

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
August 1, 2005

Present: Gregory Laboissonniere, Ted Jendzejec, Frank Hyde

Acting Town Manager Richard Sullivan
Town Solicitor Patrick Sullivan

Absent: Richard Sanetti and Justin Pomfret

Pledge of Allegiance led by Town Sergeant
Invocation led by President Hyde
Town Sergeant reviewed Emergency Evacuation Plan

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolutions allowing sewer tie-ins for:

- a. William A. and Diane B. Warren for property located at 109 Hopkins Hill Road, AP 29, Lot 141
- b. Mark D. and Julie D. Cary for property located at 162 Hopkins Hill Road, AP 21, Lot 18
- c. Raymond and Marcia Lindeman for property located at 707 Washington Street, AP 55, Lot 1

Resolutions affirming awards of contracts for Public Works Department for the purchase of:

- a. Processed gravel
- b. Crushed rock
- c. Screened loam
- d. Cold patch
- e. All patch
- f. Pea stone

Resolution renewing Solid Waste and Recycling Agreement

Motion made by Gregory Laboissonniere seconded by Ted Jendzejec to approve Consent Agenda. Motion passes 3-0.

Resolution # 73-05-2483 allowing negotiations to proceed for sewer tie in for William A. and Diane B. Warren for property located at 109 Hopkins Hill Road, AP 29, Lot 141

RESOLUTION
OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
NO. 73-05-2483

That William A. and Diane B. Warren, owners of the property located at 109 Hopkins Hill Road, Coventry, RI, Assessor's Plat 29, Lot 141 be allowed to proceed with negotiations with the Town of West Warwick to connect to the West Warwick Sewer System. Such tie-in shall be in accordance with sewer tie-in agreement between the Town of West Warwick and the Town of Coventry signed July 20, 1999 and the town's Sewer Ordinance adopted January 13, 1997. If such tie-in is approved notify the Town of Coventry for the purpose of record keeping.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of August , 2005.

APPROVED: Frank Hyde
President

ATTEST: Cheryl A. George
Acting Town Clerk

Resolution # 74-05-2484 allowing negotiations to proceed for sewer tie in for Mark D. and Julie D. Cary for property located at 162 Hopkins Hill Road, AP 21, Lot 18

RESOLUTION
OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
NO. 74-05-2484

That Mark D. and Julie D. Cary, owners of the property located at 162 Hopkins Hill Road, Coventry, RI, Assessor's Plat 21, Lot 18 be allowed to proceed with negotiations with the Town of West Warwick to connect to the West Warwick Sewer System. Such tie-in shall be in accordance with sewer tie-in agreement between the Town of West Warwick and the Town of Coventry signed July 20, 1999 and the town's Sewer Ordinance adopted January 13, 1997. If such tie-in is approved notify the Town of Coventry for the purpose of record keeping.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of August, 2005.

APPROVED: Frank Hyde
President

ATTEST: Cheryl A. George
Acting Town Clerk

Resolution # 75-05-2485 allowing negotiations to proceed for sewer tie in for Raymond and Marcia Lindeman for property located at 707 Washington Street, AP 55, Lot 1

RESOLUTION
OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
NO. 75-05-2485

That Raymond and Marcia Lindeman, owners of the property located at 707 Washington Street, Coventry, RI, Assessor's Plat 55, Lot 1 be allowed to proceed with negotiations with the Town of West Warwick to connect to the West Warwick Sewer System. Such tie-in shall be in accordance with sewer tie-in agreement between the Town of West Warwick and the Town of Coventry signed July 20, 1999 and the town's Sewer Ordinance adopted January 13, 1997. If such tie-in is approved notify the Town of Coventry for the purpose of record keeping.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of August, 2005.

APPROVED: Frank Hyde
President

ATTEST: Cheryl A. George
Acting Town Clerk

Resolution # 76-05-2486 awarding contract for purchase of processed gravel

RESOLUTION
OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
NO. 76-05-2486

RESOLVED:

That the Town Council hereby affirms the award of a contract by the Town Manager pursuant to Chapter 2, Section 2-191 of the Town Code of Ordinances for the following materials for the Department of Public Works:

Processed Gravel 1 ½”

RICHMOND SAND & GRAVEL

\$7.45/Ton/pick up

P.O. Box 389
35 Stilson Road
Wyoming, RI 02898

Processed Gravel

WALTER E. REYNOLDS, INC.

\$8.75/Ton/pick up

General Contractor
2 Reynolds Court
Coventry, RI 02816

\$9.75/Ton/delivered

Funding is provided for in the 2005/2006 Department of Public Works Roads & Bridges Division Account No. 830.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of August 2005.

APPROVED Frank Hyde
Council President

ATTEST: Cheryl A. George
Acting Town Clerk

Resolution # 78-05-2488 awarding contract for purchase of crushed rock

RESOLUTION
OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
NO. 78-05-2488

RESOLVED:

That the Town Council hereby affirms the award of a contract by the Town Manager pursuant to Chapter 2, Section 2-191 of the Town Code of Ordinances for the following materials for the Department of Public Works:

1 ½” Crushed Rock

RICHMOND SAND & GRAVEL

\$10.10/Ton/pick-up

P.O. Box 389
35 Stilson Road
Wyoming, RI 02898

\$12.15/Ton/delivered

Funding is provided for in the 2005/2006 Department of Public Works Roads & Bridges Division Account No. 830.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of August 2005.

APPROVED Frank Hyde
Council President

ATTEST: Cheryl A. George
Acting Town Clerk

Resolution # 79-05-2489 awarding contract for purchase of screened loam

RESOLUTION
OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
NO. 79-05-2489

RESOLVED:

That the Town Council hereby affirms the award of a contract by the Town Manager pursuant to Chapter 2, Section 2-191 of the Town Code of Ordinances for the following materials for the Department of Public Works:

Screened Loam

RICHMOND SAND & GRAVEL
P.O. Box 389
35 Stilson Road
Wyoming, RI 02898

\$15.23/Ton delivered
\$13.23/Ton picked up

Funding is provided for in the 2005/2006 Department of Public Works Roads & Bridges Division Account No. 830.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of August 2005.

APPROVED Frank Hyde
Council President

ATTEST: Cheryl A. George
Acting Town Clerk

Resolution # 80-05-2490 awarding contract for purchase of cold patch

RESOLUTION
OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
NO. 80-05-2490

RESOLVED:

That the Town Council hereby affirms the award of a contract by the Town Manager pursuant to Chapter 2, Section 2-191 of the Town Code of Ordinances for the following materials for the Department of Public Works.

JOHNSTON ASPHALT, LLC
100 Allendale Avenue
Johnston, RI 02919

Cold Patch \$42.00/per ton at plant

Funding is provided for in the 2005/2006 Department of Public Works Roads & Bridges Division Account No. 830.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of August 2005.

APPROVED Frank Hyde
Council President

ATTEST: Cheryl A. George
Acting Town Clerk

Resolution # 81-05-2491 awarding contract for purchase of all patch

RESOLUTION
OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
NO 81-05-2491

RESOLVED:

That the Town Council hereby affirms the award of a contract by the Town Manager pursuant to Chapter 2, Section 2-191 of the Town Code of Ordinances for the following materials for the Department of Public Works.

JOHNSTON ASPHALT, LLC All Patch \$64.00/per ton at plant
100 Allendale Avenue
Johnston, RI 02919

Funding is provided for in the 2005/2006 Department of Public Works Roads & Bridges Division Account No. 830.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of August 2005.

APPROVED Frank Hyde
Council President

ATTEST: Cheryl A. George
Acting Town Clerk

Resolution # 82-05-2492 awarding contract for purchase of pea stone

RESOLUTION
OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
NO. 82-05-2492

RESOLVED:

That the Town Council hereby affirms the award of a contract by the Town Manager pursuant to Chapter 2, Section 2-191 of the Town Code of Ordinances for the following materials for the Department of Public Works:

Pea Stone

RICHMOND SAND & GRAVEL \$12.15/ton delivered
P.O. Box 389
35 Stilson Road
Wyoming, RI 02898

Funding is provided for in the 2005/2006 Department of Public Works Roads & Bridges Division Account No. 830.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of August, 2005.

APPROVED Frank Hyde
Council President

ATTEST: Cheryl A. George
Acting Town Clerk

Resolution # 83-05-2493 renewing Solid Waste and Recycling Agreement

RESOLUTION
OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
NO. 83-05-2493

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council agrees that the annual Solid Waste and Recycling Agreement between the Town of Coventry and the Rhode Island Resource Recovery will be renewed for the period July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of August, 2005.

APPROVED: Frank Hyde
Council President

ATTEST: Cheryl A. George
Acting Town Clerk

LICENSE

Application for Hawker and Sunday Sales license by James Zuleger,
1580 Main Street, Coventry for Plainview Farms Farmers Market, 507 Tiogue
Avenue

Solicitor Sullivan stated that recommendations have not yet been received from Zoning Department and Police Department.

Motion made by Gregory Laboissonniere seconded by Ted Jendzejec to table license. Motion passes 3-0.

RESOLUTION

Resolution #84-05-2494 accepting and recommending Acting Town
Manager's Proposed Budget as amended for FY 2005-2006 to Financial
Town Meeting on August 24, 2005.

Acting Town Manager Sullivan: In the last few days I have met with Councilman Hyde, Councilman Jendzejec and Councilman Laboissonniere regarding the budget. A number of recommendations were made:

- \$30,000.00 for ambulance put back into the budget
- Remove expected \$185,000.00 in revenue based on dumping fees
- We also received \$166,000 from the state
- Located \$78,400 which was in the capital budget
- Located \$327,102 from capital outlay
- Decided to take \$175,000.00 in impact fees

So total of \$580,502.00 will be turned over to the school. Our residential tax rate will be \$14.94 (one cent less than the last budget) and \$18.00 for the commercial tax rate stays the same.

I must say that the council worked very hard. This is the product of a very tough year. Sacrifices have been made. The school is very important and the social studies program is very important too.

I also want to make one thing clear and that is when I met with council people, it was only one or two people at a time. We did not meet in violation.

Gregory Laboissonniere - We have put in a lot of time, had a lot of discussion on the budget. Think we have reached a compromise, would have liked to have seen some other things done. In the best interest of the town, I would like this budget to move forward. One thing I did want to do is keep the tax rate lower or the same. We have shifted a lot of funding out of the town's municipal capital needs in order to fund the needs of the school department. We understand that this is very difficult. As in Mr. Jendzejec's original proposal, I feel strongly about the social studies program. We feel that the dollars we moved into school budget can certainly cover those additional costs. We scrimped and saved, went line by line. Feel very good that the doors of communication are open and thank the other councilmen. We did the best we could.

Mr. Jendzejec: To echo Greg's statements, we all worked very hard, all had compromises. This was very difficult. I know the School Committee has a very difficult job ahead of them. Please compromise and come up with a way to fund the social studies curriculum, one of my number one priorities.

Mr. Hyde: For my own comments, I would like to say that this council is very unified, worked hard, worked together. Countless hours were spent on our priorities, and I would like to reiterate that the social studies program is very important to myself and well as the council. Should implement it if we can.

I also care deeply about the seniors in our community and that is why I want to put that ambulance service back in, as well as the rest of the council.

Motion made by Gregory Laboissonniere seconded by Ted Jendzejec to adopt resolution. Motion passes 3-0.

RESOLUTION
OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
NO. 84-05-2494

RESOLVED:

That the Town Council hereby accepts and amends the Acting Town Manager's Proposed General Budget and recommends to the Financial Town Meeting the following actions:

SECTION 1. That \$ 19,220,137 appropriated from tax revenues, federal and state aid and other revenues for the operation of the Municipal Government as set forth in Exhibit "A", which is attached.

SECTION 2. That \$ 37,859,498 be appropriated from tax revenues for the operation of the School Department. These funds shall supplement state aid to education grants and other school revenues to provide an operating budget of \$ 59,916,632.

SECTION 3. That \$ 4,189,851 in tax revenues, interest earnings, state aid and other sources be appropriated for the retirement of principal and interest on outstanding bonded indebtedness.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of August 2005.

APPROVED Frank Hyde
President

ATTEST: Cheryl A. George
Acting Town Clerk

Motion made by Gregory Laboissonniere seconded by Ted Jendzejec to adjourn meeting. Motion passes 3-0.

President Hyde reopened meeting as Public Comment was inadvertently omitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Regarding budget

Susan Conde: Commended council on hard work regarding budget. I respect your wishes regarding the social studies program, but feel decision on how to spend the money should be left up to the school committee

Ronald Ghizarelli: Feels that public comment should have been opened up before passing the budget resolution.

Frederick Tobin, Esq.: Prior to the Financial Town Meeting the council held two public hearings. Don't think a lot of people are aware of what went into that process. Since the Financial Town Meeting you have had three public hearings. The public had a lot of input at these hearings. Tonight the budget is down on the agenda for a decision that the council makes after hearing the public's input. Properly, you make that decision. I think you have really sat back and listened to comments, more so than other councils have done. Hope the public realizes how much time and effort goes into this budget. I want to

commend the council. You are not going to please everyone. Just do the best you can – congratulations.

- Regarding Independent Sand and Gravel

Kimberly Paul: Concerned about erosion and dust from Independent Sand and Gravel. Needs enforcement.

- Regarding condemnation of portion of Hickory Road

Kevin Prest: On behalf of Beatrice Reynolds, questioned condemnation of section of Hickory Road. Objected that the town would pay \$2500.00 and would result in rendering the whole 12 acre lot unbuildable. Suggested maybe the Land Trust could purchase it for the town.

Motion made by Gregory Laboissonniere seconded by Ted Jendzejec that meeting is adjourned. Motion passes 3-0.

Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Cheryl A. George
Acting Town Clerk