

MINUTES

CITY OF BEVERLY

JUNE 13, 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, June 13, 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: Ms. Kinniebrew, Mrs. Setikas, Mr. Newsome, Mr. Krzykalski, Mr. Robertson, Council President Bancroft, Mayor Wetherill, Director of Public Safety Mike Morton, Solicitor William Kearns and William Kearns and Barbara Sheipe, clerk/administrator.

ABSENT: Gail Cook

MINUTES. Mrs. Forester made a motion to approve the minutes of May 23, 2006, Mrs. Setikas second the motion. All members present voted in favor.

COORESPONDENCE. School Budget-2006-2007 year. Superintendent Walter Keiss from Burlington County and Mr. E. Richardson, finance administrator were present to explain the changes made to the school budget for the 2006-2007 year. Also present was Robert Stewart the city auditor. Superintendent Keiss explained that all of the numbers on the resolution are correct except the top number, which should be \$2,504,759. The Corrective Action Plan will control unnecessary spending. Superintendent Keiss explained that he had met with Dr. Gray, school superintendent, Mayor Wetherill and President Bancroft to review the budget cuts and the bills for the school. He explained that borrowing money is not the solution, the corrective action plan must be followed or the school budget will be in trouble next year. Superintendent Keiss discussed that Saint Joseph's school is a large drain on the school budget and that the school needs to get out of the contract for leasing the school and return the students there to the regular school system. The student population from St. Joe's can fit in the regular school, because enroll in the regular is at a low. Mr. Richardson explained that the shortage of the \$250,000 for this year is no longer an issue. He also explained that only a few districts in the state are a Type I district such as Beverly and that most of the rules and regulations are related to Type II districts. Superintendent Keiss explained that the school budget should have been done and presented to council by April 12. The budget is usually approved by the end of April. Council President Bancroft discussed that the corrective action plan involves bringing children back to the city for in house services and teaching them here. This places all of the funding back in the regular school. Superintendent Keiss discussed with council members that it may be less expensive to bring the children back to the regular school early and just may the

rent on St. Joe's. This would save on salaries for administration costs as well as the cost of an additional kitchen. Resident-when will St. Joe's be closed? Council President Bancroft explained that it is a good idea to close the school early, but that there has not been a date set yet. Mr. Wolbert inquired if Superintendent Keiss had reviewed the lease between the school board and St. Joe's. Superintendent Keiss will request a copy of the lease from Steve Mushinski the school attorney. Mr. Wolbert discussed that saving the salaries and the utilities on St. Joe's closing early is an excellent idea and that he has heard that some of the children are sent there, just to keep St. Joe's open. Mr. Wolbert discussed that he does not want to short change any of the education in Beverly and that the school board and city council need to go as one mind. Mr. Wolbert discussed that Dr. Gray will not always give the correct answers to the questions asked. The school has had failing test for the last four years and that means that there is a problem with the administration of the system. The school board approves what is presented in front of them by Dr. Gray. Mr. Wolbert is concerned that Dr. Gray can not do the task of controlling the budget and the spending. Mr. Haaf-Riverbank inquired if the budget discussed paying off the deficient of the \$235,000 that was overspent and if the surplus is increased will that refund the funds overspent. Mr. Stewart, auditor explained that if the corrective action plan is followed with the time scheduled, than the school will see an increase in their surplus to help pay debts. Mr. Richardson explained that the county is requiring Dr. Gray to submit monthly reports to them. Ms. Kinniebrew discussed that there is no trust of the system. Every child should have a quality education and the Beverly school administration is not providing them with one. Superintendent Keiss explained that the plan is for a correct path of finance and a plan for better academic. Mrs. Foerster discussed that as a parent of a child in the Beverly School system she wanted to know who is watching over Dr. Gray. He is never available to the parents and if you call they always say that he is at the other school. Superintendent Keiss explained that the school board is Dr. Gray's boss and that it is in the power of the school board to monitor Dr. Gray. Mrs. Foerster explained that she is going to pay to send her two children to private Catholic school. Dr. Gray had told her that a grade could be changed to help her child pass for the year. Mrs. Foerster discussed that the current budget is not working. Superintendent Gray discussed that this budget was put together by different people than last years. Mr. Haaf inquired if Mrs. Foerster was at the school board meeting? Mrs. Foerster explained that she was unable to attend. Mrs. Thompson-Wheatley Ave inquired as to how to monitor Dr. Gray? There was not a lot of information given out before the meeting on the budget. Superintendent Keiss explained that the NJ Board of Schools has training available and also will answer questions for school board members. They are there to provide guidance. Mr. Robertson inquired as to how to get control. Mr. Kearns suggested that the school board members consult their attorney Steve Mushinski. He works for the school board, not Dr. Gray. Mr. Kearns also discussed that all professional appointments are the power of the school board. Mrs. Thompson explained that Dr. Gray discussed with the board that if the budget was not approved the state would step in and take control. Superintendent Keiss explained that the state has not taken control of a school for a long time and that they have no desire to do so. The only thing that can occur is that the state will

monitor the budget. Mrs. Russell-Manor Road inquired as to how long the county will monitor Dr. Gray. Also what happens if the school board monitors him and nothing changes. Superintendent Keiss explained that the school board needs to require that the budget and figures on the bill given to them do not over expend any line items. The board should just vote no on the bill if they have a question. If one member votes no the bill list is not valid and the county must investigate. Mrs. Russell inquired if discipline action could be taken against Dr. Gray? Superintendent Keiss explained that Dr. Gray is an employee of the school board and that they are basically his bosses. Mr. Richardson explained that the school board needs to demand back up support for all paperwork from Dr. Gray. If the information is presented late it should send off a red flag that something is not right. Mrs. Sheipe inquired if the county was satisfied with the budget numbers. Mr. Richardson explained that the budget is the best financially that it can be with the current figures. Mayor Wetherill explained that there are four new members on the board and that they are working on obtaining all of the information and training. Ms. Kinniebrew inquired as to how many schools have a need for a corrective action plan for their budget and the success rate of the plans. Superintendent Keiss explained that there are about 5 districts currently with plans and that three have turned around in the last four years. The school worked hard with the county to develop the plan. Council President Bancroft inquired if conditions could be placed on the budget? Mr. Kearns explained that the council can only certify the budget. The school board controls the school and the budget. The school board is a separate entity from the city. The only connection is that the Mayor appoints the school board and the school board of estimate which is the President of the Council and the Mayor plus school board member approve the budget. Mr. Kearns suggested that the school board might want to discuss having their attorney present at their meetings in the future to control any legal issues that may arise. Mr. Stewart stated that he agree with Mr. Kearns. Mr. Stewart explained that he was the auditor for the school for several years and when he reported to the county that the school was in trouble financially they appoint a new auditor. Mr. Kearns discussed that Dr. Gray or the school appoints the auditor, only the school board can appoint the professionals. Council President Bancroft explained that Dr. Gray had a new auditor appointed at the board meeting last night June 12. Mrs. Thompson discussed that she did not know who was appointed last night as auditor and that Dr. Gray stated that they need a new auditor. Mr. Krzykalski discussed that he cannot vote on a plan that he has not seen. Mrs. Sheipe explained that the corrective action plan was included in the packets along with the resolution for the budget. Council President Bancroft explained that the city is looking at a \$.23 increase for the school budget. The school must follow the plan to get out of the deficient. Mr. Krzykalski explained that the original budget was for a \$.75 increase and that it is down to \$.23. Council President Bancroft inquired from Mr. Stewart if the \$235,000 was included in this budget or removed? Mr. Stewart explained that the \$235,000 is being handled by the action plan. Mr. Wolbert explained that city council had requested Mr. Stewart to go into the school and look for any inconsistency in the bills or the budget. Mr. Stewart explained that it was not easy to find the problems and that it clearly shows that too much is being spent on special education. Mr.

Wolbert inquired if professionally Mr. Stewart felt that things are in place to correct the budget. Mr. Stewart discussed that he is comfortable with the budget and figures that the county has develop, but remember the figures are what was provided to the county by the school. Mr. Wolbert discussed that the problem is that the reports given to everyone by Dr. Gray are not always accurate. Superintendent Keiss discussed that Dr. Gray should be present to answer most of these questions, and that he will find out why he did not attend the meeting. The reports that Dr. Gray submits to the county will be closely monitored. Mr. Wolbert thanked Superintendent Keiss and Mr. Richardson for their honesty. Mr. Krzykalski discussed that he still had some questions on the figures. Is there a way that more cuts could be made and what happens if the city council does not pass the budget? Superintendent Keiss explained that the budget would go to the state commissioner and that they could increase, decrease or leave the budget the same. It is a risk that you have to be willing to consider. Mrs. Setikas inquired if the school can borrow money. Superintendent Keiss explained that under certain conditions the school could borrow funds. The state aid for the schools used to come twice a month, the last payment in June is always held and the school can borrow against the payment. The school board must request permission from the county before borrowing the money. Superintendent Keiss explained that the Beverly School has not request to borrow any money or has not received county permission to do so. Mr. Kearns explained that the budget is a working tool for the school. Unlike the city budget they can transfer money into accounts at any time. Mrs. Russell discussed that she feels that there is a lot of miscommunication between the council and the school board. Mr. Krzykalski explained that the city council is divided into committees and that one committee is the school board of estimates. That committee attends the school board meeting and reports back to council. Mr. Krzykalski explained that the council cannot have a meeting with a quorum of 5 unless it is advertised as a public meeting. Mr. Kearns explained that since the school board meeting is an advertise public meeting more members of council can attend, but they can not agree on anything or discuss city council business. Ms. Meredith discussed that the school is in the 4th year of failing and what happens in the 5th year if they fail again? Superintendent Keiss explained that if the 5th year of failing occurs the school receives a team to help them. Mrs. Foerster discussed that it comes down to education and that Dr. Gray needs to be held accountable. Mr. Poznewski discussed that the council needs to remember that Dr. Gray is all positions, superintendent, business administrator, school board secretary. Also that there was previously only one year contracts signed for St. Joe's school. Mr. Poznewski inquired as to why this year it was for three years. Mayor Wetherill said that the attorney for the church said that it was a lease for three years. Mr. Krzykalski inquired if more cuts could be made? Superintendent Keiss explained that there was no place to cut anything else. Mr. Stewart recommend that council approve the budget. He discussed that the county has reviewed the budget and is comfortable with the budget. Bruce-Broad Street encouraged council to pass the budget and not allow the state to increase it. Mr. Wolbert would like a copy of the lease for St. Joe's for city council review. Superintendent Keiss stress that the board of education needs to work closely with their attorney Steve Mushinski to review breaking the

lease early. Mrs. Setikas made a motion to approve the budget as submitted, Mr. Wolbert second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING. The agenda was changed to allow time for Dr. Gray to arrive; this ordinance was presented before the school budget.

- A. **ORDINANCE NO. 2006-9,** An Ordinance of the City of Beverly To Amend Ordinance No. 2006-3 Of The City of Beverly, Adopting A Redevelopment Plan For The Cosden Chemical Site, Block 10, Lot 18 And Authorizing And Empowering The Governing Body To Take Certain Actions And Promote Certain Projects, All Within The Meaning And Intendment Of The Local Redevelopment And Housing Law. The ordinance was read by title. This

Ordinance does not limit the area to residential. It would allow any permit use in the C-2 district as well as limited industrial and office space. Mr. Robertson discussed that he wants everyone to be aware that the ordinance for C-2 allows apartments on the second floor above retail and commercial space. Mr. Robertson discussed that he does not feel that the public wants apartments in that area, but understands that they want more permit uses. Ms. Kinniebrew discussed that this is a proposal to stop the EPA. Council President Bancroft explained that the ordinance adds office space as well. Mr. Wolbert explained that the neighbors from the area requested that the C-2 uses be permitted. Ms. Kinniebrew explained that this ordinance keeps the motion forward. Mr. Krzykalski discussed that a business owner could require an apartment above their place of business. Mr. Kearns explained that if they meet the zoning requirements, you cannot pick and choose who has an apartment. Ms. Kinniebrew inquired if Mr. Robertson did not want to have commercial zoning in the area? Mr. Robertson explained that he is looking to avoid placing apartments in the area, but legally they cannot be stopped in commercial or retail use is allowed. Ms. Kinniebrew discussed that town homes or buildings that go for \$275,000 or more are too expensive to become a rental. The rent would be unaffordable. Mr. Robertson discussed that he hopes that is the way that it happens. Ms. Kinniebrew explained that the general neighbor was informed at the meetings on the original ordinance that it could happen and they still insisted on additional uses on the site. Mr. Wolbert made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2006-9 on first reading, Ms. Kinniebrew second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

NAYES: Mr. Newsome. The ordinance was passed on first reading and will be heard on second and final reading at the council meeting of June 27, 2006.

OLD BUSINESS.

NEW BUSINESS: Items A through G 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. 2006-61, Resolution Authorizing A Senior Citizen Deduction (148 Church St.).
- B. Resolution No. 2006-62, Resolution Adopting A Corrective Action Plan For The 2005 Audit Findings.
- C. Resolution No. 2006-63, Resolution of the City of Beverly Authorizing Entry Into A Subordination Agreement With Respect to 642 Manor Road, Beverly.
- D. Resolution No. 2006-64, Resolution Authorizing Submission of Applications For State Transportation Trust Funds For Roadway Improvements To Cramer Avenue From Cherry Street To Warren Street.
- E. Resolution No. 2006-65, Resolution of the City of Beverly Authorizing Entry Into A Subordination Agreement With Respect To 1015 Detweiler Avenue, Beverly.
- F. Resolution No. 2006-66, Resolution Authorizing A Change Order For The Railroad Avenue Paving Project.
- G. Resolution No. 2006-67, Resolution Authorizing The City of Beverly to Execute An Agreement With Burlington County For Cooperative Participation In The Community Development Act of 1974. (HOME).

Mr. Wolbert made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Ms. Kinniebrew second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Wolbert (abstain from G), Ms. Kinniebrew, Mrs. Setikas, Mr. Newsome, Mrs. Foerster, Mr. Krzykalski, Mr. Robertson and Council President Bancroft.

NAYES: None.

H. Payment of Bills, Mr. Wolbert requested that line 4 be changed to police other expenses, also that he did not have line 23 Paul's Tree Service in his packet. Mrs. Sheipe explained that it went to Mr. Krzykalski, chairman of public works by accident. Mr. Krzykalski stated that he had the invoice and the bill. Line 2 and Line 3 for staples should be changed to Anthony Pearce. Ms. Kinniebrew inquired about the bill for USS Car Wash and if it was a yearly charge or per vehicle charge. Director Morton explained that it was per vehicle, per wash. Ms. Kinniebrew would like to investigate having the car wash give a yearly fee instead of per vehicle. This would probably allow for a savings on the monthly fee. Mr. Borden discussed that council should stay with the per vehicle cost, so that the officers are not at the car wash too often, it could cost more money for time lost and gas. Resident inquired as to who receives the car washes and also that it would allow the officers to be out of the city more. Director Morton explained that only cit own vehicles are given the car washes and that the company reports the vehicle that has been given the wash. Council President Bancroft inquired about line 8 for police vehicles maintenance? Director Morton explained that his vehicle needs a new rim and a tire. He is not sure why the rim became damaged. Mr. Newsome made a motion to pay the bills, Mrs. Foerster second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

SOLICITORS REPORT. None.

MAYORS REPORT. Mayor Wetherill reported that she had received a letter from the county stating that there was not enough need for a traffic light at the intersection of Warren and Broad, but that they would install a blinking light at a cost to the city. Mayor Wetherill discussed that it would be about \$7,000 for the

light. Council discussed that the \$7,000 was not put into the budget in the beginning of the year. Ms. Kinniebrew, chairman of street lighting will investigate the cost of the light and the cost of the electricity that it will cost the city each year for the light. Mayor Wetherill explained that she is just in the talking stage with the county. Mayor Wetherill reported that Dominique Astemborski resigned from the planning board because she is moving to Edgewater Park.

PUBLIC SAFETY.

Mrs. Russell-Manor Road inquired about the ordinance for a dumpster. She was informed by an officer that she had to have reflective tape and cones to alert the public of the dumpster. She has seen several dumpster on the roads, that are not following the rules. Director Morton explained that the reflective tape is for the safety of the vehicles so that they are aware that something is blocking the road and that all contractors who deliver rent the dumpsters are aware of the rules and regulations. If a dumpster is not properly marked, Director Morton requested that Mrs. Russell call the police department and report it.

Mrs. Dreher discussed that residents have come to her about police activity. They do not want to report things because they are in fear of retaliation. Mrs. Dreher discussed that the curfew is at 10pm and that the officer many times move them along before curfew. Also there have been reports that a juvenile was rough up by the officers. Director Morton explained that the juvenile was 16 ½ and that he was resisting arrest and fighting with the officers. Also that if the officer feels that there is going to be a problem they have the authority to enforce the curfew early.

Mrs. Foerster inquired as to where the department stands with employees? Director Morton explained that he currently has 4 full time regular officers and 1 Class II full time officer. He is looking to hire two more officers. Mrs. Foerster inquired as to why the officers where in long sleeve on Memorial Day. Director Morton explained that it is part of their dress uniform.

COUNCIL REPORTS.

Mr. Wolbert reported that the tax collection rate is up. Mr. Wolbert also discussed that he would like to look at an ordinance for abandon properties. The ordinance would hold the owners accountable for their properties. It would also give the city the tools required to have the property acquired and cleaned up. Mr. Wolbert would like to have the property and acquisition committee review the ordinance. Mr. Kearns explained that he does not know of another towns that has passed this ordinance but that he will review the ordinance and work with the committee.

Ms. Kinniebrew thanked everyone for their input on the school budget.

Mrs. Setikas inquired if letters were sent to residents about cutting their grass, now that spring and summer are here. Mrs. Sheipe explained that the housing department is looking at any property that a complaint has been received about. Mrs. Setikas requested that the corner of Bridge and Cooper Street in the back be notified about their weeds. She has also contacted the county about the large knot in the tree in front of the bank.

Mr. Newsome reported that he had presented Mr. Borden's question about the figures not matching to the auditor and the auditor informed him that the actual

audit shows the correct figures. Mr. Newsome reported that due to his work schedule he is unable to attend the monthly JIF meetings and would request that council appoint someone else. Mr. Kearns explained that it does not have to be a council member it can be a full time employee. Council President Bancroft report that he had discuss the position with Hal Robertson and would like council to appoint him. Mr. Kearns explained that council would pass a resolution to appoint Mr. Robertson. Mr. Wolbert made a motion to appoint Mr. Robertson as the fund commissioner with Resolution No. 2006-69, Mr. Newsome second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

Mrs. Foerster inquired about the playgrounds and that they need to be clean. Mr. Krzykalski explained that public works as met with a company for graffiti removal and that they will also be doing new ground cover and mulch on the playgrounds. Mr. Robertson reported that he had investigated a complaint about the trash truck running over property at the corner of Van Kirk and Riverbank. The residents felt that the truck had run over the boulder that she had placed in the roadway. Mayor Wetherill discussed that she had also spoken to the residents and requested that public works move the boulders back for the resident. Ms. Kinniebrew reported that she had spoken to the husband and that he was under the impression that the city did some work on the street and took a portion of his property for the storm drain repairs. Council President Bancroft explained that the city repaired the drains and that it was not private property, there has been confusion with the homeowner about the private road of Riverbank for several months.

WORK SESSION. A. Ordinance No. 2006-10, Ordinance Amending Section XXI of the Fee Schedule for the City. Mrs. Sheipe explained that the majority of the fees were for escrow for the planning/zoning board. This increase would cover the fees for the professionals to review the applications. Mr. Wolbert inquired if it cost the city any additional fees for the resolution for subordination for the RCA program. Mrs. Sheipe explained that any cost would be absorbed by the administration fees through the program. Mr. Wolbert made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2006-10 on first reading, Mr. Newsome second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None. The ordinance will be held on second and final reading at the council meeting of June 27, 2006.

B. Ordinance Authorizing The City To Sell 526 Second Street. Council President Bancroft explained that the city had foreclosed on the property. The property contains a house that a tree fell on and also the home is not fit for rehab. The adjoining property owner would like to purchase the property and combine it into his lot and build a home facing Second Street. The ordinance would require that the property be demolish and clean up. Ms. Kinniebrew explained that

the amount is fair and could there be an escrow set up for the demolition. This would be to assure that it is completed. Mr. Kearns suggested not signing the deed over to the buyer until the property is demolished and cleaned. Mr. Wolbert inquired the sale price of the property. Council's consensus was to request \$3,000 to cover the cost of the foreclosure. Mr. Wolbert made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2006-11, to sell 526 Second Street on first reading. Mr. Newsome second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None. The ordinance will be heard on second and final reading at the council of June 27, 2006.

C. Ordinance on Development Fees-this ordinance would allow the city to have developers and builders post fees toward their contribution for the COAH certification requirements. Mr. Kearns recommend that a committee review the ordinance and that he will talk to Barbara Fegley of Environmental Resolutions about the ordinance.

D. Ordinance on Noise.-Mrs. Sheipe explained that there has been a lot of questions about when contractors can start and when homeowners can start construction or grass mowing. The state ordinance shows that the hours are 7am to 9pm Mon through Fri. and 9am start on weekends. The city ordinance states that any noise that bothers you at any time you have the right to sign a complaint. The problem is having people sign a complaint. Mr. Kirchner explained that when the contracts are awarded for the city it lists the hours as 7am to 6pm Mon-Fri. Mr. Krzykalski discussed that why restrict the time frame. The city is trying to attract developers and the last thing should be restricting their time. Mrs. Thompson – Wheatley Avenue inquired if the city paid for the grass cutting at St. Joseph church? Mr. Newsome explained that the contractor is paid through the church. Mrs. Russell-Manor Road explained that Edgewater Park hours are 8am-8pm. Mr. Krzykalski discussed not doing the sound vibrations section of the ordinance. This would mean that the officers would have to be trained on a machine to register the decibels. Ms. Kinniebrew discussed that the time frame should be longer for homeowners than residents. Mrs. Sheipe will survey other municipalities and have the ordinance redone with just limit hours.

PUBLIC SESSION.

Mr. Borden-Riverbank discussed that the noise ordinance had come up previously with the discussion on working on vehicles.

Mrs. Wasta-Cooper Street requested that council not change the car wash procedure. If not charged per vehicle the cars can be washed more often and the city should look at preserving water usage. Mrs. Wasta inquired if the school board members were required to take the training that was provided. Mr. Kearns replied that they are required in the first year to take the training or be removed by the board. Mr. Kearns also explained that questions about the school board should be taken directly to them. The Mayor or City Council members do not receive a packet from the school on what is being discussed.

Resident- discussed that you cannot attend the training unless appointed to the board. It is costly about \$200. and up for the training. There are NJ manuals available for school board members. A new position always requires some adjustments. She also discussed that she as a school board member would like to receive her packet information earlier than the Friday before the meeting. Mr. Kearns explained that the matter needs to be taken up with the school board secretary, that council cannot control the packets from the school board.

Mrs. Dreher-Delacove Homes inquired if there is a restriction about the loud music coming from a car. Director Morton explained that loud noises from a vehicle can be control and that she can call an officer when she hears it.

Mr. Arter-Warren Street discussed that the planning board's hand were tied to deny an application the right to subdivide a large lot into three lots. He would like to see council change the zoning to larger lots to stop more homes from being built in backyards. There have been reports of towns fighting back against the zoning. Mr. Kearns explained that the Master Plan is a document of the planning board and that it is adopted by the planning board. The Master Plan and zoning changes must first come from the planning board. After the planning board adopts the Master Plan, city council passes the ordinances to enforce the Master Plan including the zoning. Mr. Arter inquired if it could be completed in time to stop the subdivision on Cooper Street? Mr. Kearns explained that if it was possible in the time frame to change the plan the developer could sue the city and win in Superior Court as it would like the zoning was changed not for the good of the city but to stop an individual person and that it not allowed. Mr. Kearns recommend that Mr. Arter take his request to the planning board. Mr. Krzykalski pointed out that the Mayor is looking for someone to sit on the planning board.

Mr. DeLeo-Cramer Avenue wanted to thank Dr. Cook for the excellent service at the River on Memorial Day. He thought that it was well done and a beautiful service.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION. Mr. Wolbert made a motion to go into closed session, Mrs. Setikas second the motion. All members voted in favor.

GENERAL SESSION city Council returned to open session. Mr. Wolbert made a motion to extend Class II Officer Burrough's contract for a four month period with no additional pay or time off. Ms. Kinniebrew second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ADJOURNMENT. Mr. Newsome made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Robertson second the motion. All members voted in favor.

Submitted by,

Barbara A. Sheipe RMC
Municipal Clerk