

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

A virtual meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 via Webex.

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

Public Participation: None

Call Meeting to Order

Mr. Criss called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Mr. Honig made a motion to approve the minutes from the BOS meeting June 16, 2020. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Appointments and Resignations – None at this time.

Public Participation – None at this time.

New Business

Request for Tax Refunds – Mr. Brunetti made a motion to approve the refunds that were submitted on June 2, 2020 that totaled \$18,711. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

COVID19 Update – The Governor is holding off on Phase 3. The First Selectman's office is working with the TAHD and the Emergency Team to finalize Phase 2 of 3 of the reopen plan that will be in effect July 15th, 2020 – August 15th, 2020. There will still be no public use of the municipal restrooms. Public meetings will be allowed to have half the capacity of what the meeting rooms hold.

Mr. Criss is also on the Region #10 Reopen Committee. There are scheduled meetings happening this week to figure out the safest and most cost-effective way to educate the students. The schools are discussing the possible purchase of portable learning devices for all students to have one on one learning as well as creating hot spots for those families who do not have internet service.

The Monday night Emergency Meetings are still in effect. The Board of Finance as well as the Finance Department is aware that there will be over-spending until the FEMA reimbursements take place.

First Selectman's Report – Mr. Criss shared the Sustainable Connecticut Program with the Board. It is an organization that provides best practices for municipalities to follow to be sustainable communities. As we implement these practices, the Town of Harwinton earns points to earn the certification. We are already making upgrades that qualify for us to be a sustainable community. The program helps to identify funding options to help us apply and qualify for. As a municipality, the only requirement for us to register and participate in the program is to adopt the resolution that needs to be approved by the Board of Selectman. There is no contract or monetary obligation to participate. Discussion ensued. Mr. Honig made a motion to have Mr. Criss sign the resolution to participate in the Sustainable Connecticut Certification Program and to create a Sustainability Team. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Mr. Criss shared that there have been large trucks using the Senior Center parking lot as a place to park their truck overnight. Under ordinance #148 – sec. 3, 4 and 7 gives the town the authority to enforce and put up signs to help enforce that there is no overnight parking and that towing of the vehicle may be a result if in violation of this ordinance. Discussion ensued. Mr.

Brunetti made a motion to put up the signs in the parking lots. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Mr. Criss shared that Harwinton received a distribution award from CIRMA for \$2,682.00 for the membership distribution.

Mr. Criss shared that he and the Finance Department met with Sinnamon & Company who are the town's new auditors that the Board of Finance appointed. If we use George Sinnamon's firm as the consulting firm for the Edmunds program (as he is very familiar with the Edmunds accounting system), we will not need to use Sandra Wellwood as a consultant. Mr. Honig made a motion to use Sinnamon and Co. as our consulting firm as well as the Auditor. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Mr. Criss shared with the Board that at the end of every fiscal year there is a list of accounts that need supplementals along with the explanation as to why the supplemental is necessary. Discussion ensued on the accounts that need supplementals that will be submitted as a memo to the Board of Finance for their next meeting. Mr. Honig made a motion to have Mr. Criss submit a memo of a list of accounts that need to be supplemented at the next Board of Finance meeting. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Correspondence – Mr. Criss shared Region #10's letter and Fire Marshall's report.

Executive Session – Personnel/Legal – Mr. Honig made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:40pm. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries. Mr. Honig made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:48 pm. Mr. Brunetti seconded. No action taken. All in favor; Motion carries.

Adjournment – Mr. Honig made a motion to adjourn at 7:49pm. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Minutes submitted by: First Selectman's Office

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