

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday July 21, 2020 7:00pm

A virtual meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 via Webex.

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

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 July 7th, 2020. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Appointments and Resignations – None at this time. Mr. Criss asked if the Board knew of any interest for the Sustainable CT Committee. Mr. Honig made a motion to nominate Marshall Cooper and Wendy Darasz to the Sustainable CT Committee. Mr. Brunetti seconded; All in favor.

Public Participation – None at this time.

New Business

Request for Tax Refunds – Mr. Brunetti made a motion to approve the refunds totaling \$14.89. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

The Tax Collectors corrections in accordance with the state statute 12-129 – applications for refunds made within three (3) years of the due date were submitted to the Board of Selectman. There were five (5) tax payers that had balances that did not submit applications to reclaim the overage that totaled \$67.94 for the bills on the prior 2016 grand list. Mr. Honig made a motion to sign the Tax Collector's correction list. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

COVID19 Update – The Governor is holding off on Phase 3. Phase 2 of 3 of the reopen plan for Harwinton is 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. Phase 2 has been uploaded to the website and has been emailed to all the departments.

First Selectman's Report – Mr. Criss updated the Board on the progress of removing and replacing the oil tanks at the municipal buildings. No leaks, the soil has been tested. Everything is going smoothly with the removal, compacting holes and the expected installation of the above ground oil tanks.

The handicapped door installation will be starting soon.

Chip-sealing & crack-sealing lists will be updated on the website and the town FB page.

Mr. Criss updated the Board on the Affordable Housing grant. Under Connecticut general statute there is a requirement to have an affordable housing plan. The grant has awarded Harwinton \$11,100 to put together the town plan for feasibility purposes. Mr. Criss asked Atty. Rybak to look at the contract. Atty. Rybak looked over the contract and advised that the Board of Finance does not need to approve it as it is not a reimbursable program and a town meeting is not required. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to approve the grant and sign the agreement that we will accept the funds when they are made available to develop the Affordable Housing Plan and technical assistance grant. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Correspondence – The Town received a \$2,682.00 distribution check from CIRMA. The funds will be deposited into General Fund into Insurance Revenue. The Board of Finance had a number of questions about supplementals. Discussion ensued.

Executive Session – Personnel/Legal – Mr. Honig made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:30pm. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries. Mr. Honig made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:41 pm. Mr. Brunetti seconded. No action taken. All in favor; Motion carries.

Adjournment – Mr. Honig made a motion to adjourn at 7:45pm. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Minutes submitted by: First Selectman's Office

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James J. Byrne