

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING

July 18th, 2023 7:00pm

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

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

Attendees: Harwinton Ambulance EMS Members

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 June 20th, 2023. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Appointments and Resignations – Mr. Honig made a motion to assign The Public Works Director, Justin Downes, to be the Tree Warden. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Mr. Honig made a motion to appoint Victoria Elliot to be a Zoning Alternate on Zoning Board filling a vacant position over thirty (30) days until the next municipal election. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Public Participation – None at this time.

New Business

- **Request for Tax Refunds** – There are three (3) Tax Refunds totaling \$424.09. Mr. Honig made a motion to accept the tax refunds. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.
Correspondence from the Tax Collector. Mr. Honig made a motion to approve and sign the letter from the Tax Collector. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.
- **Harwinton Ambulance** – Mr. Criss shared that the septic at the Ambulance building is failing. It has been inspected; the septic needs to be upgraded or repaired and needs to be upgraded. The town engineer has been engaged to come up with a plan to present to the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance. Aaron Franzi from the Ambulance EMS shared updates and concerns with the Board. Discussion ensued. Mr. Criss is going to follow up with Mr. Franzi on a monthly basis based off the discussion.
- **Star Home** – Mr. Criss shared the most current issue with the Star Group Home that took place last month; multiple officers who responded to a call were attacked by the juvenile occupants. Mr. Criss also gave a summary of the follow-up meeting with DCF, the RSTs and the Ambulance regarding the ongoing issues with the Star Home in Harwinton. Discussion ensued.
- **AEDs** – Mr. Criss shared that the current AEDs supplied by the Harwinton Ambulance that are in the municipal buildings are outdated and are extremely costly to upgrade. Therefore Mr. Criss is proposing the Town contract with Unifirst to supply new AEDs to the town at a lower cost of purchase and maintenance. Mr. Criss further suggested that three (3) of the older AEDs be upgraded and donated to each religious institution in Town. The Ambulance has offered to train said institutions on use of the AEDs. All of this in accordance with our Heart Safe community certification.
- **Interior Painting & Wall Repair** – Mr. Criss shared the bids for the Interior Painting & Wall Repair of the Town Hall. The Public Works Director is also looking at the siding and roof of the Senior Center. Mr. Criss stated that the goal is to try to pay for this from LoCIP, STEAP, Senior Center grants or General Fund surplus which would require town meeting. Discussion ensued.

(New Business continued)

- **Edmunds - Read only** – Mr. Criss addressed Mr. Honig's request for read only access to the town's accounting system. Mr. Criss shared that the cost of the work space is estimated to be \$2,500.00. Mr. Criss is in the process of working with the town attorney to create protocols for the use of the work space if approved by the Board of Selectman and the Board of Finance. Discussion ensued. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to create the read only work space in the First Selectman's office and to spend up to \$2,500.00 for the desk and equipment and to move it to the Board of Finance for approval. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

First Selectman's Report –

- Mr. Criss shared the town attorney's legal opinion on the Treasurer ordinance.
- Mr. Criss shared that the town obtained speed signs similar to what is being used in town to help control speed.
- Mr. Criss shared that the town received approval for DOT encroachments for some speed signs.

Correspondence – Tax Collector's report.

Executive Session – None at this time

Adjourn – Mr. Brunetti made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Submitted by: Office of the First Selectman

