

Town Council Meeting
November 19, 2012

Present: President Gary Cote, Vice-President Kerry McGee, Councilman Jendzejec, Councilman Mattson, Councilman Spear, Town Manager Thomas Hoover, Town Solicitor Frederick Tobin

Pledge of Allegiance led by Town Sergeant
Invocation by Reverend Chris Baker
Review of Emergency Evacuation Plan

President's Comments

President Cote remarked that the last two years have been a learning experience and although it wasn't easy, it helped having two experienced members on the Town Council. It was an exciting two years and he is proud to be reelected to represent the taxpayers of the Town of Coventry. We will continue to do the good work the Town Council has started.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of tax abatements and additions for the month of October, 2012
2. Approval of a sewer tie-in for Silver Lake Plaza, 1146 Main Street

Motion made by Vice-President McGee seconded by Councilman Spear to approve consent agenda. All voted Aye.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Approval of an agreement with WB Healthcare Collaborative for providing the services of Delta Dental Rhode Island to the employees of the Town of Coventry

Manager Hoover recommended approval of the agreement with WB Healthcare Collaborative as the town would maintain the same benefits and coverage through WB Community Health, but with a savings of approximately \$30,000 annually.

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

PROCLAMATIONS

1. Recognizing Senator Glenford Shibley for his dedicated service to the State of Rhode Island and Town of Coventry

President Cote presented certificate of appreciation to Senator Shibley.

2. Recognizing Councilmen Ray Spear and Carl Mattson for their dedicated service to the Town of Coventry

President Cote presented certificates of appreciation to Councilmen Mattson and Spear.

SWEARING-IN TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS

Karen M. Carlson, District 1
Gregory Laboissonniere, District 2
Kerry L. McGee, District 3
Gary P. Cote, District 4
Thaddeus Jendzejec, District 5

Nicholas Gorham, Esq., administered the oath of office to Karen M. Carlson, Dist. 1.
Senator Glen Shibley administered the oath of office to Gregory Laboissonniere, Dist. 2.
Municipal Court Judge Arthur Capaldi administered the oath of office to Kerry McGee, Gary Cote and Ted Jendzejec.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS

Motion made by Councilman McGee seconded by Councilman Jendzejec to nominate Gary Cote for President of the Town Council. All voted aye. No further nominations.

Motion made by Councilman Jendzejec seconded by Councilman Laboissonniere to nominate Kerry McGee for Vice-President of the Town Council. No further nominations. All voted Aye.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Cote welcomed the newly elected council members. Even though this can be a trying and stressful task, you feel good at the end of the day, knowing that you served the taxpayers the right way and you can sleep at night. This Town Council works as a team; this is a team effort and the taxpayers will get the best representation they can get with the five people sitting up here. We will make the decisions that we have to over the next two years and won't be right all the time, but we will do the best that we can for the taxpayers of Coventry.

SWEARING-IN TOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ann M. Dickson, District 1
Frank Hyde, District 3
Nancy E. Sprengelmeyer, District 4

No one was present this evening to be sworn in and the oath will be administered at later date.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilman Ray Spear thanked Town Council members and the citizens of the community for allowing him a very rewarding 24 years of service to the community with 16 years as superintendent of schools, four years on the School Committee and four years on the Town Council. He wished the new Town Council all the best going forward.

Ellen DeWolf, 15 Catalpa Way, reported that she heard one of the asphalt plants operating last Thursday and Friday night. She also asked if the plants are allowed to operate on Saturdays and Sunday. President Cote told her to check with Chief Volpe regarding the number of days they have operated at night. With regard to operating on

Saturday and Sunday, President Cote doesn't think there is a law stating that they cannot operate on weekends.

Charlotte Porter, 26 Sandra Circle, complained that the odor from the plants is getting worse.

Tammy Duxbury, 2 Orchid Trail, referred to last Thursday night and would like to clarify that the neighbor who called the police talked to Officer Galligan. Officer Galligan said it was okay for the plant to operate sedimentation control and planting of hayfields for agricultural purposes with no restrictions. Ms. Duxbury asked if that is true and if zoning has changed in that area. President Cote responded that Mr. Miozzi owns more than one property in Coventry. *Dispatcher* Galligan may have misunderstood which Miozzi property was being referred to as Miozzi does own a gravel bank and is allowed to plant hayfields as part of reclamation of the property. There have been no zone changes or hearings.

Lastly, Councilwoman Carlson stated she is looking forward to working hard, not just for District 1 but for the whole town.

Vice-President McGee thanked the outgoing Town Council and his constituents in District 3. He will continue to work with integrity and honesty and to the best of his ability. He also thanked the Council for reelecting him to the office of Vice President.

Councilman Jendzejec added that everyone has a separate and distinct voice on this Council and the Council will represent the taxpayers to the best of their ability.

Motion made by Councilman Jendzejec seconded by Councilwoman Carlson to adjourn meeting. All voted aye.

Town Clerk