

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday March 3, 2020 7:00pm

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 in the selectmen's conference room.

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

Attendees: Atty: Michael Rybak – Town Attorney, Atty: Michael Rybak Jr., Peter Thierry – Board of Finance, Jeff Neumann – Building Official, Scott Kellogg – Harwinton Westside Fire Department.

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 BOS meetings: February 17th, February 18th and February 27th 2020. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Appointments and Resignations – Request from the Torrington Area Health District Board of Health to reappoint Bob Collins for a three (3) year term. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to approve. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

The Zoning Commission unanimously voted to appoint Dave Foster to fill the vacant alternate member position. Mr. Honig made a motion to approve the appointment. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; motion carries.

Public Participation – Scott Kellogg – Harwinton Westside Fire Department to discuss the budgetary increases.

New Business

Executive Session – Legal – Mr. Brunetti made a motion to add Executive Session to the Agenda. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to move Executive Session to the top item under New Business. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:07pm. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries. Motion made by Evan Brunetti to come out of Executive Session at 7:40pm. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries. Mr. Brunetti made a motion, as discussed in Executive Session, to cut a check as soon as practical & because there is Board of Finance approval to exceed the Building Official line item for \$24,735. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Request for Tax Refunds – The Tax Refunds totaled \$3,557.53. Mr. Honig made a motion to accept the Tax Refunds. 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. Honig made a motion to

accept and sign the final call, pending BOF approval of ambulance request, scheduled for Tuesday, March 17th, 2020 for 7pm in the Assembly Hall. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Regional Performance Incentive (RPI) Program – Mr. Brunetti made a motion to approve the RPI program on behalf of the NWCOG to support the COG to apply for grants to benefit the Northwest corner. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Facility & Field Use Policy – Mr. Honig made a motion to add Facility & Field Use Policy to the Agenda. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries. The Policy has been reviewed by the insurance company and the town attorney. Discussion ensued. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to accept the recommendation from the Recreation Commission to authorize the change of use to the Facility & Field Use Policy and to use this current policy moving forward. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

First Selectman's Report – Mr. Criss shared that the Auditor will be attending the Board of Finance regularly scheduled meeting on March 5th at 7:30pm in the Assembly Hall. Mr. Criss will present the Budget to the BOF as well.

Correspondence – None this week. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to take a five (5) minute break to prepare for the Budget Workshop. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Budget Workshop – Mr. Criss called to order the Budget Workshop portion of the meeting at 7:55pm.

Motion made by Mr. Brunetti to amend the initial amount of budget item **1087** to reflect the correct amount of \$128,830. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Motion made by Mr. Honig to approve budget line **1088** at \$399,860. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Motion made by Mr. Brunetti to approve budget line **2005** at \$61,522. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Motion made by Mr. Brunetti to approve budget line **2020** at \$13,563. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Motion made by Mr. Brunetti to approve budget line **2025** at \$68,822 and to approve the budget name to read 'Fire Protection/Hydrants'. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Motion made by Mr. Brunetti to approve budget line **2030** at \$125,700. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Motion made by Mr. Brunetti to approve budget line **2040** at \$125,700 with the understanding that both departments will attend the same meeting to present their budgets before the Board of Finance. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries. Discussion ensued. Mr. Kellogg stated that if the fire departments are going to be funded the

same, they should both run the same way and they don't. The two departments have different philosophies and maybe they should be one department to make it work. Mr. Honig made a motion to amend the total approved by \$5,000. Motion failed, lacking second motion.

Motion made by Mr. Brunetti to approve budget line **2060** at \$12,000. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Motion made by Mr. Brunetti to approve 85% of Police Services, budget line **2070** at \$291,520 with the recommendation that the Board of Finance monitors it. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Motion made by Mr. Brunetti to approve budget line **2080** at \$2,550 and to approve the budget name to read 'Burning Official'. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Motion made by Mr. Honig to approve budget line **2090** at \$220,000. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Motion made by Mr. Honig to approve budget line **4020** at \$1,055,300. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Motion made by Mr. Brunetti to approve budget line **4030** at \$80,000. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Motion made by Mr. Honig to approve budget line **4050** at \$2,000. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Motion made by Mr. Brunetti to approve budget line **4060** at \$4,000. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Motion made by Mr. Brunetti to approve budget line **4070** at \$816,459. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Motion made by Mr. Brunetti to approve budget line **4080** at \$45,206. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Motion made by Mr. Brunetti to approve budget line **5001** at \$1,700. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Motion made by Mr. Brunetti to approve budget line **5010** at \$1,931. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Motion made by Mr. Brunetti to approve budget line **5015** at \$29,756. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Motion made by Mr. Brunetti to approve budget line **5020** at \$500. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Motion made by Mr. Brunetti to approve budget line **5025** at \$1,725. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Motion made by Mr. to approve budget line **5035** at \$2,600. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Motion made by Mr. Honig to approve budget line **5040** at \$184,632. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Motion made by Mr. Brunetti. to approve budget line **5065** at \$2,500. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Motion made by Mr. Brunetti to approve budget line **5075** at \$983. Mr. seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Motion made by Mr. to approve budget line **8010** at \$5,000 with updates from the board member about the specifics about their budget. Mr. seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Motion made by Mr. to approve budget line **8015** at \$3,500. Mr. seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Motion made by Mr. to approve budget line **8025** at \$750. Mr. seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Motion made by Mr. Brunetti to approve budget line **8050** at \$20,000. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Motion made by Mr. Brunetti to approve budget line **8060** at \$30,000. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Motion made by Mr. Brunetti to approve budget line **9003** at \$715. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Motion made by Mr. Brunetti to approve budget line **9010** at \$800. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Motion made by Mr. Brunetti to approve budget line **9011** at \$8,500. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Motion made by Mr. Brunetti to approve budget line **9020** at \$2,000. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Motion made by Mr. Brunetti to approve budget line **9022** at \$1,500. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Motion made by Mr. Brunetti to approve budget line **9030** at \$310. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Motion made by Mr. Brunetti to approve budget line **9035** at \$1,000. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Motion made by Mr. Brunetti to approve budget line **9037** at \$20,000. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Motion made by Mr. Brunetti to approve budget line **9069** at \$500. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Motion made by Mr. Brunetti to approve budget line **9085** at \$254,000; \$160,000 for Unit 8, \$62,000 for the Skid Steer, \$25,000 for the leaf blower. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Motion made by Mr. Brunetti to approve budget line **9090** at \$175,000. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Motion made by Mr. Brunetti to approve budget line **9099** at \$22,000. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Motion made by Mr. Honig to approve budget line **9910** at \$2,430,050. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Motion made by Mr. Honig to approve budget line **9920** at \$11,380,329. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Adjournment – Mr. Brunetti made a motion to adjourn at 10:00pm. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Minutes submitted by _____
First Selectman's Office

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ON 3-10-20 AT 12:20pm
ATTEST TOWN CLERK

Laurel Bayen