

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING**  
**June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 7:00pm**

A Public Hearing and Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held at the town hall on Tuesday June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

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

Attendees: Harwinton Agricultural Society members.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Open Hearing – Establish Quorum.**

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

**ARPA Public Information** – ARPA list of approved projects for public comment was made available. The list included:

- Agricultural Society – \$194,500.00 to install fencing around the entire Fair Grounds. Discussion ensued.

**Close Public Hearing** – Mr. Brunetti made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:08 pm. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Call to Order**

Mr. Criss called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

**Minutes of the Previous Meetings**

Mr. Honig made a motion to accept the May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes as written. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

**Public Participation** – None at this time.

**Appointments and Resignations –**

- Mr. Criss shared that the resignation of Dave Bousquet included the resignation of the ADA Coordinator. Mr. Criss would like to appoint the new Public Works Director, Justin Downes, to be the new ADA Coordinator. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to approve Justin Downes, the Public Works Director, to be the new ADA Coordinator. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.
- Mr. Criss shared three (3) nominations from Diane Honig for the Board of Selectman's consideration:
  1. Planning Commission Alternate, Laurie Moss
  2. Economic Development Commission, Weld Royal
  3. Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission, Marc Matsil

Mr. Honig made a motion to appoint the said nominations to the respective commissions. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries

- Mr. Criss shared the resignation from Maria Guerrero, the Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to regrettably accept the resignation, Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

**New Business:**

- **Request for Tax Refunds** – No refunds at this time. Mr. Criss shared two (2) Tax Collector Correction letters with the Board. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to accept and sign the letters. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

**First Selectman's Report –**

- **The Veterans War Memorial** – The project is up and running. The old monument was moved to the town hall green by the gazebo. The flagpole was moved and donated to the Harwinton Historical Society for the old school house.
- **Neglected Cemeteries Grant** – A contractor has been hired to clean up North Cemetery and East Cemetery.
- **Bridges on Valley Road** – Mr. Criss shared that they are finalizing the bid documents for the two (2) bridges on Valley Road. Roads are closed to one (1) lane while working is in progress.
- **Bogue Road Bridge** – Mr. Criss shared that Bogue Road Bridge is completed and is now open.
- **EV Station Station** – Mr. Criss has been receiving calls about the inactive EV station. He is working with the Recycling Coordinator to utilize grant money to activate it due to the fact that it was not funded by the Board of Finance.
- **Security Cameras** – Are ready to be installed.
- **Façade Improvement** – The contract was reviewed and signed. It will start in October.
- **Flag Drop Box** – A Flag Drop Box was purchased to place next to the Town Drop Box near the main entrance of Town Hall.
- **Public Works Director** – Justin Downes is the new Public Works Director and he will be attending the next BOS meeting. A new Maintainer, Colby Cables, has started as well.

**Correspondence** – Mr. Criss shared the Tax Collector's report. A letter was submitted Byrne & Byrne LLC announcing the new municipal hourly rate.

**Adjourn** – Mr. Brunetti made a motion to adjourn at 7:37 pm. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

**Submitted by:** Office of the First Selectman

