

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING**  
**Tuesday April 2, 2019 7:00pm**

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 in the selectmen's conference room.

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

Attendees: Jackie Stoughton – Republican American

**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 amend minutes from the previous meeting clarifying that Mr. Criss suggested that Mr. Innes talk to the Recycling Coordinator about contacting solar companies rather than Mr. Fowler. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

**Appointments and Resignations**

Harry Schuh & Carol Kearns have been the Cable Advisory Counsel for Charter Communications on Harwinton's behalf. Their term is up and they are ready for reappointment. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to reappoint Harry Schuh & Carol Kearns for the Cable Advisory Counsel. Mr. Fowler seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

**Public Participation**

None at this time.

**New Business**

- **Request for Tax Refunds** – Mr. Fowler made a motion to accept the request for tax refunds. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.
  
- **Budget** – Mr. Criss gave a budget update. The budget process is almost complete. Everything to date has been accepted except the adjustment to the pensions. The Board of Selectmen made the suggestion to take money from the surplus and put it into the pension fund, rather than tax for it. The actuary suggested about \$200,000. The Board of Finance added \$30,000 to the selectmen's recommendation. The BOF also cut Social Services; the line will have \$2,500 not earmarked, Mr. Fowler shared his disappointment with this decision and the selectmen concurred, that we have a growing need for social services for our residents. The Harwinton Ambulance has not been approved yet and been asked to come to the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the BOF. The overall budget is very modest this year and continues to control taxes.

**First Selectman's Report** – Mr. Criss drafted a letter to the community outlining the budget and the impact that the potential state budget will have on the community. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to approve the letter to the community to be mailed to residents. Mr. Fowler seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

The Zoning Board would still like for the ZEO to have a town phone. The current budget may be able to cover that; Mr. Criss recommended that if it can work with the current budget then the Zoning Board can figure it into their future budget. Mr. Criss suggested that next year there be a line item in the budget for Communications to track all the phones as one line item.

Mr. Criss asked Atty. Rybak to redraft the SRO program so that the agreement runs through the Region 10 budget to insure that the Region funds it and pays the bills, not the town. Atty. Rybak changed the final draft of the agreement to reflect that change, shifting the SRO program to run through the Region 10 budget. Mr. Fowler made a motion to sign the final draft. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in Favor.

Mr. Criss asked to add 'Executive Session for legal be added to the Agenda. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to add Executive Session to the Agenda. Mr. Fowler seconded.

**Executive Session** – Mr. Fowler made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:35pm. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:40pm. Mr. Fowler seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. No action taken at this time.

**Correspondence** – None at this time.

**Adjournment** – Mr. Brunetti made a motion to adjourn at 7:41pm. Mr. Fowler seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

Minutes submitted by: First Selectman's Office

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