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**East Haven Board of Finance
Special Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2021**

MINUTES

The East Haven Board of Finance held a Special Meeting on Wednesday September 15, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town of East Haven Senior Center and Social Services, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, CT. 06512.

1. **Roll Call**

Mayor Carfora, Rich DePalma, Noreen Clough, Rich Esposito and Al Purzycki were present. Beth Purcell and Ralph Vitale were absent. Jim Keeley, Finance Director was also present.

2. **Read and Approve Minutes from Meeting held on August 18, 2021**

Noreen Clough made a motion to approve meeting minutes held on August 18, 2021. Rich Esposito seconds. *All in favor.*

3. **Old Business**

It was asked how the audit is coming along. Jim Keeley stated audit is going well. We've been sending them everything that they requested. I would like to see him physically so that I can run things past him but everything is going fine.

4. **New Business**

Rich DePalma stated he heard from Ralph Vitale, who was unable to attend the meeting, and wanted to know about the cost of the project on the town green. Jim Keeley stated right now the expenditures that came through the finance department were about \$63,500. That includes monies that were allocated from the Town Council during regular budget of \$25,000 as well as to date our donations have been close to \$40,000. Rich DePalma asked about the bricks and when they're coming in. Mayor Carfora stated there were about close to 400 bricks sent out and we receive the proofs back and now they're in the process of engraving them. Mayor stated there are about 3500 bricks in total to sell. Benches are sold. There were 16 benches. The second phase of the project is going down Hemingway Avenue. There will be more benches offered there. I got a big response from the public to get picnic tables so we're looking into getting five or six tables.

5. **Public Comment**

Attorney Michael Luzzi would like to thank Noreen Clough for her service to the town as this was her last Board of Finance meeting. He appreciated her friendship as well as her dedication to the Town and enjoyed working with her.

6. **Police/Emergency Operation Center/Capital Budget Line item: Refer to Town Council**

\$150,000.00 was allocated during the Capital Budget process of 2021-2022 for an Emergency Generator for the Police/Emergency Operations Center. Due to grant monies received which can be utilized for the generator, Mayor Carfora has asked that we de-authorize the full amount of \$150,000.00 in this Capital Line Item in continuance of his quest to keep future bonding amounts to a minimum.

Noreen Clough made a motion to discuss and refer this item to the Town Council. Rich Esposito seconds.

Discussion: Mayor Carfora stated that we have an opportunity to use our ARPA funds or our CRF funds to keep our debt service down so we are going to go that route. I suggested it to Jim, he liked the idea and we have a lot of money from ARPA and some from CRF so we're going to try to use it to try to stop from bonding. Attorney Michael Luzzi stated there is a limitation in what these funds can be used for. This happens to be an item they can be used for.

Rich DePalma asked if the Board of Finance will we be notified. Jim Keeley stated when you deauthorize it takes it off the table. Rich DePalma was referring to the ARBA and the CRF funds. Mayor stated we would report it to the board of finance.

Roll call, all in favor, motion carried.

7. **Animal Control 20/21 transfer**

To:	01-331-0667	Temp/PT help	\$4,681.00
From:	01-331-0686	Envir Disposal	\$1,298.00
	01-331-0682	Vet Services	896.00
	01-331-0190	OT	<u>\$2,487.00</u>
			\$4,681.00

Noreen Clough made a motion to discuss. Rich Esposito seconds. All in favor.

Discussion: Jim Keeley spoke on behalf of this department and this goes back to last year. I wanted to close out last year. I looked at last year where there was with overtime. The hope is that we can decrease overtime moving forward. This is to close out last year 20/21.

Roll call, all in favor, motion carried.

8. **Police 20/21/ transfer**

To:	01-332-0530	Gasoline	\$18,662.00
From:	01-336-0115	pt wages	\$18,662.00

Noreen Clough made a motion to discuss. Rich Esposito seconds. All in favor.

Discussion: Jim Keeley spoke on behalf of the police department. Last year we had problems with the gas pumps and we didn't have a true picture of where the gas was. Last year the majority of it was charged to public works because we weren't sure really who used it. This gives us a clearer picture.

Roll call, all in favor, motion carried.

9 **Adjournment**

Noreen Clough made a motion to adjourn, Al Purzycki seconds, ***all in favor.***

Rich DePalma also thanked Noreen for her service as they worked side by side for many years. Rich stated she has been a good sounding board over the years and she will be missed.

Mayor also thanked Noreen for her dedication. Noreen stated it was a pleasure for the past 18 years serving four mayors. She further stated it did not matter what party the Board was affiliated with, we all agreed to disagree and we were respectful and we never fought. She enjoyed her time here.

The rest of the Board, including the undersigned clerk and Jim Keeley, thanked her and wished her well,

Dated this 27st day of September, 2021, East Haven, CT 06512



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