

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday March 5, 2019 7:00pm

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 in the selectmen's conference room.

Members present: First Selectman Michael Criss, Selectman Evan Brunetti, Selectman Rick Fowler.

Attendees: Jon Stolicny – Harwinton Lions Club

Call to Order

Mr. Criss called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Mr. Fowler made a motion to approve the previous minutes. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

Appointments and Resignations

The Inlands & Wetlands and Zoning have appointed Troy Lemere as the new Zoning Enforcement Officer. They are requesting a cell phone for the new ZEO. They are looking for a way to pay for it and include it in their July budget. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to accept Troy Lemere as the New Zoning Enforcement Officer. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. Evan Brunetti made a motion to reconfirm the appointment of Nancy Schnyer to the Harwinton Housing Authority as proposed by the board. Mr. Fowler seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

Public Participation

Mr. Stolicny is here to speak about the clock tower to be donated by the Harwinton Lions Club (see below).

New Business:

Request for Tax Refunds – Mr. Brunetti made a motion to approve tax refunds. Mr. Fowler seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

Request to add the Harwinton Agricultural Society to the Agenda – Mr. Brunetti made a motion to add it to the agenda. Mr. Fowler seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

Lions Club - Clock – Mr. Stolicny is the secretary for the Lions Club. He is asking for the Board of Selectman approval for the Lions Legacy Project to place a clock in the town. They would like to purchase the clock by raising money from other organizations. Mr. Stolicny presented a clock model that may cost between \$12,500 - \$19,000. They would like to place it at the corner of Bentley Drive & 118 where there is also a power source. The other costs associated are shipping which is about \$2,000 (the clock coming from Ohio). There is also another cost of about \$2,000 for the base of the clock that the electricity would run through. Mr. Criss stated that the Board of Selectman, in order to accept the gift there would need to be a perpetuity agreement signed between the Town and the club, designating the club to handle all maintenance and installation for the life of the clock. Then there has to be DOT approval, an 8-24 approval from the Planning Commission, will need Zoning approval because it will be illuminated and will need the Board of Finance approval only if there is financial obligation from the town. After all that, it will have to go to town meeting to be accepted as a gift. Mr. Stolicny asked about

paying for electricity. Mr. Criss suggested that there can be an endowment fund that the bills can be paid from. Mr. Fowler mentioned concerns about the maintenance of the clock if it isn't tied into an existing town building. Mr. Criss asked if the Lions voted and requested a copy of those minutes, Mr. Stolicny said he would have to bring it back to the club. Mr. Criss expressed concern about the maintenance of the clock and the ongoing cost of it. The town's experience is that once a gift is given eventually the town ends up having to maintain the costs of the upkeep. We would need to have an agreement between the town and the organization. Mr. Fowler stated concern of a nice gift possibly being a financial strain on both the town and the organization and stated there are may be other needs in the community that the taxpayers could benefit from. Mr. Stolicny will go back to the Harwinton Lions Club to reaffirm their commitment.

Shingle Mill Bridge – Mr. Criss gave a quick update. We did get the state approval to award the project. We had the contract signing at the first construction meeting. We are proceeding with Shingle Mill; they are expected to start in April. Mr. Criss will present a construction timeline once he has it. The contractor understands that if the road has to be closed there has to be proper notification to the residents.

Budget – Mr. Fowler made a motion to approve the proposed budget for \$5.7 million to go to the Board of Finance for their approval. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

Harwinton Agricultural Society – The Agricultural Society is interested in becoming a 501c3. Mr. Criss explained that In order to do that they have to have a contingency plan if they go bankrupt or cease to exist– what happens to their assets. The Agricultural Society would like to deed the town the property, 150 Locust Road for no monetary exchange should this happen, in order to protect the property. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to accept the contingency plan that the Fairgrounds presented pending town meeting approval and a positive 824 from the planning commission. Mr. Fowler seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

First Selectman's Report – Mr. Criss spent an extensive day in Harford on Friday testifying on four (4) bills regarding regionalization. The legislative office reached out asking for an outline for the shared services of the northwest corner so they can use that as a template before they craft more bills.

Correspondence – Fire Marshall's report was reviewed.

Adjournment – Mr. Fowler made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 pm. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

Minutes submitted by _____
First Selectman's Office

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