

MINUTES

CITY OF BEVERLY

OCTOBER 28, 2003

CALL TO ORDER. The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Beverly was called to order at 8pm, by Council President Bancroft on Tuesday, October 28, 2003, 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. Gehm, Dr. Cook, Mr. Wolbert, Mrs. Richards, Ms. Snyder, Ms. Setikas, Mr. Hahn, Council President Robert Bancroft, Mayor Robert Lowden, Director of Public Safety Mike Morton, Solicitor William Kearns, Municipal Clerk/Administrator Barbara Sheipe.

ABSENT: Ms. Phillips.

MINUTES. Mrs. Richards made a motion to approve the minutes of October 14, 2003. Ms. Snyder second the motion. All members present approve the motion.

TREASURERS REPORT. Mr. Gehm made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Ms. Setikas second the motion. All members present approved the motion.

PUBLIC SAFETY. Council President Bancroft opened the meeting to the public.

Mayor Lowden thanked the police department for the October report; it shows that a lot of cases were closed.

Ms. Setikas discussed that the Farmers and Mechanics Bank in Cinnaminson had been held up earlier in the day and that the robber was wearing a woman's wig and clothing and driving a green van.

Director of Public Safety Mike Morton explained that the number of juvenile arrest on the report was actually only two individuals. The arrest were related to the tire slashing incident and that each juvenile was charged with a multiple of charges.

Mr. Hahn inquired why the patrol car was at Maugeri's. Director Morton explained that it was having problems with the power steering pump.

COORESPONDENCE None.

OLD BUSINESS.

Ordinance No. 2002-11A, An Ordinance Amending Chapter XVI, XVII and XVIII Of The Code Of The City Of Beverly Entitled Respectively "Land Use Procedures", "Land Subdivision" and "Site Plan Review". The ordinance was read by title. Due to the length of time that has expired between the introduction of this ordinance and the second reading, Solicitor Kearns recommend that the ordinance be reintroduced with a new current number and be resent to the planning board for their review. The ordinance will be held for second reading at the council meeting of January 13, 2004. The planning board will review the ordinance at their meeting of December 17, 2003.

ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING.

Ordinance No. 2003-13, An Ordinance Authorizing The City Of Beverly To Sell Block 78, Lot 6, Commonly Known As 625 Spruce Street. The ordinance was read by title.

Mrs. Richards moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2003-13 on first reading, Mr. Wolbert second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Gehm, Dr. Cook, Mr. Wolbert, Mrs. Richards, Ms. Snyder, Ms. Setikas, Mr. Hahn and Council President Bancroft.

NAYES: None. The ordinance will be heard on second and final reading at the council meeting of November 25, 2003. The clerk is directed to publish the ordinance according to law.

NEW BUSINESS.

Resolution No. 2003-102, Resolution Of The City Of Beverly Authorizing Entry Into Subordination Agreement With Respect To 426-428 Bridge Street. The resolution was read by title.

Mrs. Richards moved for the approval of Resolution No. 2003-102, Ms. Setikas second the motion. All members present were in favor.

Resolution No. 2003-103, Resolution Awarding Contract For Fuel Oil Delivery And Service Contract. The resolution was read by title. The contract was awarded to Baugh Bros.

Mrs. Richards moved for the approval of Resolution No. 2003-103, Mr. Wolbert second the motion. All members present were in favor.

Resolution No. 2003-104, Resolution Authorizing A Lien For Property Maintenance. (406 Cramer). The resolution was read by title.

Mrs. Richards moved for the approval of Resolution No. 2003-104, Mr. Wolbert second the motion. All members present were in favor.

Resolution No. 2003-105, Resolution of the City of Beverly Authorizing Entry Into A Subordination Agreement With Respect To 528 Cramer Avenue, Beverly, New Jersey. The resolution was read by title.

Mrs. Richards moved for the approval of Resolution No. 2003-105, Ms. Setikas second the motion. All members present were in favor.

WORK SESSION. Discussion on Ordinance on Limiting Scooters, mopeds and snowmobiles. Council discussed with the Director of Public Safety the need for the ordinance and to add ATV or quads to the ordinance. Solicitor Kearns will have the ordinance prepared for the next council meeting.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT. None.

MAYOR'S REPORT. Mayor Lowden appointed Trudi DesJardins as an alternate to the planning board. Mayor Lowden also appointed Joseph Wooters as alternate #2 to the planning board. The Mayor discussed that all of the boards are full and that there are currently no vacancies. Mayor Lowden requested a motion from council to approve the purchase of a half page ad for the Chief's dinner for the fire department. Mr. Gehm made a motion to approve the purchase of the ad at the price of \$60.00. Mr. Wolbert second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Gehm, Dr. Cook, Mr. Wolbert, Ms. Snyder, Ms. Setikas, Mr. Hahn and Council President Bancroft.

NAYES: None.

ABSTAIN: Mrs. Richards.

Mayor Lowden requested that John Haaf report on the Winter Market that was held at the library. Mr. Haaf explained that there were nine vendors and a steady stream of people. The library profited about \$345. There was an art show for the school children and that it was a success. The children brought their parents to the show to look at their artwork. Several children won prizes for their artwork. Mayor Lowden discussed that many of the winners of the art contest were from the Beverly school.

COUNCIL'S REPORT.

Mr. Gehm discussed that the street sweeper was in the city and that it was a very windy day, which made the sweeping difficult. There will be another one in December after leaf season. Clean shores program was in and cleaned up five dumpsters along the river.

Dr. Cook discussed that clean communities program is working and that she and Nancy Richards were going to attend a seminar in Spring Lake for clean communities. Dr. Cook announced that on Veterans Day, November 11 there would be an educational session at

10am with Schoolmaster Perkins and a Veterans Day Ceremony Service at 11am at the National Cemetery.

Mr. Wolbert discussed that Council President Bancroft and he had attend the Gateway Park dedication on October 17 and that even though the weather did not cooperate it was a good turn out. Mr. Wolbert informed council that at the planning board for October the board passed a resolution for Hall's Bus Service on Cooper Street and that the solicitor made it clear in the resolution that parking issues created by the applicants was not the cities responsibility. The board also passed a resolution allowing Habitat for Humanity to withdraw their application without prejudice.

Mrs. Richards discussed the increase in the JIF insurance of about 25% and the healthcare about 21%. The city is going to have to look for ways to decrease the premiums.

Ms. Snyder discussed that she was impressed with the work on the clean ups that the children are doing in the city. Also that everyone is still going to have to tighten their belts.

Ms. Setikas discussed that the building next to the bank will be demolished as soon as the company is finished with the old ACME in Burlington.

Mr. Hahn discussed that he is working on the fire department still obtaining twenty feet of the basketball court on Broad Street for their future expansion. Mr. Hahn discussed a memo from Ms. Sasso that discussed that the city is required to maintain the property that the grant money used to improve. Mr. Kearns will arrange a meeting with Clerk/Administrator Barbara Sheipe, Redevelopment Director Doris Sasso to review the funding restrictions for the Small Cities.

PUBLIC SESSION.

John Haaf-Riverbank inquired as to whom the service contract for the oil delivery was given to? Council President Bancroft explained that the lowest quote was from Baugh Bros. for the service contract and oil delivery.

Beverly Haaf-Riverbank informed council and the public that the deadline for the Beverly Bee newspaper would be the first Friday in the month for submitting articles.

Janet Lowe-431 Laurel Street questioned the Mayor as to why he has not returned her calls. Mayor Lowden explained that he had attempted to return her calls and that he would be in the office this Wednesday from 10am-5pm. Ms. Lowe discussed that everyone is someone and that calls from the Mayor should be returned in a more timely fashion. Ms. Lowe inquired if the city could have a form that could be filled out and kept on file for people wishing to volunteer their time. Dr. Cook discussed that she asks for volunteers at every meeting. Ms. Lowe explained that there needs to be a set place for volunteers to sign up.

Joe Wooters-235 Van Kirk discussed the issue of the rise in health care premiums and that the only way to bring down the premium would be to become part of a larger group. The city should look into shared services with another town or city. Mrs. Richards explained that the city is shopping around for a better price. And that in the last police contract they did agreed to pay ¼ of 1 percent of their premiums. Mr. Hahn discussed that perhaps in the new contract the city could get more towards the premiums.

John Borden-Riverbank discussed that AmeriHealth is trading larger co-pays for smaller premiums and that most companies are increasing the co-pays. Mr. Borden also discussed that the article about the riverfront towns in the Burlington County Times was good publicity for all of the towns along the river.

Victor Vittorino-Deputy Mayor of Delanco discussed that the local governments need to think outside of the box and talk to neighbors about shared services.

Joe Wooters- 235 Van Kirk inquired if any more happen about the city receiving more money from HUD. Mr. Haaf explained that the acting commissioners of HUD were told about the problems with the housing and the cities funding problems of the schools and were basically told that it is not their problem and that they are not concerned. Mr. Haaf discussed that the state needs to change the way money is obtained for the school system and that political leaders need to be moved ahead on the issue. Mr. Kearns explained that there are legislative that could deal with the tax issue and that the constitutional convention needs to be placed on the ballot.

No one else from the public wishing to be heard, Ms. Setikas made a motion to close the public portion. Ms. Snyder second the motion. All members were in favor.

Executive Session. Ms. Setikas made a motion to go into executive session for the matter of personnel. Mr. Hahn seconded the motion. All members were in favor. A discussion of contracts and personnel was held. Ms. Snyder made a motion to return to public session. Ms. Setikas seconded the motion. All members were in favor.

Mrs. Richards made a motion to move the December 23 council meeting until December 30 at 8pm. Ms. Setikas second the motion. All members present were in favor.

PAYMENT OF BILLS. Dr. Cook questioned the ad for the leaf removal pick up in the Burlington County Times and question if the expense was necessary. Council will review the ad for next year. Mrs. Richards made a motion to approve the bills, Ms. Setikas seconded the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Gehm, Dr. Cook, Mr. Wolbert, Mrs. Richards, Ms. Snyder, Ms. Setikas, Mr. Hahn and Council President Bancroft.

NAYES: None.

Mr. Hahn made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Setikas seconded the motion. All members present were in favor.

Submitted by,

Barbara A. Sheipe RMC
Municipal Clerk