

JUNE 24, 2014
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

The June 24, 2014, Town Council Meeting was called to order by John L. Lewis, Jr., President of the Foster Town Council, at the Town House, Foster, Rhode Island, at 7:03 p.m.

The following members were present:
John L. Lewis, Jr., President,
Pamela Fontaine, Vice President
Neal C. Whitelaw,
Denise DiFranco, and
Roger L. Hawes.

Also present were:
Kelli Russ, Town Treasurer
Joseph Cardillo, DPW Director
William Ziehl, Police Chief
Robert DePalo, Board Of Canvassers

- I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- II. ANNOUNCEMENTS** John L. Lewis, Jr. stated that the notice of the meeting was properly posted on the Secretary of State's web site.
- Pamela Fontaine read the notice from the top of the agenda: *The Foster Town Council does not sanction any electronic audio/video recordings of Town Council Meetings made by the public. Any audio/video recordings made by the public are not public records under Title 38 Public Records.*
- John Lewis also announced that this special meeting was being held in lieu of the canceled, regularly scheduled meeting for June 26.*
- III. MINUTES** There were no minutes reviewed.
- IV. WARRANTS** Neal Whitelaw moved, Roger Hawes seconded, to approve **Payroll Warrant #49** for \$27,904.44.
- John Lewis, aye; Pamela Fontaine, nay; Roger Hawes, aye; Denise DiFranco, aye; and Neal Whitelaw, aye. Motion carried 4-1.
- Denise DiFranco moved, Roger Hawes seconded, to approve **Payroll Warrant #50** for \$44,961.78.
- John Lewis, aye; Pamela Fontaine, aye; Roger Hawes, aye; Denise DiFranco, aye; and Neal Whitelaw, aye. Motion carried 5-0.
- Neal Whitelaw moved, Roger Hawes seconded, to approve **General Warrant #22** for \$62,466.34.
- Discussion: Pamela Fontaine asked for clarification on two invoices from Home Depot. Pamela Fontaine and Denise DiFranco asked for clarification on gravel expenses and a contractual agreement with Barnes Concrete.
- John Lewis, aye; Pamela Fontaine, nay; Roger Hawes, aye; Denise DiFranco, aye; and Neal Whitelaw, nay. Motion passed 3-2.
- V. NEW BUSINESS**
- a. Bid**
- | | Concrete | Keyways | Tack Coat |
|---|-------------|------------|---------------|
| Opening and Award - Street Paving Overlay, Boswell Trail | | | |
| Hartford Paving Corporation | \$94.95/ton | \$2.75/lf | \$.35 sq. yd. |
| D'Ambra Construction | \$71.95/ton | \$1.50/lf | \$.40 sq. yd. |
| J.H. Lynch & Sons, Inc. | \$91.00/ton | \$20.00/lf | \$.50 sq. yd. |
| Cardi Corporation | \$71.83/ton | \$2.00/lf | \$.50 sq. yd. |
| Narragansett Improvement Co. | \$86.85/ton | \$4.00/lf | \$.25 sq. yd. |
| All States Asphalt, Inc. | \$82.00/ton | \$15.00/lf | \$.40 sq. yd. |
- DPW Director Joseph Cardillo took the bids aside to review while the meeting continued.
- VI. OLD BUSINESS**
- a. Appointments, Board of Canvassers, W. Gervasio, M. DiLibero** John L. Lewis, Jr. stated that the town had a position on the Board Of Canvassers to be filled. Letters had been sent out to both the Republican and Democratic Committee Chairmen. A letter had been received from the Republican Town Committee Chair recommending the appointment of Wilma Gervasio to the Board of Canvassers as a full time member, for a term of 6 years. (Exhibit A).

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**Appoint-
ments, Board
of
Canvassers,
W. Gervasio,
M. DiLibero,
cont.**

Pamela Fontaine moved, Roger Hawes seconded, to approve the appointment of Wilma Gervasio.

John Lewis, aye; Pamela Fontaine, aye; Roger Hawes, aye; Denise DiFranco, aye; and Neal Whitelaw, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Lewis further stated that with Ms. Gervasio's appointment as full member of the BOC, her alternate position was now vacant for the balance of her term. State law requires the appointment of one alternate from both the Republican and Democratic parties. Letters requesting recommendations for alternates had been sent to the Republican and Democratic committee chairs. With no recommendation from either town committee chair, the law states that the president of the town council can recommend and appoint an alternate.

John Lewis nominated Mary DiLibero to fill the position of alternate.

Roger Hawes moved, Denise DiFranco seconded, to appoint Mary DiLibero to take the position of alternate to complete Wilma's term.

John Lewis, aye; Pamela Fontaine, aye; Roger Hawes, aye; Denise DiFranco, aye; and Neal Whitelaw, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

The Town Clerk swore in both Ms. Gervasio and Ms. DiLibero.

**b. Building of
Winsor Road
Bridge**

John Lewis stated that Walter May would make his final presentation for repairs to the Winsor Road Bridge. Mr. May read his presentation aloud. (Exhibit B) There were no questions. Mr. May spoke to seasonal time constraints and urged a quick determination. Mr. Lewis reminded everyone that the advertisement for the bids had stated the award would happen on July 10.

**(V.) (RETURN TO
NEW
BUSINESS)**

In a return to New Business, Mr. Lewis asked Mr. Cardillo if he was ready to make a bid award for the paving for Boswell Trail. Mr. Cardillo recommended the award go to D'Ambra Construction.

**a. Bid
Opening and
Award -
Street Paving
Overlay,
Boswell
Trail, cont.**

Neal Whitelaw moved, Roger Hawes seconded, to award the bid to D'Ambra Construction at the bid price of \$71.95/ton for the concrete, \$1.50/lf for the keyways, and \$.40 sq. yd. for the tack coating.

No discussion.

John Lewis, aye; Pamela Fontaine, aye; Roger Hawes, aye; Denise DiFranco, aye; and Neal Whitelaw, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**VII. FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS**

- A. Procedure for collecting tangible taxes
- B. Foster Center Baptist Church Well Request
- C. Minutes from May 22, 2014 and June 12, 2014
- D. Advertising for Foster Home Repair Program
- E. Woody Lowden Lightning Strike
- F. Personnel Committee

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Roger Hawes moved, Pamela Fontaine seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

John Lewis, aye; Pamela Fontaine, aye; Roger Hawes, aye; Denise DiFranco, aye; and Neal Whitelaw, aye. Motion passed 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jane Christopher, Town Clerk

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