

MINUTES

CITY OF BEVERLY

SEPTEMBER 28, 2004

CALL TO ORDER. The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Beverly was called to order at 7:30pm, by Council President Bancroft on Tuesday, September 28, 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, Council President Bancroft, Mayor Robert Lowden, Solicitor Ellen Kearns, Director of Public Safety Mike Morton and Municipal Clerk/Administrator Barbara Sheipe.

ABSENT: Mr. Williams.

MINUTES. Mrs. Richards made a motion to approve the minutes of September 14, 2004. Mrs. Setikas second the motion. All members approve the motion.

PUBLIC SAFETY.

No one from the public wish to address the public safety director. Mayor Lowden swore in George Mickle as fire police in the City of Beverly.

COORESPONDENCE.

Mayor Lowden reviewed the press release from DCA-Susan Bass Levin giving the City of Beverly \$250,000 in grant money to demolish the building located at the corner of Broad and Railroad Avenue. The city had requested the money from small cities as a special grant due to the condition of the building and the emergency situation. DCA also gave the city a grant in the amount of \$7467 to use in connection with Resource for Assisted Living from Riverside for projects and trips for the disabled. Mayor Lowden discussed that the city has applied to the state for two additional grants, one for a playground for the empty lot next to the school and another to make the city hall building ADA compatible.

OLD BUSINESS.

NEW BUSINESS. Items A through F 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. 2004-97,** Resolution Authorizing A Tax Lien For Property Maintenance. (513 Warren).
- B. **Resolution No. 2004-98,** Resolution Authorizing A Tax Lien For Property Maintenance. (221 Laurel).
- C. **Resolution No. 2004-99,** Resolution Authorizing A Tax Lien For Property Maintenance. (221 Laurel).
- D. **Resolution N0. 2004-100,** Resolution Refunding Tax Overpayments.
- E. **Resolution No.2004-101,** Resolution To Satisfy Tax Sale Certificate For 40 Broad Street, Block 47, Lot 2.
- F. **Treasurers Report.**

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

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

NAYES: None.

- G. **Resolution No. 2004-102,** Resolution To Award Bid For Riverfront Solid Waste Collection Services Program. (South Jersey Sanitation). The resolution was read by title. This will be for a three-year contract with the Township of Edgewater Park and Delanco.

Mrs. Richards made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2004-102, Mrs. Setikas second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

- H. **Resolution No. 2004-103,** Resolution To Release A Performance Bond For Walter Koenig And Post Maintenance Guarantee. The resolution was read by title.

Mrs. Richards made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2004-103, Mrs. Setikas second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

I. Payment of Bills. Mrs. Richards moved to approve the bills, Mrs. Setikas second the motion.

Mr. Wolbert requested that line item be removed from #23. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Wolbert, Mr. Newsome, Dr. Cook. Ms. Gillette, Mr. Krzykalski, Mrs. Richards and Council President Bancroft.

NAYES: None.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT. Mrs. Kearns informed council that Mr. Kearns is working on the towing ordinance and will have a draft ready for the next meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT.

Mayor Lowden discussed that the new trash contract is for three years and that the city needs to follow recycling which will bring a large saving into the city. Recycling is free for the city and cuts down on the tipping fees that the city pays at the landfill. Mayor Lowden discussed that there will be a fence placed on the property line between the neighbors property and the Beaunit Mills property to protect their back yards. Mayor Lowden thanked William Kirchner, Doris Sasso, Barbara Sheipe and William Kearns for their help with the grant on the property. Next year the city will be doing the drainage on Railroad Avenue near the train station.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. Wolbert discussed that Dan Schoen will be stopping the picking up of branches at the end of October and start collecting leaves on October 25. The leaf schedule will be published in the November issue of the Beverly Bee and the Burlington County Times.

Mr. Newsome discussed new businesses coming into the city.

Dr. Cook talked about developers still coming to the city. Mark Remsa from the county economic development and Rutgers brought 30 students to the city to do a senior project on the waterfront. They will be studying the waterfront in Beverly. Dr. Cook read into the minutes her response to an article that appears on the waterfront plan for Beverly City in the Burlington County Times. The letter is made apart of the minutes.

Ms. Gillette congratulated Mr. Mickle and discussed that she is still obtaining voters registrations.

Mr. Krzykalski discussed that he had attend a meeting in Atlantic City for all of the counties. He had spoken to a few people there that had shown some interest in helping Beverly City. Mr. Krzykalski will follow up with the contacts that he has made.

Mrs. Richards inquired if there was any response to the request for an increase in the fee that the fire department receives for the use of the firehouse as a polling place. Mrs. Sheipe explained that the county election board controlled these fees.

Dr. Cook showed a picture of Harvey Pine at Beaunit Mills and a picture of the trucks that park on the lot. She welcomed everyone to take a brick from the wheelbarrow in front of her that she had filled with bricks from the Beaunit Mills lot.

Council President Bancroft announced that the City of Beverly with the Township of Edgewater Park had received an \$110,000 grant to do a study on the Riverline for economic development.

Mayor Lowden explained that all plans in the city for development come before the planning board, but that the Redevelopment Authority can subside the planning board.

PUBLIC SESSION.

John Borden, Sr.-Riverbank discussed when the Mill was opened in the 1930-40's.

John Borden, Jr.- inquired as to what the bid was to demolish and did it include everything? The Mayor explained that the bid was for \$218,000 and that the city was awarded \$250,000, which will cover engineering cost and additional fences cost as well.

John Haaf-Riverbank congratulated everyone who worked on the project. Mr. Haaf inquired if the City of Beverly will own the property after demolish? Council President Bancroft explained that the city solicitor William Kearns is working to accomplish so that the city can take possession. Mr. Haaf recommend that the council look towards Riverside for some insight into developers since they are in the midst of their studies. Mr. Haaf inquired as to what the study with Edgewater Park would be? Council President Bancroft explained that the study would show what the properties along the railroad track would best suited for and what type of development if any should go there.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mrs. Setikas made a motion to go into executive session for personnel. Mrs. Richards the motion. All members present voted in favor. City Council return to public session. No formal action was action.

ADJOURNMENT. Mrs. Richards made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Williams second the motion. All members were in favor.

Submitted by,

**Barbara A. Sheipe RMC
Municipal Clerk**