

## MINUTES

**CITY OF BEVERLY**

**JANUARY 3, 2006**

**CALL TO ORDER.** The reorganization meeting of the Common Council of the City of Beverly was called to order at 7:30pm, by Council President Bancroft on Tuesday, January 3, 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.

**OPENING PRAYER.** Reverend Legnani, St. Stephen Episcopal Church.

**OATH OF OFFICE.** Senator Diane Allen administered the oath of office to Jean Wetherill as Mayor. Assemblyman Herb Conway administered the oath of office to Nancy Richards, Theresa Gillette and Dr. Gail Cook.

### **ROLL CALL.**

**PRESENT:** Mr. Wolbert, Mr. Newsome, Ms. Kinniebrew, Dr. Cook, Ms. Gillette, Mr. Krzykalski, Mrs. Richards, Robert Bancroft, Mayor Jean C. Wetherill, Director of Public Safety Michael Morton, Solicitor William Kearns and Municipal Clerk/Administrator Barbara Sheipe.

**ABSENT:** Ms. Setikas.

### **ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT.**

Mrs. Richards made a motion to appoint Robert Bancroft as council president, Ms. Gillette second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

**AYES:** Mr. Wolbert, Mr. Newsome, Ms. Kinniebrew, Dr. Cook, Ms. Gillette, Mr. Krzykalski, Mrs. Richards, Council President Robert Bancroft,

**NAYES:** None.

**ABSTAIN:** Mr. Bancroft.

**PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS-** President Robert Bancroft thanked everyone for attending and their support of him as council president. Council President Bancroft discussed that the council had received an award of \$140,000 for paving of Railroad Avenue from Broad to Manor and another \$140,000 for drainage of Railroad Avenue from Cooper to Farnum Street in 2005. The city has applied for a grant of \$140,000 for the paving of Railroad Avenue from Cooper to Farnum for 2006. Council President thanked Assemblyman Connors and Conway for helping with the grant for the video conferencing, the new police vehicles and the playground for the school. The work is continuing on the Beverly Commons project and hope to have it completed by the end of 2006. Hard work is being done to move the waterfront project along. The RCA program has completed 11 homes over the 2005 year. Council President discussed that he hoped

council worked as a group this year as always and completed many of the projects in the future.

**ELECTION OF PRESIDENT, PRO-TEM.**

Mr. Wolbert made a motion to appoint Nancy Richards as pro-tem for council president. Mr. Newsome second the motion. At the call of the roll the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Wolbert, Mr. Newsome, Ms. Kinniebrew, Dr. Cook, Ms. Gillette, Mr. Krzykalski, Mrs. Richards, Council President Robert Bancroft.  
NAYES: None

**COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES-** The list of council committees is attached and made a part of the minutes. Mrs. Richards made a motion to approve the council committees, Mr. Wolbert second the motion. All members voted in favor.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2006-1,** Resolution Appointing City Solicitor and Authorizing An Agreement For Professional Services. (William Kearns). The resolution was read by title. Mrs. Richards made a motion to appoint William Kearns as the city solicitor, Mr. Wolbert second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Wolbert, Mr. Newsome, Ms. Kinniebrew, Dr. Cook, Ms. Gillette, Mr. Krzykalski, Mrs. Richards, Council President Robert Bancroft.  
NAYES: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 2006-2,** Resolution Appointing City Municipal Prosecutor and Authorizing An Agreement For Professional Services. (R. Gallagher). The resolution was read by title. Mrs. Richards made a motion to appoint R. Lou Gallagher as the municipal prosecutor for the court, Mr. Wolbert second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Wolbert, Mr. Newsome, Ms. Kinniebrew, Dr. Cook, Ms. Gillette, Mr. Krzykalski, Mrs. Richards, Council President Robert Bancroft.  
NAYES: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 2006-3,** Resolution Appointing City Public Defender and Authorizing An Agreement For Professional Services. (N. Rosenberg). The resolution was read by title. Mrs. Richards made a motion to appoint Neal Rosenberg as the public defender. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Wolbert, Mr. Newsome, Ms. Kinniebrew, Dr. Cook, Ms. Gillette, Mr. Krzykalski, Mrs. Richards, Council President Robert Bancroft.  
NAYES: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 2006-4**, Resolution Appointing City Alternate Prosecutor and Authorizing An Agreement For Professional Services (D. Buono). The resolution was read by title. Mr. Wolbert made a motion to appoint Dean Buono as alternate prosecutor, Ms. Gillette second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Wolbert, Mr. Newsome, Ms. Kinniebrew, Dr. Cook, Ms. Gillette, Mr. Krzykalski, Mrs. Richards, Council President Robert Bancroft.

NAYES: None

**RESOLUTUION NO. 2006-5**, Resolution Appointing City Auditor and Authorizing An Agreement For Professional Services. (R. Stewart). The resolution was read by title. Mrs. Richards made a motion to appoint Robert Stewart of Inverso and Stewart as the city auditor. Mr. Wolbert second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Wolbert, Mr. Newsome, Ms. Kinniebrew, Dr. Cook, Ms. Gillette, Mr. Krzykalski, Mrs. Richards, Council President Robert Bancroft.

NAYES: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 2006-6**, Resolution Appointing City Engineer and Authorizing An Agreement for Professional Services. (Environmental Resolutions). The resolution was read by title. Mr. Wolbert made a motion to appoint William Kirchner of Environmental Resolutions as the city engineer, Mrs. Richards second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Wolbert, Mr. Newsome, Ms. Kinniebrew, Dr. Cook, Ms. Gillette, Mr. Krzykalski, Mrs. Richards, Council President Robert Bancroft.

NAYES: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 2006-7**, Resolution Appointing A Risk Management Consultant And Authorizing An Agreement For Professional Services. (Tunney) Mrs. Richards made a motion to appoint Tunney Insurance, James Tunney as the risk management consultant for the JIF, Mr. Wolbert second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Wolbert, Mr. Newsome, Ms. Kinniebrew, Dr. Cook, Ms. Gillette, Mr. Krzykalski, Mrs. Richards, Council President Robert Bancroft.

NAYES: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 2006-8**, Resolution Providing For The Designation Of An Official Newspaper. The resolution was read by title. This resolution will designated the Burlington County Times as the official newspaper. Mr. Wolbert made a motion to approve the resolution, Ms. Gillette second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Wolbert, Mr. Newsome, Ms. Kinniebrew, Dr. Cook, Ms. Gillette, Mr. Krzykalski, Mrs. Richards, Council President Robert Bancroft.

NAYES: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 2006-9**, Resolution Designating Dates And Times For City Of Beverly Council Meetings. The resolution was read by title. Mrs. Richards made a motion to approve the resolution, Ms. Gillette second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Wolbert, Mr. Newsome, Ms. Kinniebrew, Dr. Cook, Ms. Gillette, Mr. Krzykalski, Mrs. Richards, Council President Robert Bancroft.

NAYES: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 2006-10**, Resolution Appointing A Municipal Judge and Authorizing An Agreement For Professional Services. The resolution was read by title. Mr. Wolbert made a motion to appoint James Vodges for a three-year term, Mrs. Richards second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Wolbert, Mr. Newsome, Ms. Kinniebrew, Dr. Cook, Ms. Gillette, Mr. Krzykalski, Mrs. Richards, Council President Robert Bancroft.

NAYES: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 2006-11**, Resolution Authorizing Agreements For Professional Services. The resolution was read by title. Mrs. Richards made a motion to approve the resolution, Ms. Gillette second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Wolbert, Mr. Newsome, Ms. Kinniebrew, Dr. Cook, Ms. Gillette, Mr. Krzykalski, Mrs. Richards, Council President Robert Bancroft.

NAYES: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 2006-12, RESOLUTION APPOINTING A DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT.** Mr. Wolbert made a motion to reappointment Michael Morton as the director of public safety, Ms. Kinniebrew second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Wolbert, Mr. Newsome, Ms. Kinniebrew, Dr. Cook, Ms. Gillette, Mr. Krzykalski, Council President Robert Bancroft.

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: Mrs. Richards.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2006-13, RESOLUTION ADOPTING 2006 TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR 2006.** Mrs. Richards made a motion to approve the resolution, Ms. Gillette second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Wolbert, Mr. Newsome, Ms. Kinniebrew, Dr. Cook, Ms. Gillette, Mr. Krzykalski, Mrs. Richards, Council President Robert Bancroft.

NAYES: None

**COUNCIL APPOINTMENT TO ROUTE 130 CORRIDOR.** Council President Bancroft made a motion to reappoint Robert Lowden and Gail Cook, Mrs. Richards second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Wolbert, Mr. Newsome, Ms. Kinniebrew, Dr. Cook, Ms. Gillette, Mr. Krzykalski, Mrs. Richards, Council President Robert Bancroft.

NAYES: None

**Council Appointments.** - Mrs. Richards made a motion to appoint:

Trudi Desjardins-Deputy City Clerk and Registrar, Municipal Improvement Search.

Barbara Sheipe-Deputy Registrar

Edward Warwick-Sub-registrar

George Mickle-Housing Inspector and Deputy Zoning Officer.

Beverly Haaf-Zoning Officer and Deputy Housing Inspector.

Victoria Boras-Tax Search Clerk.

Alfred Desjardins-Emergency Management Coordinator.

Kathleen Elliott-Police Matron.

School Crossing Guards-Catherine Marter, Wayne Boyte, Sarah Murphy, Harold Link.

Edward Gitto-Court Officer.

Walter Gehm-Sewerage Authority.

Mrs. Setikas second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the appointments.

**REPRESENTATIVE TO PLANNING BOARD,** Mrs. Richards made a motion to appoint Richard Wolbert as council representative to the planning board. Mrs. Setikas second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the appointment.

**MAYOR'S ALTERNATE TO PLANNING BOARD.** Mayor Wetherill appointed Robertina Kinniebrew as her alternate to the planning board.

**OATHS OF OFFICE FOR 2006 APPOINTMENTS.** Mayor Wetherill administers the oaths of office.

**PRESENTATION OF GUESTS.** Mayor Wetherill thanked everyone for attending the reorganization of council. Robert Lowden thanked everyone for 21 wonderful years serving the city, Assemblyman Conway thanking council for allowing him to be a part of the city new growth. Dr. Cook thanked the Assemblyman for his and Assemblyman Connors for their help with grants and work on council behalf. Mayor Wetherill thanked Mayor Ramsey and Deputy Mayor Jennings of Willingboro for attending. Also the former Mayor Campbell of the Willingboro for attending.

**MAYORS ADDRESS.** Mayor Wetherill thanked everyone for attending and that she will have set hours in city hall. She will be available on Mon and Wed from 9am to 11am and Tues. and Thurs. from 1pm to 3pm. Mayor Wetherill discussed that she is looking forward to working with the city.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS.**

Mr. Wolbert thanked everyone for coming and that council has had some decisions to make, but that Beverly is becoming the city it used to be.

Ms. Kinniebrew wished everyone a Happy New Year and that serving on council has been a real eye opener. There are many challenges and that she would like to community day return to the city.

Mr. Newsome thanked everyone and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Ms. Gillette wished everyone a bless year and congratulated the new elected members.

Dr. Cook wished everyone and Happy and Healthy New Year and that the Economic Development Committee is moving forward. Dr. Cook welcomed Mayor Wetherill and her family.

Mr. Krzykalski thanked everyone for coming and that with the new appointments to the planning board and a full tax collector the city is moving forward.

Mrs. Richards thanked everyone for coming and that sometimes it looks like council is only chipping away at the problems but the rewards do come.

Mr. Kearns thanked council for the reappointment and that his first job was in Beverly in 1966.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

Mr. Haaf-Riverbank thanked everyone for their help and that their hard work is encouraging. Mr. Haaf also addressed the audience to request that they attend the council meetings and that council wants to hear their request and issues to make Beverly a better city.

**CLOSING PRAYER.** Reverend Legnani, St. Stephen Episcopal Church.

**ADJOURNMENT.** Mrs. Richards made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Wolbert second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Submitted by,  
Barbara A. Sheipe RMC  
Municipal Clerk