**THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY**

**APRIL 9, 2019**

**7:30PM**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**- The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT**

*“*The Provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act have been met. Notice of this meeting, Resolution 2019-1, was posted on the Official Bulletin Board in City Hall, published in The Burlington County Times on January 9, 2019, emailed to the Camden Courier Post, filed with the Municipal Clerk on January 9, 2019 and was mailed to all persons requesting and paying for same*.”*

**Read by Council President Bancroft.**

**FLAG SALUTE**

Council President Bancroft led in the Flag Salute.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:**

Mayor: Randy H. Miller

Council Members:

Robert H. Bancroft

Robert E. Lowden, Jr.

Mark A. Schwedes

Robert D. Thibault

Administrator/Public Safety Director: Richard Wolbert

Acting Municipal Clerk: Sheri L Medina

**Absent:** Grace M. Heron

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Session and Executive Session minutes for March 26, 2019.

**Councilman Thibault made a motion to approve the Regular Session and Executive Session minutes as presented for March 26, 2019, Second by Councilman Schwedes.**

**Ayes – Bancroft, Lowden, Schwedes Thibault. Nays. Absent– Heron -.**

**Abstained-None.**

**\*\*Councilman Schwedes abstained from the approval of the Executive Session Minutes.**

**Motion passed**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. John Haaf, 124 River Bank, Clarification of Resolutions 2019-45 and 46.

Mr. Wolbert stated these are Resolutions that have to be adopted every year with the budget for the State.

**Councilman Thibault made a motion to close public comment, Second by Councilman Schwedes.**

**Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.**

**ORDINANCE**

**ORDINANCE 2019-01AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY RESTRICTING PARKING ON SPECIFIC STREETS**

This will apply to Cooper Street, between Front Street and Veterans Drive.

**Councilman Thibault made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-01 as presented Second by Councilman Schwedes.**

**Ayes – Bancroft, Lowden, Schwedes Thibault. Nays. Absent– Heron -.**

**Abstained-None.**

**ORDINANCE 2019-02 INTRODUCTION- AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK**

Second Reading and Public Hearing for Adoption on said Ordinance will be held at Council’s May 14, 2019 meeting at 7:30PM prevailing time at Beverly City Hall, 446 Broad Street, Beverly, NJ 08010 at which time and place all those wishing to be heard on same will be so heard. Copies of said Ordinance are available for review at the Office of the Municipal Clerk at the aforementioned address during regular business hours, M-F, 9AM-5PM.

**Councilman Lowden made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-02 as presented Second by Councilman Schwedes.**

**Ayes – Bancroft, Lowden, Schwedes Thibault. Nays. Absent– Heron -.**

**Abstained-None.**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION 2019-44GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION’S “ENFORCEMENT GUIDANCE ON THE CONSIDERATION OF ARREST AND CONVICTION RECORDS IN EMPLOYMENT DECISIONS UNDER TITLE VII OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964”**

**Councilman Thibault made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-44 as presented Second by Councilman Schwedes.**

**Ayes – Bancroft, Lowden, Schwedes Thibault. Nays. Absent– Heron -.**

**Abstained-None.**

**RESOLUTION 2019-45A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE 2019 BEVERLY CITY MUNICIPAL BUDGET TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY**

**Councilman Thibault made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-45 as presented Second by Councilman Schwedes.**

**Ayes – Bancroft, Lowden, Schwedes Thibault. Nays. Absent– Heron -.**

**Abstained-None.**

**RESOLUTION 2019-46 A RESOLUTION INTRODUCING THE 2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BEVERLY.**

Councilman Lowden gave a few highlights for this year’s budget.

1. The 2019 Budget utilizes $255,500 or 26.06% of the $980,509.52 available Surplus.  In the PY we utilized 19.52% of the available Surplus.
2. The 2019 Budget utilized 94.00% as the estimated Tax Collection Percentage.  The maximum allowed is 95.35%.
3. The 2019 Budget is $4,853 under the State Appropriation CAP.
4. The 2019 Budget is $99,234 under the State Tax Levy CAP.
5. The 2019 Budget is a 3.1-cent tax rate increase.
6. The Average Assessed Home of $125,800 will see an increase in their Local Purpose Taxes of:
   1. $40.00 for the year; or
   2. $10.00 per quarter; or
   3. $3.33 per month

This budget includes a new DPW truck/plow, replacement dump body for the existing DPW truck with a new tailgate spreader to replace the Epoke. New DPW equipment (plate compactor, edger, brush cutters, pole saws, etc).

A new part-time DPW equipment operator/laborer, a new part-time finance/tax clerk.

New handguns for the police, two new long rifles for the police, two bunkers (police shields), two Kevlar helmets, and four new police body armors (vests).

All new street name signs throughout the town, new stop sign faces, way-finding signage.

A new server for City Hall, three new computers to replace XP computers still in use, a replacement phone system/POE switch, 17 new security cameras for City Hall,

A new video system for the court to eliminate the current ISDN dial-up system.

**Councilman Lowden made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-46 as presented Second by Councilman Thibault.**

**Ayes – Bancroft, Lowden, Schwedes Thibault. Nays. Absent– Heron -.**

**Abstained-None.**

**RESOLUTION 2019-47 A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT PARK BENCHES AND TRASH RECEPTACLES FROM UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.**

Councilman Schwedes thanked Councilman Thibault for arranging the benches and the trash receptacles and Mr. Haaf for the use of his trailer.

**Councilman Thibault made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-47 as presented Second by Councilman Schwedes.**

**Ayes – Bancroft, Lowden, Schwedes Thibault. Nays. Absent– Heron -.**

**Abstained-None.**

**RESOLUTION 2019-48- RESOLUTION TO APPOINT LENA CREER AS VIOLATIONS CLERK**

**Councilman Thibault made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-48 as presented Second by Councilman Schwedes.**

**Ayes – Bancroft, Lowden, Schwedes Thibault. Nays. Absent– Heron -.**

**Abstained-None.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**DISCUSSION**

**Employees Assistance Program**

Mr. Wolbert stated he met with the Director of EAP from Cooper University. This program will offer mental, behavior, alcohol and drug treatment. This will cost the Municipality $1,500.00 for up to 50 employees. The program will free to employees also be available to the family members of its employees. If the client should need further treatment, Cooper will help with finding the appropriate help that the client needs.

**BILL LIST**

Bill list for April 9, 2019

**Councilman Lowden made a motion to approve the bills list for April 9, 2019 Second by Councilman Schwedes.**

**Ayes – Bancroft, Lowden, Schwedes Thibault. Nays. Absent– Heron -.**

**Abstained-None.**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Wolbert stated the Department of Transportation has sent a notice of funding award of $260,000.00 from the Municipal Aid Program for the 2019 Road Improvement Project.

**COMMENTS**

Mayor

**Mayor Miller** Thanked Officer Terrance Benson and PBA Local 249 for coming out and refurbishing our Basketball Courts. Mayor Miller also spoke about the administration having an award-winning attitude with the residents.

Council

**Councilman Lowden** stated he was present along with Rich Wolbert, Sheri Medina, and Mr. Bancroft during the basketball court event. There were approximately 40 people from the PBA. There should be a proclamation and a sign placed on the fence recognizing the Organization for their hard work.

An Eagle Scout from Burlington cleaned the St. Stephen’s Church Cemetery to earn his Eagle Scout Badge. A proclamation should be done in his honor.

Councilman Lowden reviewed the Fire Commission incident report. Sean Richards and Bonnie Varsaci were added to their roster.

Councilman Lowden made a suggestion for the old street signs when they are replaced. The old signs should be given the Historical Society for them to sell so they can raise money for the Society.

**Councilman Schwedes** stated the basketball courts look great. It was awesome to see all the volunteers that turned out to help.

**Councilman Thibault** thanked Mr. Wolbert and The CFO for great work with the budget. It will be nice with the purchase of tools for Public Works, for a lot more work to be done in house. The City continues to move forward.

Administrator/Public Safety Director

**Mr. Wolbert** stated there is a new link on the City’s website call “Around Town”.

This link is for the city’s nonprofit organizations to be able to post events making residents aware of upcoming events.

The City’s town wide yard sale is being held this Saturday April 13, 2019 with a rain date of Sunday April 14, 2019

Mr. Wolbert received an email from Local Planning Services stating that the City’s Redevelopment Plan was added to the State’s website; soon the Rehabilitation plan will be added also.

Mr. Wolbert stated with regaining control of the Cosden site, there would be a meeting with EPA to discuss what can be done on that site.

Professionals

**Mr. Coleman** had nothing at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. John Haaf, 124 Riverbank, and Can the EPA program extend to the Housing Authority.

Mr. Wolbert stated no because they are a federal agency.

**Councilman Thibault made a motion to close public comment, Second by Councilman Schwedes.**

**Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Councilman Thibault made a motion to adjourn at 8:21 PM, Seconded by Councilman Schwedes.**

**Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.**