

MINUTES

CITY OF BEVERLY

JANUARY 4, 2005

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 4, 2005 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. Assemblyman Jack Connors administered the oath to Council President Robert Bancroft, Councilman John Newsome, Councilwoman Gerda Setikas.

ROLL CALL.

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

ABSENT: None.

ELECTION OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN-MAYOR LOWDEN.

Mrs. Richards made a motion to appoint Mayor Lowden as temporary chairman of council for the meeting. Mrs. Setikas second the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT.

Mrs. Richards made a motion to appoint Robert Bancroft as council president, 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, Mrs. Setikas, Council President Robert Bancroft,

NAYES: None.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS- President Robert Bancroft thanked everyone for attending and their support of him as council president. He discussed that several grants were given to the city in the 2004 year. The City received a grant for Railroad Avenue and Cherry Street, a grant for four new police vehicles and a grant for a new video court conferencing system. The year 2004 end on a positive upbeat.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT,PRO-TEM.

Dr. Cook made a motion to appoint Nancy Richards as pro-tem for 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, Mrs. Setikas, 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, Mrs. Setikas second the motion. All members voted in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-1, Resolution Appointing City Solicitor and Authorizing An Agreement For Professional Services. (William Kearns). The resolution was read by title.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-2, Resolution Appointing City Municipal Prosecutor and Authorizing An Agreement For Professional Services. (R. Gallagher). The resolution was read by title.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-3, Resolution Appointing City Public Defender and Authorizing An Agreement For Professional Services. (N. Rosenberg). The resolution was read by title.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-4, Resolution Appointing City First Alternate and Authorizing An Agreement For Professional Services (M. Tarantino). The resolution was read by title.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-5, Resolution Appointing City Second Alternate Municipal Prosecutor and Authorizing An Agreement For Professional Services. The resolution was read by title.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-6, Resolution Appointing City Auditor and Authorizing An Agreement For Professional Services. (R. Stewart). The resolution was read by title.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-7, Resolution Appointing City Engineer and Authorizing An Agreement for Professional Services. (Environmental Resolutions). The resolution was read by title.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-8, Resolution Appointing A Risk Management Consultant And Authorizing An Agreement For Professional Services. (Tunney)

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-5-9, Resolution Providing For The Designation Of An Official Newspaper. The resolution was read by title. This resolution will designate the Burlington County Times as the official newspaper.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-10, Resolution Designating Dates And Times For City Of Beverly Council Meetings. The resolution was read by title.

Mrs. Richards made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2005-1 through Resolution No. 2005-10. 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, Mrs. Setikas, 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.
Nelly Vera-Deputy Registrar
Edward Warwick-Sub-registrar
George Mickle-Housing Inspector and Deputy Zoning Officer.
Beverly Haaf-Zoning Officer and Deputy Housing Inspector.
Michele Adams-Tax Search Clerk.
James Tunney-Deputy Tax Collector.
Alfred Desjardins-Emergency Management Coordinator.
Kathleen Elliott-Police Matron.
School Crossing Guards-Catherine Marter, Wayne Boyte, Florence Craythorn, Sarah Murphy, Harold Link.
Edward Gitto-Court Officer.

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 Lowden appointed Dr. Gail Cook as his alternate to the planning board.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO PLANNING BOARD. Mayor Lowden reappointed Fred Rapagna to the planning board for a three-year term. Mayor Lowden appointed Edward Heron as a regular member for a three-year term and Trudi Desjardins as an alternate member for a one term to the planning board.

OATHS OF OFFICE FOR 2005 APPOINTMENTS. Mayor Lowden administers the oaths of office.

PRESENTATION OF GUESTS. Mayor Lowden thanked everyone for attending the reorganization of council.

MAYORS ADDRESS. Mayor Lowden thanked Assemblyman Connors and Assemblyman Conway for all of their hard efforts in behalf of the city this year on obtaining grants. Mayor Lowden also thanked Joe Robinson the tax assessor for bringing the city upto with the new computer programs in the assessor's office. Mayor Lowden expressed his appreciation to Beverly Haaf, zoning officer for her hard work. Mrs. Haaf is scheduled to work a ½ day a week and often works 5 days a week. Mayor Lowden thanked Ruby Dreher for her years of service on the housing authority. The Mayor discussed that the planning board is going to be a vocal point in the city this year and that the Riverfront and Riverline is moving along. Mayor Lowden also thanked all the city employees and the professionals for their dedication to the city.

COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS.

Mr. Wolbert thanked everyone for voting and for the large voter turn out. It has been a lot of work but also a lot of fun.

Mr. Newsome thanked everyone and wished everyone a Happy New Year. Mr. Newsome discussed that he promises to do his best in helping the city.

Dr. Cook wished everyone and Happy and Healthy New Year and that the Economic Development Committee is moving forward.

Ms. Kinniebrew wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked council for their support of a great city. Ms. Kinniebrew discussed that she choose to live in Beverly and wants to remain here.

Ms. Gillette wished everyone a Blessed Day and thanked everyone for their support.

Mr. Krzykalski thanked everyone for their confidence in him and that he picked Beverly to live in and that he is glad that Beverly elected him to serve.

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.

Mrs. Setikas wished everyone a Healthy New Year and that the building is coming down near the bank and across the street. Mrs. Setikas discussed that she is always open to suggestions.

Council President Bancroft discussed that he is staying as long as he continues to make a difference. He also discussed that the city has qualified professionals and that they need to listen to them for their expert help.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

Mr. Haaf-Riverbank thanked everyone for their help and that their hard work is encouraging.

Assemblyman Connors discussed that he represents 17 towns and is attempting to visit all the reorganization meetings. Beverly is like a Norman Rockwell painting. Assemblyman Connors also discussed that every municipality is fighting for grant money.

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

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

Submitted by,
Barbara A. Sheipe RMC
Municipal Clerk