

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday February 18, 2020 7:00pm

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 in the selectmen's conference room.

Members present: First Selectman Michael Criss - Selectman Evan Brunetti - Selectman Paul Honig - Selectman.

Attendees: Scott Kellogg – Harwinton Westside Fire Department, Aaron Franzi & Jason Emery – Harwinton Ambulance.

Call Meeting to Order

Mr. Criss called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Mr. Brunetti made a motion to approve the minutes from the last BOS meeting. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Appointments and Resignations – None at this time.

Public Participation – Aaron Franzi & Jason Emery from the Harwinton Ambulance. Scott Kellogg from Harwinton Westside Fire Department.

New Business

Request for Tax Refunds – None at this time.

Harwinton Ambulance Request – Mr. Criss shared that the Harwinton Ambulance is looking for a \$55,000 supplemental payment. Mr. Franzi is here to help explain the financials and go over the Vintech contract. Mr. Franzi explained that there is a lack of volunteers, the difficulty to retain someone in the EMS because of the commitment to dedicate the services to the town and less of a willingness to do so with people in town who work out of town. 75% of the volunteers are from out of town. The Ambulance doesn't have anything to give back to the volunteers, i.e.; pensions, stipends etc. The Vintech contract was reviewed and discussed. Selectmen agree that hired services should go out to bid again and the Vintech contract has not been updated since 2014. Mr. Honig made a motion to forward the Harwinton Ambulance request to the Board of Finance for the consideration for this to be on the Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Town Meeting – Finalize Call – Mr. Criss reviewed the Call for the Annual Town Meeting. Atty. Rybak reviewed it and sent over the final call. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to accept the final call, pending BOF approval of ambulance request, scheduled for Tuesday, March 17th, 2020 for 7pm in the Assembly Hall. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Budget Workshop– Mr. Kellogg from the Harwinton Westside Fire Department presented his budget. The selectmen scheduled another Budget Workshop for Thursday,

February 27th, 2020 at 7pm in the selectmen's conference room and March 3rd, 2020 at 7pm in the selectmen's conference room.

First Selectman's Report – Mr. Criss presented a revised copy for the Town of Harwinton Facility & Field Use Policy. Atty. Rybak sent over the final draft for approval. Mr. Criss gave a copy to each of the selectmen for their review.

Mr. Criss presented the final draft of the Ordinance Restating and Amending Planning Commission Ordinances #15, #34, and #60 that will be at the Town Meeting.

Correspondence – Board of Education had a surplus for the town of Harwinton totaling \$238,479.00. A correspondence was sent to us asking if we would like to use it to offset our bill or returned to us. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to have the BOE keep the surplus and to have it offset our bill. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Executive Session – Legal – None at this time.

Adjournment – Mr. Honig made a motion to adjourn at 9:26pm. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Minutes submitted by _____
First Selectman's Office

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ON 2-25-20 AT 2:30pm
ATTEST TOWN CLERK
Laurel Bayen