

## MINUTES

**CITY OF BEVERLY**

**JANUARY 27, 2004**

**CALL TO ORDER.** The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Beverly was called to order at 7:30pm, by Council President Bancroft on Tuesday, January 27, 2004, 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.

**OATH OF OFFICE.** Mayor Lowden swore in Scott Williams and John Newsome to city council until the next general election.

### **ROLL CALL.**

**PRESENT:** Mr. Wolbert, Mr. Newsome, Dr. Cook, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Richards, Council President Robert Bancroft, Mayor Robert Lowden, Solicitor William Kearns and Municipal Clerk/Administrator Barbara Sheipe.

**ABSENT:** Ms. Gillette, Mrs. Snyder and Mrs. Setikas.

**MINUTES.** Mrs. Richards made a motion to approve the minutes of January 13, 2004. Mr. Wolbert second the motion. All members present approve the motion.

**TREASURER'S REPORT.** Mrs. Richards made a motion to approve the report, Mr. Wolbert second the report. All members present approved the motion.

### **COORESPONDENCE.**

City Council received a letter from the Beverly Sewerage Authority for the appointment of George Hahn for a five-year term. Mrs. Richards made a motion to approve the appointment, Mr. Wolbert second the motion. All members voted in favor.

### **OLD BUSINESS.**

### **ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING.**

- a. **Ordinance No. 2004-1,** An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 2003-1, 2003-2, 2003-3, 2003-4, Salary Ordinance For Regional Contribution Agreement. The ordinance was read by title.

Mrs. Richards made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2004-1 on first reading. Dr. Cook second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

**AYES:** Mr. Wolbert, Mr. Newsome, Dr. Cook, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Richards, Council President Bancroft.

NAYES: None. The ordinance was passed on first reading and will be heard on second and final reading at the council meeting of February 10, 2004.

### **NEW BUSINESS.**

- A. **Resolution No. 2004-13**, Resolution Of The Common Council Of The City Of Beverly Adopting A Form Required To Be Used For The Filing Of Notices Of Tort Claim Against The City Of Beverly In Accordance With The Provisions Of The New Jersey Tort Claims Act N.J.S.A. 59:8-6. The resolution was read by title.
- B. **Resolution No. 2004-14**, Resolution Authorizing Transfers Among 2003 Budget Appropriations. The resolution was read by title.
- C. **Resolution No. 2004-15**, Resolution Of Signatures For Bank Accounts. The resolution was read by title.

Mrs. Richards made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2004-13, 2004-14, 2004-15. Mr. Wolbert second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Wolbert, Mr. Newsome, Dr. Cook, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Richards, Council President Bancroft.

NAYES: None.

### **WORK SESSION.**

Discussion of shared services with Burlington County Board of Health. Mr. Wolbert inquired if there would be any charge from the county. Mr. Kearns explained that most of the municipalities use the county board of health for services. This is done as a matter of shared services. The majority of the functions required under the ordinance for the board of health are provided by other departments in the city. The zoning official will assume the duties of the food handler licenses.

**Ordinance No. 2004-2**, An Ordinance To Abolish The Local Board Of Health. The ordinance was read by title.

Mr. Wolbert made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2004-2 on first reading. Mr. Newsome second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Wolbert, Mr. Newsome, Dr. Cook, Mr. Williams, and Council President Bancroft.

ABSTAIN: Mrs. Richards, she is a member of the Board of Health.

NAYES: None. The ordinance will be heard on final and second reading at the council meeting of February 10, 2004.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT.** Mr. Kearns discussed that he has made arrangements for DCA to conduct a seminar for employees and city council on February 24, 2004 at 6pm for information on the Local Purchasing and Contracts rules and regulations. Everyone is invited to attend and the administrator will send letters of invitations to Delanco and Edgewater Park.

Mr. Kearns also discussed that he had received a request for the City of Beverly to change the RCA agreement with New Hanover from 2 low and 2 moderate units to 3 low and 1 moderate unit. This is due to the housing costs and property values in New Hanover rising. There is no additional benefit to the city. City Council discussed the issue and recommended no change to the existing agreement.

**MAYOR'S REPORT.** Mayor Lowden discussed that he had received information about mosquito control and ways to help with mosquito in back yards. The Mayor will forward the information to the Beverly Bee for publication. Mayor Lowden welcomed the new members to council and thanked everyone for braving the bad weather to attend. The Mayor announced that he and Dominic Gioffre were honored at the Mayor's Legislature Day in Trenton for 10 and 20 years of service. Council will present Mary Gioffre with the award at the council meeting of February 10, 2004. Mayor Lowden informed council that the Governor does not paint a nice picture of the states budget.

**COUNCIL'S REPORT.**

Mr. Wolbert thanked everyone for coming out. There was a Neighborhood Watch Meeting held at the Housing Authority Center that was well presented. Mr. Wolbert inquired if the City could send a letter to the county courts requesting that they review the cases sent to them by the City for stiffer penalties and longer jail time. Several people are being put back onto the streets and committing the same crime over and over. Mr. Wolbert also discussed doing an ordinance to have cars park in driveways when the roads are snow covered to allow for plowing of the streets. Mr. Wolbert discuss the cost of the students at the Del Cove Homes to the city and that he has been in touch with Senator Corzines office for some financial relief. Mr. Wolbert will be attending the Elected Officials Seminar in Cherry Hill on January 31.

Dr. Cook congratulated the new members of council and that there is positive energy in council. Dr. Cook, Mrs. Richards and President Bancroft attend a shared service meeting at the Burlington County Eco-Center in Mansfield. Dr. Cook discussed that redevelopment discussions are on going.

Mr. Williams thanked council for the appointment and that he is looking forward to working with them.

Mrs. Richards welcomed the new members to council.

Council President Bancroft welcomed the new members and thanked them for stepping forward. President Bancroft announced that there would be a shared services meeting with Delanco, Edgewater Park, Riverside at city hall on February 19, 2004 at 7pm.

**PUBLIC SESSION.**

George Han-440 Bentley Avenue inquired if there is an ordinance or could one be created for false fire calls to repeat addresses. There are several calls for malfunctioning smokes alarms or carbon monoxide alarms that are repeated because the homeowner refuses to fix their alarm system. This is time consuming and costly to the fire companies. Mr. Kearns will research the request.

John Haaf welcome the new council members and thanked council for not changing the New Hanover agreement. Mr. Haaf also discussed that a resident of Edgewater Park thanked the public works department for the snow plowing.

Mayor Lowden announced that Roy Evensen has resigned from planning board and that the Mayor is appointing Mary Gager on the board.

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

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

AYES: Mr. Wolbert, Mr. Newsome, Dr. Cook, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Richards, and Council President Bancroft.

NAYES: None.

Mrs. Richards made a motion to go into executive session, Mr. Wolbert seconded the motion. All members present were in favor.

City Council returned to public session and took no further action. A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Richards, second by Mr. Williams.

Submitted by,  
Barbara A. Sheipe RMC  
Municipal Clerk