

MINUTES

CITY OF BEVERLY

FEBRUARY 14, 2006

CALL TO ORDER. The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Beverly was called to order at 7:00pm, by Pro-tem President Richard Wolbert on Tuesday, February 14, 2006, 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, Mr. Krzykalski, Mayor Wetherill, Director of Public Safety Mike Morton, Solicitor William Kearns and Barbara Sheipe, clerk/administrator.

ABSENT: Ms. Gillette, Dr. Cook and Council President Bancroft.

MINUTES. Mr. Wolbert requested a correction to the minutes of February 7, on page two that it should read buildings and grounds. Mr. Borden also requested a correction to the January 24th minutes; it should read that the public works truck is ten years old, not one. Mrs. Setikas made a motion to approve the minutes of January 24 and February 7, 2006. Mr. Newsome second the motion. All members present voted in favor.

PUBLIC SAFETY. Ms. Dreher discussed that perhaps signs could be placed on the streets to alternate parking for the snowplow. Mr. Wolbert discussed that council has had several discussions on the issue and has not resolved the problem that would suit the entire city. There are a lot of details to work out. Mr. Peak from Edgewater Park discussed that Edgewater allows them to park on their front yard during a snow emergency. Mr. Wolbert discussed that it is a good idea, but most of the residents do not have front yards. Mr. Krzykalski discuss that parking on opposites side would not work since Cooper Street is one side parking only. Resident from audience discussed that many of the sidewalks have not been shoveled and it is dangerous for the children walking to school.

COORESPONDENCE.

Proclamation for READ ACROSS AMERICA. Mayor Wetherill read the letter requesting the proclamation into the read. The proclamation is attached and made a part of the minutes.

Beverly Baseball Association-Ken Peak requested that the money normally used for insurance for the association be given to help defray the cost of the children of Beverly playing for Delanco. The enrollment fee for Delanco is \$45.00 a children. Beverly will charge only \$20.00 and the rest of the fee will be from donations. Mr.

Krzykalski inquired as to how many children from Beverly played last year. Mr. Peak discussed that last year there was only 27 kids, but feels that there will be more with a lower fee charge. Mr. Peak discussed that he would like to have the children from Beverly play more sports with Delanco all year long. Mr. Krzykalski made a motion to give the \$500. normally used for insurance to the Beverly Baseball Association for registration fees. Mr. Newsome second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Ms. Kinniebrew, Mrs. Setikas, Mr. Newsome, Mr. Krzykalski and Mr. Wolbert.

NAYES: None.

OLD BUSINESS.

ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING.

Ordinance No. 2006-1, An Ordinance of the City of Beverly For Non-Union Employees For Salary Years 2006 and 2007. The ordinance was read by title. Mr. Wolbert open the ordinance to the public. No one wishing to be heard, the public portion was closed. Mr. Krzykalski discussed that he had been approach about doing a private contract for the Director of Public Works. Mr. Krzykalski discussed that he is not in favor of special contracts for each individual. Mr. Krzykalski discussed the change with the call in procedure for non-union employees, it was 4 hours for a call in and with the new ordinance it will be 2 hours for call ins, paid at the ¼ hour. Ms. Kinniebrew inquired if Mr. Schoen agreed to the changed. Mr. Wolbert discussed that Mr. Schoen had approached him about it and was not too happy. Mr. Newsome inquired as to how many times a year call ins occurred. Mrs. Sheipe explained that not counting snow removal, call ins are few. The problems usually involved a down tree or a problem with the municipal building. Mr. Krzykalski discussed that it should be uniform across the board for all employees. The police department and union employees receive two hours for a call in. The same standards should apply to non-union employees as well. Ms. Kinniebrew made a motion to adopted Ordinance No. 2006-1 on second and final reading. Mr. Newsome second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Ms. Kinniebrew, Mrs. Setikas, Mr. Newsome, Mr. Krzykalski and Mr. Wolbert.

NAYES: None. The ordinance will take effect 20 days after publication according to law.

A. Ordinance No. 2006-2, An Ordinance To Exceed The Municipal Budget appropriation Limits And To Establish A Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14). The ordinance was read by title. Mr. Wolbert opened the meeting to the public. No one wishing to be heard, the public portion was closed. Mr. Newsome made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2006-2 on second and final reading. Ms. Kinniebrew second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Ms. Kinniebrew, Mrs. Setikas, Mr. Newsome, Mr. Krzykalski and Mr. Wolbert.

NAYES: None. The ordinance will take effect 20 days after publication according to law.

NEW BUSINESS Item B through E 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. 2006-23, Resolution To Adopt 2006 Municipal Budget.**
- B. **Resolution No. 2006-24, Resolution of the City of Beverly Authorizing Entry Into A Subordination Agreement With Respect To 514 Magnolia Street, Beverly.**
- C. **Resolution No. 2006-25, Resolution of the City of Beverly Authorizing Entry Into A Subordination Agreement With Respect To 514 Broad Street, Beverly**
- D. **Resolution No. 2006-26, Resolution Authorizing A Line For Property Maintenance For 444 Cooper Street, Beverly.**
- E. **Resolution No. 2006-27, Resolution of the City of Beverly Authorizing Entry Into A Subordination Agreement With Respect To 94 Pine Street, Beverly.**
- F. **Payment of Bills.**

Mr. Newsome made a motion to approve Item B through E on the consent agenda, Ms. Kinniebrew second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Ms. Kinniebrew, Mrs. Setikas, Mr. Newsome, Mr. Krzykalski, and Mr. Wolbert.

NAYES: None.

Resolution No. 2006-23, Resolution To Introduce the City budget for 2006. Mr. Newsome explained that council has worked hard on the budget. There has been a lot of talk about the parks in the budget sessions. Mr. Newsome discussed that if the city was passing up additional revenue by not building on the lots, than the parks should be maintain. Mr. Wolbert discussed that additional money will be coming in with the new ordinance requiring funds to be place in the recreational account in lieu of providing onsite parks. Mr. Krzykalski discussed that if the parks are not useable than money coming in will not help. Mr. Krzykalski discussed that he had requested additional money for the parks and mulch, but he will have to make do with amount that council passed. Mr. Wolbert discussed the 1 cents increase and the need for a bond ordinance for the roads in the area of Cramer, Erhardt and Wheatley. Mr. Robertson from the public inquired if it came down to a new roof or a new playground. Mr. Krzykalski explained that the city does not need a new playground just some maintenance to the existing ones. City Hall needs a new roof and will require some patching this year.

Ms. Kinniebrew made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2006-23, Mr. Newsome second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Ms. Kinniebrew, Mrs. Setikas, Mr. Newsome, Mr. Krzykalski, and Mr. Wolbert.

NAYES: None.

Payment of Bills, Mrs. Sheipe requested that a bill for the lease of the copier for the RCA program be added to the bill list. Mr. Newsome made a motion to approve the bills as submitted, Mrs. Setikas second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Ms. Kinniebrew, Mrs. Setikas, Mr. Newsome, Mr. Krzykalski, and Mr. Wolbert.

NAYES: None.

SOLICITORS REPORT.

MAYORS REPORT.

Mayor Wetherill appointed Paul Sanders to the Beverly City Board of Education. A clarinet was donated to start off the band project. Diane Marshall and Janet Lowe will be doing a potluck super to raise money for the band. The date at this time is April 8 at Saint Stephen's Church. The Beverly City Home Association will also be holding an Easter Egg Hunt that day. Mayor Wetherill will be meeting with Harry McFarland of the Willingboro Recreation Program to learn about some of their ideas. The Department of Agriculture is working with the Mayor to help develop a farmers market near the rail line. Mayor Wetherill announced that she would be performing her first wedding ceremony on Friday.

COUNCIL REPORTS.

Ms. Kinniebrew inquired if the farmers market would be just for produce or similar to a flea market? Mayor Wetherill explained that it would be on the lot own by Coffee/Tea on Railroad Avenue and would contain produce only.

Mrs. Setikas discussed that the bank will be getting a new roof. Also the library has a tenant for the previous drug store property. It will be a small deli and grocery.

Mr. Newsome discussed that the selection of the planner for the Riverline area was completed. Also that the new tax collector, Victoria Boras has started work. Mr. Newsome read a letter from the Democratic Committee offering three names for the unexpired term of Nancy Richards. The letter is attached and made a part of the minutes. The person will serve until the next election. Ms. Kinniebrew nominated Hal Robertson, Mr. Krzykalski second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Ms. Kinniebrew, Mrs. Setikas, Mr. Newsome, Mr. Krzykalski and Mr. Wolbert.

NAYES: None.

Mr. Wolbert discussed the crime report provided by the Mike Morton, Director of Public Safety and that there were 106 motor vehicles tickets written in January.

WORK SESSION.

A. Discussion on Salary for RCA/COAH. Mr. Newsome inquired if we have to pay per unit? Mr. Kearns explained that Mrs. Vera is a city employee and that it is upto council the rate of pay. There is 20% available for administrator, but it does not all have to be used. The agreements with COAH state that it is upto 20% for administration costs. Mr. Krzykalski inquired as to who file reports to the

state and monitors the budget for the RCA/COAH program. Mr. Kearns explained that city council approves the budget and determines the percentages. Ms. Kinniebrew discussed that a more active approach is needed for marketing this program. Mr. Wolbert discussed that the figures on the reports given to council do not match up. There a lot of discrepancies in the figures from one report to the next. Mr. Krzykalski discussed that council needs the correct figures to make a decision and that there needs to be a meeting with Mrs. Vera and members of council to review the figures. Mr. Newsome discussed that it should be a 2.5% increase as the other employees. Mr. Krzykalski inquired what happens if the money is used up before the homes are complete. Mrs. Sheipe explained that the program has a contract with the sending municipalities that the homes must be completed by a certain date. Mr. Krzykalski discussed that perhaps with the new treasurer there will be more control of the spending. Mr. Wolbert discussed that he has no problem with the 2.5% increase. Council decided to table the ordinance until correct figures could be obtained and questions answer.

PUBLIC SESSION.

Mr. Borden-Riverbank informed Mayor Wetherill that the county has a program to help with bands in the area. Also that there used to be a farmers market on the Edgewater Park side of the tracks. Mr. Borden inquired as to which playgrounds need repair? Mr. Krzykalski discussed that the playgrounds really need mulch and surface work. Graffiti needs to be removed and Farnum Park needs to be dug up and remulched. Mr. Borden discussed that Farnum Park receives little use and should not be in need of repair. Mrs. Setikas felt that the park was installed around 1998 and is not that old. Mr. Krzykalski explained that the mulch needs to be maintain weekly. Children kick the mulch with their feet. Mr. Krzykalski showed a sample of new more durable material that is expense for the city to use. The new material last forever and does not break down. Mr. Borden inquired about the salary ordinance and is it reflected in the budget figures. Also that the questions on the RCA/COAH program were asked in the beginning and that the ground rules say upto 20% and that there was to be no cost to the City. Mr. Wolbert discussed that it was a well intentionally program in the beginning and that council was inquiring as to where all of the money was spent on administration over the years. Council does not want to have to pay any funds to finish the program. Mr. Borden inquired if the money per house was given out at the beginning or when the home was completed. Mayor Wetherill explained that the city has to balance cost to finish the home. Mr. Newsome discussed that expenses have been spent for the entire 20% of administration and that the lines on the report do not add up. Mr. Wolbert inquired if the money paid back into the program has 20% taken out or is the entire amount given back towards a rehab. The program has run very well for years and cannot give a rubber stamp to the ordinance. Mr. Newsome explained that the city has not had a lot of oversight of the program and when the bills or purchases are questions, the answer is that there is no problem. Mayor Wetherill inquired if the city charges rent for the office that the program uses? Mr. Kearns explained that it is a program for the city so no rent can be charged.

Mrs. Dreher inquired about the Mayor's first wedding? Mayor Wetherill explained that she would be performing a wedding this Friday for Beverly City residents. Mrs. Haaf-zoning officer discussed that Victoria Boras was a good selection by the council has a new tax collector. She has a good attitude and very nice personality.

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.

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**