

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
April 18th, 2023 7:00pm

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, April 18th, 2023.

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

Attendees: Peter Thierry – Board of Finance, Diane Honig - Resident

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 the regularly scheduled meeting from March 21st, 2023. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Appointments and Resignations – The Board of Selectmen received a resignation from Dale Adkins from the Harwinton Housing Authority and also to request Dan Granda to be appointed to the Harwinton Housing Authority. Mr. Brunetti made a motion with regret to accept the resignation of Dale Adkins and to accept the appointment of Dan Granda. Mr. Honig 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 \$639.03. Mr. Honig made a motion to accept the tax refunds. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.
- **MOA – Region 5** – Annual Memorandum of Agreement with Region 5 for the State Homeland Security Grant. The fiduciary authority is the Northwest Council of Local Governments. This is the annual MOA for the NWCOG to get approval. Once approved meetings will begin to discuss allocation of money for shared emergency equipment. Discussion ensued. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to approve the MOA for Region 5. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.
- **Town Facade Improvements** – Mr. Criss discussed Town Hall and Library façade improvements. Discussion ensued.
- **Town Clerk/Treasurer Ordinance** – Mr. Criss shared the two (2) ordinances for the Board to review for the Town Clerk and the Town Treasurer. These ordinances are updated to have the positions move from elected to appointed. Discussion ensued. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to approve the updated ordinances and to have them on the Warning for the Annual Budget Meeting scheduled for May. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.
- **BOS Special Meeting – April 27th, 2023** – Mr. Criss asked for the Board of Selectman to schedule a Special Meeting for April 27th, 2023, as requested by the Board of Finance. The BOF requested the BOS to attend the BOF Special Meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 27th, 2023 at 7:00 pm to discuss the Ambulance. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to schedule a Board of Selectmen Special Meeting for April 27th, 2023 at the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.
- **AED Upgrades** – Mr. Criss shared a notice regarding AED Upgrades needing to be upgraded. Discussion ensued.
- **Possible Pension Meeting** – Mr. Criss shared the need to review the Pension Plan in regards to unprecedented medical issues for a long-time employee. Discussion ensued.

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- **Plumbing Issue** –Town Hall had a plumbing issue today that caused the need to close for the afternoon. The issue is now resolved.
- **Basketball & Pickleball Courts** – The Recreation Director is working on getting quotes for upgrading the existing Basketball Courts and for installing a Pickleball Court.
- **Harwinton Westside Volunteer Fire Department** – The HWVFD is seeking to pave their parking lot and to replace and relocate the generator. Discussion ensued. Mr. Criss is looking to possibly apply for a STEAP Grant for the project.

Correspondence – None at this time.

Executive Session – Mr. Brunetti made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:30. P.m. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries. Mr. Honig made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:47. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries. Mr. Honig made a motion to settle the claim with Harwinton Heights and to move it to the Board of Finance. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Adjourn – Mr. Brunetti made a motion to adjourn at 8:51 p.m. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Submitted by: Office of the First Selectman