

## MINUTES

**CITY OF BEVERLY**

**JANUARY 6, 2004**

**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 6, 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.

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

**OATH OF OFFICE.** Mayor Lowden swore in Richard Wolbert for a three-year term to city council. Mayor Lowden read a letter of resignation from Lana Wilmer from city council for personnel reasons.

### **ROLL CALL.**

**PRESENT:** Mr. Wolbert, Dr. Cook, 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:** Ms. Phillips and Ms. Snyder.

### **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.

**AYES:** Mr. Wolbert, Dr. Cook, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Setikas, Council President Robert Bancroft,

**NAYES:** None.

### **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, Dr. Cook, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Setikas, Council President Robert Bancroft,

**NAYES:** None.

**PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS-** President Robert Bancroft welcomed Richard Wolbert to city council and thanked everyone for his or her support of him as president. President Bancroft read a letter placing Dominic Gioffre in the Hall of Fame for elected official. President Bancroft discussed that things are moving forward and that the city is actively working on shared services.

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

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

AYES: Mr. Wolbert, Dr. Cook, 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.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2004-1,** Resolution Appointing City Solicitor and Authorizing An Agreement For Professional Services. (William Kearns). The resolution was read by title.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2004-2,** Resolution Appointing City Municipal Prosecutor and Authorizing An Agreement For Professional Services. (R. Gallagher). The resolution was read by title.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2004-3,** Resolution Appointing City Public Defender and Authorizing An Agreement For Professional Services. (N. Rosenberg). The resolution was read by title.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2004-4,** Resolution Appointing City First Alternate and Authorizing An Agreement For Professional Services (M. Tarantino). The resolution was read by title.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2004-5,** Resolution Appointing City Second Alternate Municipal Prosecutor and Authorizing An Agreement For Professional Services. The resolution was read by title.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2004-6,** Resolution Appointing City Auditor and Authorizing An Agreement For Professional Services. (R. Stewart). The resolution was read by title.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2004-7,** Resolution Appointing City Engineer and Authorizing An Agreement for Professional Services. (Environmental Resolutions). The resolution was read by title.

Mrs. Richards made a motion to approve Resolutions No. 2004-1 to 2004-7, Mrs. Setikas second the motion. All members present in favor.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2004-8,** 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. 2004-9,** Resolution Designating Dates And Times For City Of Beverly Council Meetings. The resolution was read by title.

Mrs. Setikas made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2004-8 and Resolution No. 2004-9. Mr. Wolbert second the motion. All members present voted in favor.

**Council Appointments.-** Mrs. Richards made a motion to appoint:  
Trudi Desjardins-Deputy City Clerk and Registrar.

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, Ruth Lehning.  
Timothy Horne-Special Officer  
Edward Gitto-Court Officer.

Mr. Wolbert 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.

**REPRESENTATIVE TO ROUTE 130 CORRIDOR**, Mrs. Setikas made a motion to appoint Mayor Lowden and Harry Van Sciver, chairman of the planning board to the Route 130 Advisory Committee. Mr. Wolbert second the motion. . All members present voted in favor of the appointments.

**APPOINTMENT OF FIRE CHIEF AND DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF**, Mr. Wolbert made a motion to appoint Cornell Hawkins as fire chief and Sean Richards as deputy fire chief. Dr. Cook second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the appointments. Mrs. Richards abstain from the motion.

**OATHS OF OFFICE FOR 2004 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 discussed the goals for the 2004 year. The light rail train should be up and running to help improve the city's development. Also the RCA/COAH program continues to improve the housing stock in the City. The businesses that have started already developing in Delanco and Edgewater Park should filter into Beverly. The Beverly Commons project is a major start for the city's senior citizens. Mayor Lowden thanked Dora James for being the representative for the board of education with Palmyra. Mayor Lowden thanked Dr. Gail Cook for her work on clean communities and that she is working towards getting an award from the state for the city's clean communities program. Mayor Lowden also thanked Walt Gehm and George Hahn for their time and devotion to city council. Volunteers are the lifeblood of the city's work. The Mayor also thanked all of the firemen and the squad members for their excellent work to the city. Mayor Lowden appointed Joseph Wooters to the planning board, Trudi Desjardins as alternate #1 to the planning board and George Hahn to the sewerage authority. Mayor Lowden discussed that the theme for the city this year is

You've got to Believe from Tug McGraw and that the city is at a crossroad to good things.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS.**

Mr. Wolbert thanked everyone for his or her vote and that it is a tough road ahead.

Dr. Cook congratulated Mr. Wolbert and thanked the other surrounding townships for attending. Dr. Cook would also like council to send a letter to Mildred Snyder that they are thinking of her and wishing her well. The Memorial Day celebration is a positive thing for the city.

Mrs. Richards thanked everyone for coming.

Mrs. Setikas welcomed Mr. Wolbert and that she would like to see the city cleaned up this year.

Council President Bancroft acknowledged Judge Faxon and William Kearns, solicitor.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

John Haaf congratulated everyone and welcomed the visitors to the city.

John Alexander-Edgewater Park inquired about the old Beu-Knit Mill building and if it was for sale. Council explained that there were several tax liens on the property at this time and the city was not in a position to foreclose.

**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