

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING**  
**Tuesday October 6, 2020 7:00pm**

A virtual meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 via Webex.

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

Attendees: Dave Bousquet – Public Works Director, Bill Buys – Center Fire Department, Peter Thierry – Board of Finance

**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 September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

**Appointments and Resignations** – As of October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 a resignation was received by the Town Clerk from Board of Finance member Michael Chadwick. The vacancy is effective immediately. Mr. Honig made a motion to accept Mr. Chadwick's resignation. Mr. Brunetti regrettably seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

**Public Participation** – Bill Buys, Dave Bousquet in reference to a new fire truck.

**New Business**

**Request for Tax Refunds** – Mr. Honig made a motion to approve the refunds totaling \$959.76. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

**Center Fire House Fire Truck Request** – Mr. Criss shared details about the EMS Capital Account, Budget # 9090, which currently has \$506,931.29; there is another \$200,000 slated to go in this year, and another \$200,000 next year. One bid has been submitted. The bid price is \$763,095.69 for the truck only. The rescue tool package that goes with the truck is \$81,977.55. These two (2) amounts total \$845,073.44. The delivery of the truck will be in 2021. Discussion ensued. Mr. Brunetti made a motion, subject to Atty. Rybak's review of the Executive Orders and the town orders for COVID-19 presuming that the town has authority subject to his legal opinion and review, to approve the amount of **\$845,073.44** (out of EMS Capital Account 9090) and to move this request for approval to the Board of Finance. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Discussion ensued about the Fire House roof regarding paying the vendor and the Building Official. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to approve final payment for this project per Atty. Rybak's approval. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

**CT Water Land Offering** – Mr. Criss shared the map and gave a brief summary on the town's first right of refusal for the land located down on Hill Road offered by the Water Company. Mr. Criss sent the information to the Harwinton Land Trust to see if they were interested in the property; they said that they are not interested in purchasing it. The Thomaston Land Trust expressed interest in buying the piece of land as a whole (Thomaston & Harwinton). They stated if Harwinton was not interested in it that they would like to pursue it. The land does not connect with any of Harwinton's other properties. Discussion ensued. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to move the property to the Thomaston Land Trust and for the Town of Harwinton to pass on the purchase. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

**COVID19 Update** – Mr. Criss shared that October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 is the opening of Phase 3 of 3 for the State of Connecticut. Some of the restrictions are loosening a bit; the state will be opening up some of the guidelines even though the state is under emergency Executive Order until February 2021.

The Harwinton Fair Grounds would like to have their Jeep/Food Truck event. As long as they follow the TAHD guidelines and submit their protocol to Mr. Criss for Rob Rubbo's approval at the TAHD they will be able to have the event.

**First Selectman's Report –**

- Mr. Criss shared that the Town of Thomaston approached Harwinton to offer the use of their transfer station for our residents for bulky waste at a minimal fee of \$25.00/year. Mr. Criss questioned if the tonnage goes up how will that impact the price? Mr. Criss is still finding out more information and details about this offer.
- Mr. Criss will be forwarding the security system proposals to the selectmen. It is confirmed that the ballot box will be staying outside the building permanently. Discussion ensued.
- Handicapped accessible doors should be coming in next week.
- Edmunds has been testing to be able to go live and switch over to the new program, most likely next week.
- The Highway Mechanic has retired and the position has been filled.
- The Highway Foreman is going to be retiring.
- The Senior Center Director will be retiring.
- The Custodial position is still not filled – waiting on discussions with the union.

**Correspondence** – Fire Marshall report.

**Executive Session – Personnel/Legal** – Nothing at this time.

**Adjournment** – Mr. Brunetti made a motion to adjourn at 8:01pm. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Minutes submitted by: First Selectman's Office

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*James J. Byrnes*