

MINUTES

CITY OF BEVERLY

OCTOBER 12, 2004

CALL TO ORDER. The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Beverly was called to order at 7:30pm, by Pro-Tem President Richards on Tuesday, October 12, 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.

ROLL CALL.

PRESENT: Mr. Wolbert, Mr. Newsome, Dr. Cook, Ms. Gillette, Mr. Krzykalski, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Setikas, Solicitor William Kearns, Director of Public Safety Mike Morton and Municipal Clerk/Administrator Barbara Sheipe.

ABSENT: Council President Bancroft and Mayor Lowden.

MINUTES. Mrs. Setikas made a motion to approve the minutes of September 28, 2004. Mr. Wolbert second the motion. All members approved the motion. Mr. Williams abstain from the vote.

PUBLIC SAFETY.

John Haaf-Riverbank discussed that the train-crossing gate on Broad Street stayed down longer on the trains going southbound. Mr. Krzykalski explained that if the conductor moved the train up to close to the switch it would trigger the next gate. It was controlled by the conductor or engineer of the train moving forward. Director Morton will call NJ Transit about the problem.

COORESPONDENCE.

City Council received a letter of resignation from James Tunney as deputy tax collector. Mrs. Setikas made a motion to accept the letter of resignation with regret. Ms. Gillette second the motion. All members present voted in favor.

OLD BUSINESS.

ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING.

Ordinance No. 2004-12, An Ordinance Of The Common Council Of The City Of Beverly For Non-Union Employees For Salary Years 2004-2205. The ordinance was read by title. Dr. Cook discussed that due to the city finances and the budget

restraints that she would like to amend the ordinance that city council not receive the 2.5% increase. This would leave the city council and Mayor's salary at the same amount as the 2002 salary ordinance. Mrs. Setikas discussed if the Mayor was full time or part time. Mrs. Richards responded that the Mayor was part time. Dr. Cook made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2004-12 as amended. Mr. Wolbert second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Wolbert, Mr. Newsome, Dr. Cook, Mr. Williams, Ms. Gillette, Mr. Krzykalski, Mrs. Setikas and Mrs. Richards.

NAYES: None. The ordinance was passed on first reading and will be heard on second reading at the council meeting of October 26, 2004.

NEW BUSINESS. Items A through C 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. 2004-104,** Resolution Authorizing A Property Tax Maintenance Lien on 444 Warren.
- B. **Resolution No. 2004-105,** Resolution To Enter Into An Interlocal Agreement Between The Board of Chosen Freeholders and The City of Beverly (Computer hardware).
- C. **Special Permit-Social Affair Beverly Fire Company #1.**

Mr. Wolbert moved to approve the consent agenda, Mr. Williams second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Wolbert, Mr. Newsome, Dr. Cook, Mr. Williams, Ms. Gillette, Mr. Krzykalski, Mrs. Setikas and Mrs. Richards.

NAYES: None.

D.Payment of Bills. Mr. Wolbert moved to approve the bills, Mr. Williams second the motion.

At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Wolbert, Mr. Newsome, Dr. Cook, Ms. Gillette, Mr. Krzykalski, Mrs. Setikas and Mrs. Richards.

NAYES: None.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT.

MAYOR'S REPORT.

Mrs. Richards discussed that in the Mayors absent she would give the report that the building is coming down without any problems at the end of Broad Street. It should be completed by the end of the month.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. Wolbert discussed that the finance committee had started the budget process with the department heads and would continue to meet to update the budget.

Mr. Newsome discussed that the finance committee had a good process in place this year for working on the budget.

Dr. Cook discussed that there is a shared service meeting with Delanco on October 19 at Beverly City. The Clean Communities Kid program will be starting in November and that she is looking for volunteers.

Mr. Williams has contacted PSE & G about trimming the trees and that they will be starting the work shortly. Mr. Williams is also working with them to have the lights replaced that are out. To add new lights to the area will cost additional money.

Ms. Gillette wished everyone a good evening and that she has had a good response to voters registration. She will let council know about the help that is needed for the holidays with Catholic Charities.

Mr. Krzykalski discussed that the Burlington County Health Department has wrapped up the study with a final report. They will now need volunteers to deal with the issues of the report; the next meeting is at the county on November 10 from 6:30-7:30pm.

Mrs. Setikas inquired about the tree in front of the bank and that vehicles hit the side of the tree that sticks out. Mr. Williams informed her that it is a county road and that she can call the county to trim the tree. Mrs. Setikas thanked the police department for their quick reaction to respond to a person in a park car on Friday that was passed out in front of the bank.

Dr. Cook announced that there was a NJ Legacy Deep Roots on October 21,2004.

Mrs. Richards remind everyone that meet the candidates nights was October 21 at 7pm.

PUBLIC SESSION.

Victor Vittorino, Mayor of Delanco caution council about PSE & G trimming the trees and that they have a habit of hacking the trees.

John Borden-Riverbank inquired if the salary listed on the ordinance was the actual figures that the employees were now receiving or if they would be increase to this figure. Mrs. Sheipe explained that the employees are receiving salaries based on the 2003 salary ordinance and that they would receive the 2004 difference retro back to January 1, 2004 and also receives the 2005 increase starting January 1, 2005. Mr. Borden inquired about the resolution with the county for the computer hardware. Director Morton explained that this allows the police department to use the same

reporting system as the county and gives firewall protection from the county, it also included an anti-virus program at no cost to the city.

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

ADJOURNMENT. Mrs. Setikas made a motion to adjourn, Ms. Gillette second the motion. All members were in favor.

Submitted by,

**Barbara A. Sheipe RMC
Municipal Clerk**