



Mike Lenares
Mayor

TOWN OF NEWINGTON

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

MINUTES

NEWINGTON TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

August 29, 2011

Mayor Lenares called the Special Meeting of the Town Council to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Helen Nelson Room, Town Hall.

I PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II ROLL CALL

Councilors Present

Councilor Banach
Councilor Bottalico
Councilor Cohen
Councilor DelBuono
Councilor Klett
Councilor McBride
Councilor Nasinnyk
Mayor Lenares

Staff Present

John Salomone, Town Manager
Jaime Trevethan, Executive Assistant

III PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – ON AGENDA - None.

IV CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

A Accept Bid, Mill Street Ext. and Senior Center Parking Lot

Town Manager Salomone stated that this special meeting was called to award this bid due to the tight timeframe of the project and stated that the bid needs to be awarded prior to the next regular Town Council meeting on September 13. He explained that the project funds will come from the State and Federal block grants, and will be used to build a parking lot next to the Senior Center as well as to improve the sidewalks in front of the senior housing, install lighting, and create an access point for sewer adjustments. He stated that the low bid was about \$318,000 which is \$40,000 - \$50,000 less than the engineer's estimate. Town Manager Salomone noted that the low bidder, Quality Associates, was also the contractor for the Municipal parking lot project and indicated that the Town was satisfied with the contractor's work on that project.

Councilor Cohen moved to waive the rules. Motion seconded by Councilor Banach.
Motion to waive the rules passed 9-0.

Councilor Bottalico moved the following:

RESOLVED:

That the Newington Town Council hereby accepts the bid and authorizes the Town Manager, John L. Salomone, to execute appropriate contracts with Quality Associates of East Haven, CT in the amount of \$318,492.50 for the Mill Street extension and Senior Center parking lot project as described in the specifications prepared by the Town of Newington and as in the document entitled "Bid No. 1, 2011-12, Mill Street and Senior Center Parking Lot".

Motion seconded by Councilor Cohen. Motion passed 9-0.

Councilor Nasinnyk noted that the bids were open for this item on August 24, so even if the Council had held its regular meeting on August 23 there would have still been a need for this special meeting to award the bid.

V PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – ON AGENDA

Rose Lyons, 46 Elton Drive: Ms. Lyons reminded the Council about the rule requiring that the public be offered the chance to comment when the Council waives the rules to vote on an item. She stated, however, that she is in favor of the project as the current sidewalks are dangerous. She recommended that the project include security cameras if possible, noting problems with graffiti in the area.

VI REMARKS BY COUNCILORS

Councilor Nasinnyk stated that she is excited to see this project move forward.

Councilor Banach noted that the Town landfill will be open throughout the week to collect storm debris and also noted that there will be a special collection of storm debris, brush and tree limbs from September 6 – 9.

Councilor DelBuono stated that she had a recent conversation with a police officer about the use of security cameras and was informed that the use of motion sensitive lights can be just as effective of a deterrent as security cameras.

Councilor Nagel thanked the Town Manager, staff and volunteers for their work and support during the recent hurricane. Deputy Mayor McBride thanked the volunteers who staffed the emergency shelter during the storm as well as the Town Manager and staff. Mayor Lenares thanked the staff, Town Manager, Police and Fire departments for their preparedness ahead of the storm. He noted that Newington dodged a bullet with this storm, as compared to other area communities, and reiterated Councilor Banach's comments about the landfill and storm pickup. He asked residents to be patient with storm debris collection.

Town Manager Salomone thanked Town employees and volunteers for their hard work and dedication ahead of and during the storm. He stated that the Town is calculating storm related costs at this time and noted that it could be reimbursed for some of the costs through FEMA. Councilor Cohen noted that volunteers from the Ham Radio group helped out with communication during the storm.

VII ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:16 p.m. by Councilor Bottalico, and seconded by Councilor DelBuono. Motion passed 9-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jaime Trevethan
Executive Assistant to the Town Manager