

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING**  
**February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 7:00pm**

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

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

Attendees: Peter Thierry – Board of Finance, Lola Szydlo – Treasurer Candidate

**Call to Order**

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

**Minutes of the Previous Meetings**

Mr. Honig made a motion to approve the minutes from February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

**Appointments and Resignations** – The acting Town Treasurer, Alan Colombie, submitted a resignation without notice as of February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Mr. Criss reached out to both political party chairs for possible candidates to attend the Board of Selectman meeting to interview. Mr. Criss noted that Scott Ragaglia showed interest in the position as a temporary means to bridge the gap until a candidate is found as recommended by the Republican Town Committee. Mr. Criss stated that it would be in the best interest of the town to appoint a permanent Treasurer as the process to onboard the Treasurer is extensive. Lola Szydlo was recommended by Diane Honig, the Chair of the Democratic Town Committee. Ms. Szydlo submitted her resume and attended the meeting for an interview with the Board. Mr. Honig made a motion to accept Alan Colombie's resignation and to appoint Lola Szydlo as the Town Treasurer. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

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

**New Business**

- **Request for Tax Refunds** – There are two (2) Tax Refunds totaling \$357.17. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to accept the tax refunds. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

**First Selectman's Report –**

- Mr. Criss shared an ARPA request that came in from:
  - Northwest Transit District for \$5,000.00 to support loss of revenue and transportation costs. Discussion ensued.
  - Westside Volunteer Fire Department for \$90,000.00 for an air compressor for breathing apparatuses. Discussion ensued.
- Mr. Criss shared the need for approval from the Board of Selectman to send the request to the Board of Finance for a supplemental for the radios previously approved for the first responders for \$250,000.00 through ARPA; the supplemental amount requested is for and not to exceed \$2,308.34 bringing the total cost to \$252,308.34. Mr. Honig made a motion to send the request for a supplemental for \$2,308.34 to the Board of Finance for approval. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.
- Mr. Criss shared the draft of the updated Town Treasurer ordinance as previously requested by the Board of Selectman to change the ordinance to make the Treasurer's position appointed and not elected. Discussion ensued.
- Mr. Criss updated the Board that the Town of Morris would like to partner with the town's Animal Control services and to fund the position with \$10,500.00 and to pay \$250.00/month for one (1) run in our kennel. The contract with Morris would be the same as the contract with Litchfield. Discussion ensued. Mr. Honig made a motion to approve an Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Morris for Animal Control services to be voted on at the next Town Meeting. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

- Budget Workshops – Mr. Criss has been working on the budget and will have copies available to review with the Board. Mr. Criss stated that his biggest frustration this year was that requested budgets still have not been turned in by all departments. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to have the Budget Workshop on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 9am. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

**Correspondence** – None at this time.

**Executive Session** – None at this time.

**Adjourn** – Mr. Brunetti made a motion to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

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