



TOWN OF COVENTRY
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Honorable Council,

November 28, 2023 marked one year since new leadership took the helm of the Coventry Town Council. This team has put in a tremendous amount of time and effort to keep our foot on the gas and continue to build upon momentum month after month to deliver results for this body and the residents of our community.

In that time, this Town Council has met more than 40 times to conduct the people's business. This required many hours of strategic planning and extreme flexibility to be able to not only execute the legislative priorities of this membership, but to navigate significant administrative transitions, and numerous, unanticipated obstacles along the way.

The following is a comprehensive, but not entirely exhaustive list of what this administration, Vice President LeBlanc, and me - as your President - have supported execution of in the past legislative year:

- Allocated \$1.3M in ARPA funds to fire districts
- Supported establishment of historic districts
- OMA and Ethics training for town employees and board members
- Hired a town grant writer
- Hired specific outside counsel and made a financial commitment to hire experts in Johnson's Pond litigation efforts
- Submitted 6 projects to DEM priority list related to sewer and wastewater improvements
- Enacted sewer ordinance revisions that placed a ceiling on assessments
- Preservation of town historical artifacts: Bicentennial Map
- Successfully coordinated legislative execution and GA ratification of voter approved Charter Questions
- Successfully coordinated legislative execution and GA approvals of school construction bond act
- Updated Wastewater Facilities Plan
- Supported urgent action and funding to address the Coventry High School wastewater emergency

- Updated Comprehensive Plan
- Secured RIPTA partnership for transport vans for Human Services Department (FREE)
- Executing purchases on FY23 Capital Improvement projects that were not addressed
- Approval of school bond referendum ballot language; \$25M bond passage in Oct. '23
- Commitment to infrastructure maintenance - Pave It Forward Program & securing Municipal Roads Program funding
- Restarted Traffic Committee
- Analyzing the future of fire services in town with third party survey results
- Completing small business gift card program with EDC
- Landfill solar array agreement
- IBPO Contract ratification/OPEB Trust
- CTA and SRP contracts
- Updated Floodplain ordinance
- Established revaluation escrow fund
- CDBG grant application submissions and awards (Quidnick Park)
- Updates to DPW service fee schedule
- Community Facilities grant application submission and award
- Learn365 Municipal Compact participant
- Climate Resiliency Program participant
- Established revolving fund for fund balance
- Development of FY25 Budget Calendar
- Planning/Development ordinance updates
- Police bodycams implementation
- Police Department capital improvements
- Parks & Rec capital improvements
- DPW capital improvements
- DEM grant application for playground construction
- PACE agreement (clean energy program)
- Streamlining and optimizing operations in the Clerk's office
- Reinstated timely monthly budget to actual reporting
- Review and optimization of town bank accounts and financial controls
- Coventry PD Comfort Dog program
- Regular updates issued on ARPA expenditures and allocations

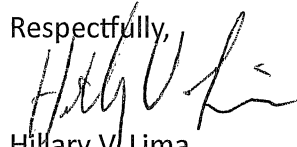
Items that were on the legislative priority list for 2023, but are still in progress include:

- Completion of FY22 and FY23 audits and finalizing 18 months of neglected requisitions
- Issued sanitation services IFB
- Analysis of current tax policy
- Town Investment Policy
- Establishing a DPW salt/sand rollover ordinance
- Analysis of Impact Fees

- Exploring establishment of a financial oversight committee
- Council 94 contract
- CGI Community Banner partnership program
- Signage ordinance review

Council leadership will be publicly sharing its legislative priorities for the coming year in early 2024. As a reminder, council members are welcome and encouraged to contact me or the town manager with any constituent concerns or legislative items they would like slated for consideration in the new calendar year.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hillary V. Lima". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "H" and a stylized "L" at the end.

Hillary V Lima

President

Coventry Town Council