

MINUTES

CITY OF BEVERLY

December 27, 2007

CALL TO ORDER.

Verification of Notice- OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT. (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6) In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, this is to announce that adequate notice of this meeting was provided in the following manner. On January 5, 2007 advance written notice of this meeting was posted on the public bulletin board in the City Hall; was mailed to the **THE BURLINGTON COUNTY TIMES AND TO THE CAMDEN COURIER POST;** was filed with the City Clerk and was mailed to all persons who requested and paid for such notice. The proceedings of this meeting are being electronically recorded and the tape will be on file in the office of the City Clerk.

FLAG SALUTE.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mr. Bancroft, Mr. Crespo, Mr. Newsome, Mr. Germer, Mr. Arter, Dr. Cook, Council President Arter, Mayor Wetherill, Barbara Sheipe, Administrator/Clerk, Michael Morton, Director of Public Safety,

ABSENT: Mr. Robertson, Mr. Esaia. Mr. Baxter, Solicitor.

MINUTES. Mr. Germer made a motion to approve the minutes of December 11, 2007. Mr. Newsome second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Bancroft, Mr. Crespo, Mr. Newsome, Mr. Germer, Mr. Arter, Dr. Cook and Council President Arter.

NAYES: None.

COORESPONDENCE.

- A. Correspondence from the Knights of Columbus. Mr. Bancroft sitting as Council President Pro-tem read the letter from the Knights of Columbus concerning a basketball free throw on January 16 at 6:30pm at the Magowan School. Mr. Bancroft requested that the information be forwarded to the Beverly School.
- B. Mayor Wetherill read a letter from the Department of Transportation awarding the city a grant in the amount of \$150,000 for Wheatley Avenue repairs and paving.

OLD BUSINESS.

- A. Dr. Gail Cook presented Robert Bancroft with a gavel and gavel box that was handmade by John Haaf for his years of service on city council. Dr. Cook discussed that Mr. Bancroft did above and beyond his call of duty as a council member and he was always repairing and cleaning city hall as a public servant. Dr. Cook expressed that there are no words that could thank Mr. Bancroft for his dedication to the City of Beverly. Dr. Cook presented Marsha Bancroft with a bouquet of flowers for giving of her time to the city and allowing Bob to be away from home so much for council time.

NEW BUSINESS.

A. **Resolution No. 2007-104**, Resolution Authorizing Transfers In The 2007 Budget. The resolution was read by title. Mr. Crespo made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Germer second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Bancroft, Mr. Crespo, Mr. Newsome, Mr. Germer, Mr. Arter, Dr. Cook and Council President Arter.

NAYES: None.

B. **Resolution No. 2007-105**, Resolution of the City of Beverly Authorizing Entry Into A Subordination Agreement With Respect To 1014 Detwiler Avenue, Beverly NJ. The resolution was read by title. Mr. Germer made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Newsome second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Bancroft, Mr. Crespo, Mr. Newsome, Mr. Germer, Mr. Arter, Dr. Cook and Council President Arter.

NAYES: None.

C. **Resolution No. 2007-106, Authorizing Signatures For The Data Sharing Agreement Geographic Information System Digital Files.** The resolution was read by title. Mr. Kirchner, engineer explained that this is a share service with the county and that it allows the engineer access to the GIS system through the county. Mr. Germer made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Crespo second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Bancroft, Mr. Crespo, Mr. Newsome, Mr. Germer, Mr. Arter, Dr. Cook and Council President Arter.

NAYES: None.

D. **Payment of Bills.** Mr. Germer inquired about line item 18 and if it should state the use is for a salt spreader not a mower? Mr. Crespo explained that the company is South Jersey Mowers and the item was a salt spreader. Mr. Newsome made a motion to pay the bills, Mr. Germer second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Bancroft, Mr. Crespo, Mr. Newsome, Mr. Germer, Mr. Robertson and Dr. Cook.

NAYES: Mr. Arter and Council President Arter.

SOLICITOR REPORT.

MAYOR'S REMARKS.

Mayor Wetherill discussed that she had recommend that Scott Hitchner and Robert Germer be appointed to the River Route committee and that she hoped that council would take her advice at the reorganization meeting. Mayor Wetherill discussed that she was impressed with New

Hampshire during the Hillary Clinton security issue and that she thanks everyone in public service for putting their life on the line.

COUNCIL REMARKS.

Mr. Bancroft discussed that he started in 1995 on the planning board and then took a position on city council. Mr. Bancroft discussed that he has been a hands on person. Also tonight is his 49th wedding anniversary. Mr. Bancroft discussed that he has worked hard to keep taxes down and that the city had to scrimp and save for the last several years, but with the hiring of the new tax collector and the increase in the tax collection, the city has had additional money for road projects and the new public works truck. Mr. Bancroft discussed that it has been gratify and frustrating at times, and that he would like to thank everyone who helped the city get to this point. Mr. Bancroft discussed that he would like to be around to see the development of the city come to be. He has seen a lot of improvements around city including the new offices at city hall, the hiring of a new tax assessor, a new certified city clerk and administrator and a new tax collector. The municipal court is now also opened in the morning to allow more people to pay their fines. The council hired a new housing inspector, Mr. Thompson who is getting the city cleaned up. The Baptist Church will start holding the county's lunch program for senior on Mondays, Wednesday-Friday. There will also be crafts available for seniors. The program is designed to give seniors a place to visit as well as provide lunch.

Mr. Germer discussed that Saint Stephen's church is holding free medical screening for seniors and that he will advise council as to the date. It will also be published in the Beverly Bee.

Council President Arter thanked Mr. Bancroft for being a kind heart gentleman. She discussed that she and Mr. Bancroft have had some good talks and that he sets an example for all to follow. Council President Arter discussed that Mr. Bancroft is prime example of excellent public service and that he has the city's interest first. Mr. Bancroft discussed that he is always available for questions from anyone.

PUBLIC SESSION AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

Mr. Haaf-Riverbank thanked Mr. Bancroft on behalf of the public and the residents of Beverly for his work on city council. Mr. Haaf discussed that Mr. Bancroft possesses two attributes one is being a gentleman and the other is common sense.

Mr. Kirchner thanked city council for their work with him in 2007 and that Mr. Bancroft has had an impact on him since he started as engineer for the city.

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

ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. Germer made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Cook seconded the motion. All members presented vote in favor.