

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
September 12, 2011

Present: President Gary Cote, Ted Jendzejec, Kerry McGee, Raymond Spear, Carl Mattson, Jr.

Town Manager Thomas Hoover
Town Solicitor Frederick Tobin

Motion made by Councilman Spear seconded by Councilman Mattson to recess to executive session for the purpose of:

1. Per State General Law Section 42-46-5(a)(1) – Job performance, character of a person or persons
2. Per State General Law Section 42-46-5(a)(7) – Investment of public funds
3. Per State General Law Section 42-46-5(a)(1) – Boards and Commissions

Individual voice vote, all voted aye.

Motion made by Councilman Mattson seconded by Councilman Spear to return to Town Council meeting and seal minutes of executive session. Individual voice vote – all voted aye.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Town Sergeant
Invocation by Councilman Spear
Review of Emergency Evacuation Plan

President's Comments

President Cote took the opportunity to thank everyone involved for their tremendous efforts in preparation of and during tropical storm Irene. He recognized town departments, fire districts, the Police Department, Dept. of Public Works, Human Services and our emergency management team for their preparation and their ability to work together and do an amazing job.

Council members presented Certificates of Recognition to the Coventry Police Department, Public Works Department, Human Services Department and Fire Districts for their tireless efforts during and in the aftermath of tropical storm Irene.

Approval of Town Council Minutes from August 22, 2011

Motion was made by Councilman Spear seconded by Councilman McGee to approve minutes. All voted Aye.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of August 2011 Tax Abatements and Additions

Manager Hoover explained the abatement process and that adjustments to bills are due to a number of reasons, for example, changes in motor vehicle taxes, people going on and off the tax freeze, exemptions and additions, all which effect taxes.

Motion made by Councilman Jendzejec seconded by Councilman Spear to approve abatements. All voted aye.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Awarding a contract for catch basin cleaning to Lloyd Traux Inc. at a cost of \$12.50 per basin

Councilman Spear asked for clarification as to the \$135.00 hourly fee for cleaning and also noted a discrepancy between the hourly cost of \$12.50 listed on the agenda and \$12.40 listed on the resolution.

DPW Director Dennis Smith replied that the correct pricing is \$12.40 per basin, as stated on the resolution. The fee of \$135.00 per hour is a fee for an emergency type service.

Motion was made by Councilman Spear seconded by Councilman Jendzejec to approve resolution. All voted aye.

2. Awarding a contract for the installation of Dual Beacon Solar School Zone Flashers on Johnson Boulevard at Hopkins Hill School to Rossi Electric at a cost of \$10,240

President Cote advised that consideration was given to moving the flashers from the old Washington Oak School over to the Hopkins Hill site, but that is not feasible because they are in such disrepair.

Motion made by Councilman Spear seconded by Councilman Jendzejec to approve resolution. All voted aye.

3. Awarding a contract for repairs on various flood damaged roads and selective pavement restoration at various town locations to Cardi Corporation at a cost of \$257,644.47

Superintendent Smith listed the roads to be repaired:

Read School House Road	Yates Avenue
Sandalwood Court	Red Oak Drive cul-de-sac
Blackrock Road	Greenhouse Road
Rock Hill Road	Reservoir Road
Club House Road	White Oak Court

Manager Hoover advised that most repairs will be funded through FEMA money and grants that were received after the flood of 2010.

Motion made by Councilman Spear seconded by Councilman Jendzejec to approve resolution. All voted aye.

4. Appointing a member to the Coventry Land Trust

Councilman Mattson recused himself as his wife is a candidate for membership.

Motion made by Councilman Spear seconded by Councilman Jendzejec to appoint Helen Quinn, 72 Hunters Crossing Dr. to the Coventry Land Trust. Vote – 4 Aye, 1 recusal, motion passes.

5. Appointing members to the Coventry Redevelopment Agency

Motion made by Councilman Spear seconded by Councilman Jendzejec to appoint Frank Hyde and Milton Baxter to the Redevelopment Agency. All voted aye.

6. Appointing members to the Pawtuxet River Authority

Motion made by Councilman Spear seconded by Councilman Jendzejec to reappoint Brian Manning and appoint Richard Proulx to the Pawtuxet River Authority. All voted aye.

President Cote administered oath of office to newly appointed members. Mr. Baxter was absent and will be sworn in at later date.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Cote announced that Assistant Town Solicitor Christopher Pucino has been accepted into the FBI Training Academy and will soon leave the town's service. He thanked Mr. Pucino for the work he has done for the Town of Coventry, the Coventry Fire District and wished him well in the future.

Ron Gizzarelli, 50 Harrington Rd., praised town departments for their efforts during tropical storm Irene.

Louis Diamonte, 23 S. Main Street, raised concerns about the poor shape that Anthony Street is in, the need to pave the street, and the current dangerous condition there for snow plowing this winter. Manager Hoover responded that the town is trying to find the resources to pave Anthony Street.

Councilman Spear suggested that this should be put in next year's CIP.

Motion made by Councilman Spear seconded by Councilman McGee to adjourn meeting. All voted aye.

Town Clerk