ago residents would fill the room requesting something be done about the drugs. Police are doing a better job and that the housing stock has improved over the years. There is pride in Beverly.

No One Else From The Public wish to be heard.

EXECUTVIE SESSION. Mr. Wolbert made a motion to have an executive session for the discussion of contracts and personnel. Mr. Newsome second the motion. All members voted in favor.

GENERAL SESSION. City Council returned to public session.

Dr. Cook made a motion to hire Mary Kennedy Nadzak for the position of Tax Collector/Finance Officer, Mrs. Setikas second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

Mr. Wolbert made a motion to approve the contract with Michael Morton as Director of Public Safety, Mr. Krzykalski second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

NAYES: Mrs. Richards

ABSTAIN: Mrs. Setikas.

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

Submitted by,

**Barbara A. Sheipe RMC
Municipal Clerk**