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AN ACT to Incorporate the Central Coventry Fire District.

S 342
Effective
April 18, 1959.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

Section 1. All that part of the town of Coventry lying and being within the following lines and bounds: Beginning at a point on the Coventry-West Greenwich town line six hundred (600) feet easterly from the intersection of said town line with Weaver Hill road, so called; thence running in a general northerly direction in a line which at all times is six hundred (600) feet easterly from and parallel with said Weaver Hill road to Harkney Hill road, so called; thence continuing in a general northerly direction in a line which at all times is six hundred (600) feet easterly from and parallel with an old highway (formerly known as the Williams Crossing road) which leads from the intersection of said Weaver Hill road and said Harkney Hill road to Rhode Island state highway route 117, to a point six hundred (600) feet southerly from said route 117; thence turning and running in a general northeasterly and easterly direction in a line which at all times is six hundred (600) feet southerly from and parallel with said route 117 to a point six hundred (600) feet easterly from the point where County road or Hammit road, whichever called, if extended would intersect this boundary line; thence turning and running northerly in a line which at all times is six hundred (600) feet easterly from and parallel with said County or Hammit road so extended, and said County or Hammit road to a point on the Potterville or Maple Valley road, so called, which point is 900 feet more or less, easterly from the Potterville or Maple Valley school, so called;

thence continuing in a general northerly direction in a line which at all times is six hundred (600) feet easterly from and parallel with the Nipmuc trail so called, to the Scituate-Coventry town line; (the above line is the eastern boundary of the Western Coventry fire district and was taken from their act of incorporation of 1942) thence turning and running easterly on said Scituate-Coventry town line to the northwest corner of lot 116 on AP-30 of the town of Coventry records; thence turning and running southerly on a line 300 feet east of and parallel to the east line of Read School House road until it comes to the intersection of said Read School House road with said Rhode Island state highway route 117; thence crossing said route 117 and continuing in a straight line to the north end of the dam on Flat river reservoir; thence running across said dam to the south end of said dam; thence running southerly in a straight line to a point on Rhode Island state highway, route 3, three hundred feet west of the intersection of Air Port road with said route 3, thence continuing southerly in a straight line to the intersection of Mishnock river with the West Greenwich-Coventry town line; thence turning and running westerly along said town line to the point of beginning, is hereby incorporated into a district to be called the Central Coventry fire district.

Said district may have a common seal, sue and be sued, and enjoy the other powers generally incident to a corporation.

Sec. 2. The taxable inhabitants of said district qualified to vote in town affairs of said town on propositions to impose a tax or for the expenditure of money

shall be eligible to vote and act in all meetings of the corporation.

Sec. 3. The first meeting of said fire district shall be holden on the third Monday in June next ensuing, at a place in said district to be named in the notice of said meeting. Seven (7) days notice of said meeting, stating the time, place, and purpose thereof, and signed by five (5) or more of the qualified voters of said district, shall be given by posting the same in three (3) or more public places in said district, at least one (1) week before said meeting, and by publishing the same for at least one (1) week prior to said meeting in some newspaper published in the county of Kent.

At said meeting the question "Shall the Central Coventry fire district be established according to the act of incorporation passed by the general assembly of the state?" shall be submitted. All persons possessing the qualifications set forth in section 2 of this act shall be entitled to vote on said question. If a majority of the persons so voting shall vote "yes", then said Central Coventry fire district shall be established, according to the provisions of this act; otherwise this act shall become null and void.

Annual meetings of said fire district for the election of officers and the transaction of any other business of said fire district shall be held on the third Monday in July commencing in 1959 and annually thereafter. Fifteen (15) qualified voters shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the corporation.

Sec. 4. Said taxable inhabitants may hold special

meetings which, as well as the annual meetings, shall be called and notice given in such a manner as the taxable inhabitants may prescribe. It shall be the duty of the clerk to call a special meeting upon written application signed by twelve (12) or more taxable inhabitants. Written application for a special meeting as well as the notice thereof, shall mention the reason for such special meeting.

Sec. 5. Said taxable inhabitants, at each annual meeting, and at any other meetings when vacancies occur, may elect officers to serve for one (1) year or until the next annual meeting and until others be chosen in their stead; which officers shall consist of a moderator, clerk, treasurer, three (3) assessors and a collector of taxes, whose duties and powers within said district shall be such as like officers of towns of this state have in their respective towns. Said taxable inhabitants may also elect a chief engineer, and two (2) assistant engineers to rank respectively first and second assistant engineers, who shall constitute a board of engineers and shall have such powers and duties as are now legally imposed upon fire-wards and fire wardens, and such other duties as are specified in the bylaws of said fire district not inconsistent with law.

Sec. 6. Said taxable inhabitants at any of their legal meetings shall have power to order such taxes and provide for the assessing and collecting of the same on the taxable inhabitants and property in said district as they shall deem necessary for purchasing fire engines, and all other implements and apparatus for the extinguishing of fire; for purchase of land and buildings for keeping same; for the purchasing, installation,

operation and maintenance of a suitable alarm system; for making cisterns and reservoirs; for paying the salaries of district officers and firemen. And such taxes, so ordered, shall be assessed by the assessors of said district on the taxable inhabitants and property therein according to the last valuation made by the assessors of the town of Coventry next previous to said assessment, adding, however, any taxable property which may have been omitted by said town assessors or afterwards acquired; and in assessing and collecting said taxes such proceedings shall be had by the officers of said district, as near as may be, as are required to be had by the corresponding officers of towns in assessing and collecting town taxes; **provided, however**, that the tax assessed and payable in any one year under the provisions of this section shall not exceed three (3) mills on each dollar of valuation.

Sec. 7. The taxable inhabitants of the Central Coventry fire district may enact bylaws prescribing the duties of the board of engineers and of the inhabitants of said district in time of conflagration, and to enforce obedience to the commands of the board of engineers for suppressing disorder and tumult, guarding and removing property, and rendering other service in time of fire; and for breach of any such bylaws may provide a penalty not exceeding a fine of ten (\$10.) dollars, to be recovered for the use of said district, or imprisonment for a term not exceeding ten (10) days, which penalty may be enforced by prosecution on complaint and warrant before the district court of the fourth judicial district.

Sec. 8. The board of engineers elected by said dis-

trict may order, in time of fire, such buildings to be pulled down or blown up, as they shall judge necessary to stop the progress of the fire; and if it shall happen that the pulling down or blowing up of any such buildings, by direction as aforesaid, shall be the occasion of stopping the progress of such fire, or if the fire stop before it come to the same, the owners shall be reasonably paid therefore, by a tax of said district, the amount of which tax shall be adjudged by the superior court for the county of Kent, which court is authorized upon application to it made on behalf of such owners to adjudge the amount necessary, cause same to be certified to the district, and such tax shall be assessed and collected as are other taxes in said district. But no building in which any fire shall first break out or begin shall be paid for hereunder.

Sec. 9. The taxable inhabitants of said district may enact all bylaws by them adjudged necessary and expedient for carrying the provisions of this act into effect, provided the same be not in violation of or repugnant to the laws of this state.

Sec. 10. The Central Coventry fire district is hereby authorized and empowered to borrow from time to time such sums of money as may be necessary, not however, to exceed the sum of twenty thousand (\$20,000.) dollars, for the purpose of procuring real and personal estate, the erection and maintenance of buildings, the procuring of fire and water apparatus, for the payment of any legal indebtedness of said district, or for the purpose of purchasing or procuring any other property, real or personal, that may be legally acquired and held by said district.

Sec. 11. This act shall take effect upon its passage, and all acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith or repugnant hereto, are hereby repealed.

AN ACT to Incorporate Mohegan Association, Inc.

S 173
Effective
April 15, 1959.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

Section 1. Omer J. Houle, Elphege J. Leduc, Felix Dufault, Arthur R. Chisholm and Catherine A. Rush hereby are made a corporation under the name of Mohegan Association, Inc. and they and their successors and such persons as shall become members of said corporation according to the provisions of this act and of its by-laws shall be and remain a body corporate in that name forever for the purpose of furnishing a supply of water for domestic use to dwelling houses in the village of Mohegan, in the town of Burrillville, and of furnishing the same with facilities for sewage disposal with all the privileges and powers and subject to all the duties and liabilities applicable to such corporations set forth in title 7 of the general laws and all acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto and with powers generally to acquire and maintain property (including without limitation land with artesian wells and such buildings, pumps, storage tanks, water pipes, meters, sewer mains and related equipment as may be necessary to service such dwelling houses) and to do all things pertinent and incidental to the conduct and prosecution of said business.

The expression "dwelling houses in the village of Mohegan" means only