

MINUTES

CITY OF BEVERLY

FEBRUARY 28, 2006

CALL TO ORDER. The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Beverly was called to order at 7:00pm, by President Bancroft on Tuesday, February 28, 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, Dr. Cook, Mr. Krzykalski, Council President Bancroft, Mayor Wetherill, Director of Public Safety Mike Morton, Solicitor William Kearns and Barbara Sheipe, clerk/administrator.

ABSENT: Ms. Gillette.

MINUTES. Dr. Cook made a motion to approve the minutes of February 14, 2006, Mr. Wolbert second the motion. All members present voted in favor.

SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBER. Mayor Wetherill swore in Hal Robertson to city council to fill the seat vacated by Nancy Richards until the next election.

COORESPONDENCE.

A. Safety Awards from Burlington County JIF. The City of Beverly received a total of \$1,881 in safety money and several awards for the safety program. The plaque will be hung in the council room.

B. Presentation to Robert Lowden Jr. Dr. Cook read a letter from Edgewater Park Township honoring Robert Lowden as Mayor of Beverly. Dr. Cook presented Bob Lowden with a plaque for his years of service to the city as a council member and mayor of the city. Dr. Cook discussed that whenever someone need the history of the City, Bob Lowden always had the answer. Dr. Cook discussed that Bob had started under Mayor Costello and had absorbed a lot of his teachings. Dr. Cook presented Margie Lowden with a bouquet of flowers for giving of her time and effort to be supportive as the Mayor's wife. Bob Lowden thanked everyone and spoke about that Mayor Costello taught council a lot and force everyone to become involved.

C. Presentation to Nancy Richards. Dr. Cook read a letter from Edgewater Park Township honoring Mrs. Richards for her years of service as a councilwoman. Dr. Cook presented Nancy Richards with a bouquet and plaque for her years of service to the city as an employee and councilwoman. Dr. Cook thanked Nancy for all of her help since she has become a councilwoman with the Memorial Day parade and working on special projects with her. Mrs. Richards thanked everyone for thinking of her and encourage everyone to keep moving forward. Mrs.

Richards discussed that Beverly Commons is a good project and that people are waiting to move there.

Vic Vittorino of Delanco discussed that it was a privilege and honor to work with Bob Lowden and Nancy Richards over the years. They both poured their hearts and souls into the city.

OLD BUSINESS.

NEW BUSINESS Item A 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. 2006-28,** Resolution Authorizing Transfers Among 2005 Budget Appropriations.
- B. **Resolution No. 2006-29,** Resolution of the City of Beverly Authorizing Entry Into A Subordination Agreement With Respect To 211 Broad Street, Beverly NJ.
- C. **Resolution No. 2006-30,** Resolution Authorizing Aerial Application For Mosquito Control in the City of Beverly.
- D. **Resolution No. 2006-31,** Resolution of the City of Beverly Authorizing Entry Into A Subordination Agreement With Respect To 611 Manor Road, Beverly, NJ.
- E. **Treasurers Report.**

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

AYES: Mr. Wolbert, Ms. Kinniebrew, Mrs. Setikas, Mr. Newsome, Dr. Cook, Mr. Krzykalski, Mr. Robertson and Council President Bancroft.
NAYES: None.

Payment of Bills, Mr. Wolbert requested that the account that the First Lease bill for the Alcotest be changed to the DUI fund and also that the amount be changed to \$391.25. Also that the bill submit by Paramount Enterprises for \$56,849.80 be added to the bill list and that only the amount that the city has received from the state be paid out at this time. Council President Bancroft inquired about the bill for Burlington Mercury in the amount of \$443.22 for a battery. Director Morton explained that the bill included regular maintenance and brakes as well. Mr. Wolbert made a motion to approve the bills as corrected, Mr. Newsome second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Wolbert, Ms. Kinniebrew, Mrs. Setikas, Mr. Newsome, Dr. Cook, Mr. Krzykalski, Mr. Robertson and Council President Bancroft.
NAYES: None.

SOLICITORS REPORT.

MAYORS REPORT. Mayor Wetherill discussed that she was notified by the State that the age for wearing of helmets has been increased to under 17 for bicycles, skateboarders and roller skates. Mayor Wetherill also discussed that recycling is

less than efficient and the City needs to improve their collection. Mayor Wetherill is working with Susan Roth of Cooper Street to set up a workshop to inform residents about reducing the use of pesticides in their yards and natural alternatives. Mayor Wetherill is also working on the Farmers Market for Railroad Ave. Mayor Wetherill discussed that Barbara Sheipe, administrator, Mark Remsa, County Economic Development and herself went to New York to meet with the EPA concerning the Cosden Chemical Site. At this time the EPA is not willing to release the site. The Mobile Medical Van is at the Housing Authority every Wednesday from 9am-4:30pm for medical services as well as dental needs.

PUBLIC SAFETY.

Ms. Kinniebrew inquired if the city offered helmets. Director Morton explained that he has helmets available for children that cannot afford them. The police department will also be starting a program with Holiday Ice Cream in Edgewater Park to give children who are seen wearing their helmets coupons towards their purchase of ice cream. This is to reward the children who are following the law.

COUNCIL REPORTS.

Mrs. Setikas announced that a new business is moving in across the street. They have plans on being a nail salon.

Mr. Newsome thanked Bob Lowden and Nancy Richards for their devotion to the city. Mr. Newsome welcomed Hal Robertson to city council.

Dr. Cook welcomed Hal Robertson to city council and also thanked Bob Lowden and Nancy Richards. Dr. Cook discussed that they are working on the Memorial Day Parade and that she has a letter available for any one wishing to be a patron. The cost is \$2.00 for your name to appear in the Memorial Day book. Dr. Cook discussed that she was present at the ribbon cutting for the mobile health unit and that it was well equipped to handle dental problems and medical issues. Dr. Cook requested that a letter of appreciation be sent to Gary Centinaro, Director of the Housing Authority for his efforts in having the health unit available.

Mr. Krzykalski discussed that the public works department needs a posthole digger that can work through concrete as well as dirt. The cost is around \$300 to \$500 for the digger.

Mr. Robertson thanked everyone for their support and the opportunity to serve on council.

Council President Bancroft welcome Hal Robertson to city council.

Robert Lowden reported on the Rt. 130 corridor meeting, which is now called the RiverRoute study. Each town is represented by two individuals and two representatives from the county attend. They are working on new marketing tools, such as letterhead and post cards. There will be a website and several new ads to show the RiverRoute. They are requesting that a land analysis both public and private be completed. Mr. Lowden also discussed that at the meeting it was announced that Dietz and Watson will be coming to Delanco, the Madison Pub in

Riverside will be expanding and Edgewater Park is hoping to have a new restaurant in the old state police barracks on Route 130.

WORK SESSION.

A. Discussion on participation in Green Acres. Mr. Kearns explained that with the Green Acres funding, if a park or open space is dedicated with Green Acres funds it must remain that way or you need to reapply to Green Acres to change the funding. Council President Bancroft discussed that the city really does not have any land available for open space or a new park. Mr. Wolbert made a motion to not be involved in the Green Acres program, Mr. Newsome second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

B. Discussion on use of city vehicles for off-duty. Council President Bancroft explained that the city has an ordinance covering the reimbursement of salary and administrative costs for when the officers work a special detail (road projects etc.), but that he is concerned about the cost of the vehicles. There is no reimbursement to the city for the cost of gas or maintenance of the vehicles. The officers are only allowed to use the vehicles for special details within the city limits. Council received a copy of Delanco's ordinance, they charge \$10. per hour or \$50. per day for use of the vehicles to the contractor. Mr. Kearns discussed that Florence Township charges \$10. per hour and that it is left up to the Chief of Police. Mr. Kearns will forward the Florence Township ordinance for council review. Mr. Kearns recommends that council review other municipality ordinance and decide what is best for the city. Mr. Wolbert inquired as to what the procedure will be for an emergency? The contractor would be provided road detail and have to pay the escrow amount as soon as possible.

C. Discussion on Steering Committee. A steering committee is needed for the Beverly/Edgewater Park Transit Oriented Development Neighborhood Planning Study. The committee will assist Beverly, Edgewater Park and Burlington County with community input regarding the TOD planning study. Mrs. Sheipe explained that it does not have to be members of council and that perhaps council would like to appoint a few planning board members. Dr. Cook, Mr. Newsome, Mrs. Sheipe, Mr. Haaf, Council President Bancroft and Mr. Robertson will be assigned to the steering committee.

D. Council President Bancroft discussed that council needs to schedule a special meeting concerning the Cosden Chemical Site. Mark Remsa, Burlington County Economic Development will present the redevelopment plan for the site. Dr. Cook made a motion to hold the meeting on March 6 at 7pm, Mr. Wolbert second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

PUBLIC SESSION.

Mr. Borden-Riverbank inquired about the new police vehicles needing maintenance already. Mr. Wolbert explained that they have between 14,000 and 17,000 miles on them depending on the vehicle. Mr. Borden inquired if there was oversight of the maintenance and tracking of the cost. Also if an officer is not on official duty, why do they need the vehicle for road detail? Council President Bancroft explained that a police officer is on duty 24 hours a day. Also that Corporal Boettger does keep track of the maintenance when the vehicle needs its oil change and regular maintenance. There is also a log of maintenance expense kept by Corporal Boettger. Director Morton explained that the vehicles are equipped with some warranty, but it does not cover the brakes or batteries. Mr. Wolbert explained that he keeps a log also of the cost and what vehicle has received repairs. Mr. Borden inquired as to why the engine runs all day when the office is doing traffic duty? Director Morton explained that the overhead lights and equipment in the vehicles cause a large drain on the battery and it was more practical to leave the vehicle running. The officers need the lights on for safety reasons; it alerts traffic that someone is there.

Mr. Haaf-Riverbank apologized to city council if he led their thinking to a different direction than he was going to. The story on the liquor license did not lead in the direction of his thinking. Mr. Haaf is concerned about the direction of the downtown. He appreciates the work and time to develop sections along the river and the train line. The attention needs to be in the downtown area. Mr. Haaf discussed that most people drive through the city on Warren Street and see the empty storefronts and rundown buildings. Mr. Haaf also discussed that the council has a reputation of shooting the messenger when someone from the public criticizes and that they also have a history of breaking people down. Council President Bancroft discussed that the center of town is a real issue at all of the meetings the city attends with developers. Mrs. Sheipe explained that the city constantly is meeting with developers and investors. The problem with attempting to get a business interested in starting downtown is that there are many vacant buildings with no owner available to talk to or there are large tax lines on the property and it costs too much to settle up the property. Mr. Haaf discussed that the one-hour parking on Warren Street has never been enforced and that Warren Street needs to be friendly parking for businesses. Council President Bancroft discussed that the county has been called upon several times for help with placing signs for parking. Mr. Haaf also inquired about Dr. Dow and his parking of cars that are covered on the street. Council President Bancroft discussed that the new owners of A.E. Litho will be giving back to the city the first six (6) parking spaces for city parking. The spaces are owned half by the city and half by the property owner. Mr. Haaf discussed that when he talks to the businesses in the downtown area, many of them claim that they have not seen a council member in years.

Ms. Dreher inquired if the Memorial Day parade was the same route as last year? Dr. Cook explained that due to the Burlington County Executive Board of the American Legion controlling the parade, the route will remain the same as last year. Dr. Cook will do the wreath presentation at the river at noon, which kicks off the Memorial Day celebration. Dr. Cook explained that many of the bands and

senior members of the organizations that March do not want to walk long distant any longer.

Ms. Marshall-Cooper Street inquired as to what address the additional resolution was for on the agenda? Mr. Wolbert replied that it was for 611 Manor Road.

Mr. Lowden-Detwiler congratulates the employees and the city on the JIF awards. Mr. Lowden also discussed that the grant for the TDICA and the river line point toward developing the downtown. Bringing people back to the downtown is hard, there needs to be a major reason to come. Parking has always been a problem and very few people use the municipal lot. Council President Bancroft discussed that Mr. Centarino has been approach about the post office buying the lot at the corner of Broad and Warren to use for parking. Dr. Cook discussed that the center of town is a concern of hers and that she works with developers and always shows them the downtown. Ms. Kinniebrew discussed that the luncheonette on the corner was the hub f the area and that she always attempts to support the downtown business. Loitering is a problem and that there needs to be a solution to make people feel secure and to balance the area.

Mr. Haaf thanked Mr. Robertson for being on city council.

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

Submitted by,

Barbara A. Sheipe RMC
Municipal Clerk