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**EAST HAVEN BOARD OF FINANCE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 15, 2023**

The East Haven Board of Finance held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday March 15, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. in the Senior Center in order to transact the Following:

1. **Roll Call**
Mayor Joseph Carfora, Rich Esposito, Beth Purcell, Ralph Vitale (Via Phone), Al Purzycki and Chris Perdo were present. Jim Keeley, Finance Director was also present.
2. **Read and Approve Special Meeting Minutes from January 18, 2023.**
Al made a motion to waive reading of the minutes from January 18, 2023. Beth Purcell made a motion to approve the minutes, Chris seconds. All in favor
3. **Old Business**
None
4. **New Business**
Ralph Vitale stated that he has concerns about the budget, and he doesn't think we should approve a budget without seeing the audit. Ralph stated he had no opportunity to know where the surpluses were. Ralph feels we should table the approval/return budget to Mayor until the BOF has a chance to thoroughly go through the audit report and be available to ask questions. Jim Keeley stated that the Audit report was uploaded to the Town website today. Ralph stated he needs a chance to look at it and we usually have it and get a couple of weeks to look at it and question the auditor and Jim Keeley. Ralph does not think we should approve the budget tonight. Al asked what was the summary of the audit. Jim stated the net change from the fund balance fund was a surplus of \$1,554,726. It raised the fund balance from \$5,698,155. to \$7,252,881.
5. **Public Comment**
None
6. **General Services**

To: 01-881-0970 Property Insurance \$2,700.00

From: 01-885-0255 Street and Traffic Lights \$2,700.00

Beth made a motion to discuss, Chris seconds.

Jim stated this is for the Zamboni. Al asked what period of time this money is needed for. It would get us from last year through this year per Jim. It was not accounted for. Jim stated it is in the budget for next year.
Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried

7. Return Budget to Mayor

Ralph Vitale made a motion to table returning the budget to the mayor until after the BOF has a chance to review the audit. Beth seconds. Roll call: Rich Esposito Chris Perdo and Al Purzycki opposed, Ralph Vitale and Beth Purcell in favor. Motion denied.

Rich Esposito made a motion to return the budget to the mayor, Al seconds.

Chris Perdo added this would be with the change of the one line item for Police. Jim confirmed. Roll call: Rich Esposito Chris Perdo and Al Purzycki were in favor, Ralph Vitale and Beth Purcell opposed. The Budget was returned to the Mayor.

10. Adjournment

Beth made a motion to adjourn. Chris seconds. All in favor.

**Board of Finance Clerk
Susan Mauro
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