

**East Haven Board of Finance  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
October 17, 2018**

The East Haven Board of Finance held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday October 17, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Mario Giaimo, Joseph Vitale Meeting Room on the lower level of East Haven Town Hall, 250 Main Street, East Haven, CT 06512.

1. **Roll Call**

Vice Chairman Richard DePalma , Noreen Clough, Beth Purcell, Marc Conte Sr. were present. Ralph Vitale and Richard Esposito Jr. were absent. Director of Finance - Paul Rizza was absent.

Fire Chief Matthew Macarelli was also present.

2. **Read and Approve Minutes from Special Meeting held on September 19, 2018**

Noreen Clough makes a motion to approve Minutes from regular meeting on September 19, 2018. Beth Purcell seconds. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

3. **Old Business**

The board would like an update at next meeting from Paul Rizza on audit and budget reports. They would also request Attorney Joseph Zullo to update/reply to the board on the letter from the Board of Education in regards to the dispute between the Town of East Haven and the Board of Education.

4. **New Business**

The Board would like to add a letter dated October 3, 2018 to the agenda. The letter states that there is money left over and that the town has not given it to them. The Board is looking for a response.

5. **Public Comment**

None

6. **Fire Department.**

To: 01-334-0435 Protective Equipment \$24,999.00

From: 01-334-0887 C-Med Annual Assess \$24,999.00

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Discussion: Noreen Clough made a motion and Beth Purcell seconds. Chief Macarelli stated the annual assessment for CMED used to be for the Central Emergency Dispatch System which is now dissolved and a new system is now in place and has been for 3 years and is called MEDCOM. Their fee schedule comes out after the budget is set so they were not sure how much the cost would be. They now have the billing and it is \$21,000.00+ , which leaves a good balance in that account to now be used for the rest of the budget. So basically that is the reason for transfer so that the funds can be used for protective clothing which is very expensive, as well as repair and launder some of the protective clothing already in the field. It was asked by the board if this was something that was needed in a hurry. Chief Macarelli answered yes and there is an open bid which he can take advantage of which is ready to expire and he does not want to have to wait for budget process

to go through. He can get about 12 sets of protective gear with this. There is one in the academy now and one is active duty military and will start tentatively on November 26, 2018. The one in the academy gets out December 26<sup>th</sup>. That will leave 3 vacancies but they currently do not have a list. There is one full time firefighter out on extended injury, post surgery, and one on medical leave for a personal matter. Then there are 3 vacancies. They have 8 people they hired in past few years who are young. They don't have a mass exodus but they will be trickling out over next 2 years. Assessment for exodus would be in December and then their anniversary dates thereafter. I believe it will be between 8 and 10. Chief is working with Andrea for the written test. There were 25 applicants, 16 showed, and 8 passed. There are only 4 licensed paramedics. 3 openings will be filled. It is \$7,000.00 per person for the academy which is 15 weeks. Chief leaves his personnel budget items with personnel and not for professional development. Those salary items will go for salary for current employees and for the one in the academy.

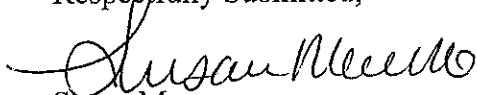
7. **East Haven Food Pantry**

Letter dated September 19, 2018 to be tabled until next meeting.

8. **Adjournment**

Noreen Clough made a motion to move Adjournment #12 to #8. Beth Purcell Seconds. All in favor.  
Motion Carried. Noreen Clough makes a motion to adjourn at 7: 09 P.M. Richard DePalma seconds.  
All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Mauro  
Board of Finance Clerk