

MINUTES

CITY OF BEVERLY

DECEMBER 30, 2003

CALL TO ORDER. The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Beverly was called to order at 8pm, by Council President Bancroft on Tuesday, December 30, 2003, 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. Gehm, Mr. Wolbert, Dr. Cook, Mrs. Richards, Ms. Phillips, Mrs. Setikas, Mr. Hahn, Council President Robert Bancroft, Mayor Robert Lowden, Director of Public Safety Michael Morton, Solicitor William Kearns and Municipal Clerk/Administrator Barbara Sheipe.

ABSENT: Ms. Snyder.

MINUTES. Mrs. Richards made a motion to approve the minutes of December 9, 2003. Mr. Wolbert second the motion. All members present approve the motion.

PUBLIC SAFETY- John Haaf-Riverbank discussed that there has been a blue car on the corner of Cooper and Oak that is constantly parked to far from the sidewalk curb. It obstructs traffic trying to use the street. Also that there is a pick up truck that is parked day and night by the post office.

John Borden-Riverbank informed council that the stop sign and do not enter sign on Elizabeth and Pine Street are confusing and Mrs. Richards stated that also the sign at Melbourne and Pine Street need to be reviewed. Mr. Gehm will look at them and Public Safety Director Mike Morton will check the signs. Mr. Gehm thanked Mike Morton for the painting of the yellow curb at the post office.

Trudi DesJardins-thanked the Director and Patrolman James Boettger for their assistance with the breaking into of her vehicle.

COORESPONDENCE.

City Council received invitations from Delanco and Edgewater Park Township to their council reorganizations.

Mayor Lowden presented Walt Gehm, George Hahn, Janet Lowe, Fred Rapagna, Susan Legnani, Ruby Dreher and John Haaf with Mayor Costello's volunteerism awards. The award is given to volunteers who make a difference in the City of Beverly.

Jeff Taylor of Environmental Resolutions explained about the storm water management regulations and that his office has been actively working with the league of municipalities on the rules and regulations of the proposals. Mrs. Richards inquired if there was any grant money to help the city with the new regulations. Mr. Taylor explained that there is very little financial help available. Mr. Taylor also discussed that he was sending a letter to PSE and Gas agreeing on the installation of additional lights at the train station.

Mrs. Richards made a motion to approve the letter for the lighting. Mr. Hahn second the motion. All members present voted in favor.

TREASURERS REPORT. Mrs. Richards made a motion to accept the report, Mr. Hahn second the motion. All members present were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS.

ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING.

- A. **Ordinance No. 2003-17, A Salary Ordinance For Regional Contribution Agreement Between The City Of Beverly And Mount Laurel Township.** The ordinance was read by title.
- B. **Ordinance No. 2003-18, A Salary Ordinance For Regional Contribution Agreement Between The City Of Beverly And Evesham Township (1).** The ordinance was read by title.
- C. **Ordinance No. 2003-19, A Salary Ordinance For Regional Contribution Agreement Between The City Of Beverly And Evesham Township (2).** The ordinance was read by title.
- D. **Ordinance No. 2003-20, A Salary Ordinance For Regional Contribution Agreement Between The City Of Beverly And New Hanover Township.** The ordinance was read by title.
- E. **Ordinance No. 2003-21, A Salary Ordinance For Regional Contribution Agreement Between The City Of Beverly And Evesham Township (1), Evesham Township (2), Mount Laurel Township and New Hanover Township.** The ordinance was read by title.

President Bancroft opened the ordinances to the public for comment. No one wished to be heard.

Mrs. Richards made a motion to adopt the ordinances on second and final reading. Mr. Wolbert second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Gehm, Mr. Wolbert, Dr. Cook, Mrs. Richards, Ms. Phillips, Mrs. Setikas, Mr. Hahn and Council President Bancroft.

NAYES: None. Ordinance No. 2003-17-Ordinance No. 2003-21 were adopted on second and final reading and will take effect twenty days after publication.

NEW BUSINESS.

Resolution No. 2003-120, Resolution Appointing Risk Management Consultant For Burlington County Municipal Joint Fund. The resolution was read by title. Tunney Insurance Services was appointed.

Resolution No. 2003-121, Resolution Authorizing An Agreement With Comcast Cable Communications Management LLC. The resolution was read by title.

Resolution NO. 2003-122, Resolution Authorizing Transfers Among 2003 Budget Appropriations. The resolution was read by title.

Mrs. Richards made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2003-120, 2003-121, 2003-122, Mr. Wolbert second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Gehm, Mr. Wolbert, Dr. Cook, Mrs. Richards, Ms. Phillips, Mrs. Setikas, Mr. Hahn and Council President Bancroft.

NAYES: None.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT. Nothing.

MAYOR'S REPORT.

Mayor Lowden thanked everyone for his or her prayers for the health of his grandson. Mayor Lowden also discussed that the city was on the agenda at COAH for January 7, 2004. The Mayor would like to order new city bowls at a cost of \$6.50 per bowl to hand out to award winners and for formal presentations.

COUNCIL'S REPORT.

Mr. Gehm reported that the leaves will be caught up and that in 2003 there were about 95% new signs placed in the city. Mr. Gehm thanked everyone for their support while he was on council and that he will be around.

Dr. Cook thanked the council members for all of their hard work. The clean communities children did an excellent job and that many houses have received the Smiley award for improving or keeping up their homes. Dr. Cook discussed that the children will be helping out on February 15 when the River Line Light Rail opens. Also that Volunteers is what keeps America growing.

Mr. Wolbert thanked Mr. Gehm and Mr. Hahn for their dedication to council. The BRAG meeting will be held on January 7 at the library. Mr. Wolbert inquired if Mr. Kearns had sent a letter to the county about the snow plowing and if he had a chance to review the train whistle blowing late at night. Mr. Kearns explained that the law says that local regulations are not allowed to control the train, but that the council can discuss the train that continually blows it whistle through the entire length of town.

Mrs. Richards wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Ms. Phillips wished everyone a Blessed New year and thanked everyone who contributed coats to the coat drive. They will be donated to Catholic Charities.

Mrs. Setikas wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Mr. Hahn thanked Mrs. Haaf and Mr. Mickle for the clean up at 433 Bentley. Mr. Hahn thanked Frank Costello for giving him the opportunity to serve on council and that he has learned a lot.

President Bancroft thanked Mr. Gehm and Mr. Hahn for their dedication to city council and that he looks forward to seeing them in the audience. President Bancroft announced that reorganization would be held on January 6, 2004 at 7pm.

PUBLIC SESSION.

Carol Sheridan informed council that she has located a place for her trailer and that she is still attempting to sell her house. Beverly Haaf questioned about the loading and unloading of the vehicle and if there was a time limit on the loading process and how long during the day the vehicle could sit in front of the house. Mr. Kearns explained that the trailer has to be in the process of loading and unloading.

John Haaf-Riverbank thanked Mr. Gehm and Mr. Hahn for their time and service.

Janet Lowe-Laurel Street thanked Mike Morton for his help on Bridge Street and also that the public works employees go out of their way to help the seniors and the disabled. Ms. Lowe thanked George Hahn in supporting her. Also Ms. Lowe would like to start pennies for prescriptions for residents who cannot afford prescriptions. She would like to place jars in the city hall and drug store and collect pennies to help residents.

John Borden-Riverbank thanked Mr. Gehm and Mr. Hahn for their dedication and time to serve on council.

Richard Wolbert, council informed the public that the next neighborhood watch meeting will be on January 22 at the community center.

Ruby Dreher discussed that she has traveled many states but always came back to Beverly. She has seen a large improvement in Beverly in the last several years and hopes that the trend continues. Mrs. Dreher inquired if a traffic light could be placed on the intersection of Broad and Warren near the post office. There is a large amount of traffic attempting to cross the intersection and with the River Line Light Rail coming the volume of traffic will increase. Public Safety Director Morton will review the intersection and talk to the county about a traffic light.

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

Executive Session.

PAYMENT OF BILLS Mrs. Richards made a motion to approve the bills, Ms. Phillips seconded the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Gehm, Mr. Wolbert, Dr. Cook, Mrs. Richards, Ms. Phillips, Mrs. Setikas, Mr. Hahn and Council President Bancroft.

NAYES: None.

Mrs. Richards made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Phillips seconded the motion. All members present were in favor.

Submitted by,

Barbara A. Sheipe RMC
Municipal Clerk