

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING

March 21st, 2023 7:00pm

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, March 21st, 2023.

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

Attendees: Peter Thierry – Board of Finance

Call to Order

Mr. Criss called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Minutes of the Previous Meetings

Mr. Honig made a motion to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting from March 7th, 2023. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Appointments and Resignations – The Economic Development Commission member Celeste Echlin is up for another four (4) year term. Capital Equipment members: John Fredsall, Mike Mastrobattisto, David Bousquet, William Buys Jr., and Patrick Doyle are up for another three (3) year term. The Housing Authority has someone to appoint. Mr. Criss made an appointment to meet with the potential appointee as he was once a member of the EDC. Mr. Honig made a motion to reappoint all above named members for the Capital Equipment Commission as well as Celeste Echlin for the EDC. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Public Participation – Peter Thierry - ARPA.

New Business

- **Request for Tax Refunds** – Mr. Brunetti made a motion to add 'Request for Tax Refunds' to the Agenda. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.
There are seven (7) Tax Refunds totaling \$1,240.51. Mr. Honig made a motion to accept the tax refunds. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.
- **ARPA Requests:**
 - The First Selectman, Michael R. Criss and the Public Works Director, David Bousquet and the Facilities Maintainer, Thomas Mitchell are formally requesting that the ARPA Committee consisting of the BOS & BOF set aside an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00 for the Town Hall ventilation system. Discussion ensued. Mr. Honig made a motion to earmark \$400,000.00 of ARPA funds for the Town Hall ventilation system and to move the request to the Board of Finance. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.
 - The Westside Volunteer Fire Department is requesting \$90,000.00 for replacement of a breathing air compressor. Discussion ensued. Mr. Honig made a motion for Mr. Criss to reach out to the Westside Volunteer Fire Department to request accounting of capital funds that they have received over the last few years and to see if they can try to find a compressor system similar to the one Center Volunteer Fire Department has used in the past. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.
 - The Ambulance is requesting \$120,000.00 due to staffing increases and issues. Discussion ensued. Mr. Honig made a motion to approve the request for \$120,000.00 and forward it to the Board of Finance. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.
 - Founders Congregational Church is requesting \$1,364.00 for an AED unit. Discussion ensued. Mr. Brunetti made a motion explore an option of donating an AED from the Town of Harwinton rather than using ARPA funds. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.
 - Harwinton Congregational Church is requesting \$12,300.00 to repair the church weathervane. Discussion ensued. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to send a letter to the church siting the American Rescue Plan Restrictions and requesting more information as this currently is not an eligible project. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

First Selectman's Report – Mr. Criss provided an update on the budget. Discussion ensued.

Correspondence – None at this time.

Executive Session – None at this time.

Adjourn – Mr. Brunetti made a motion to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Submitted by: Office of the First Selectman

