

**EAST HAVEN TOWN COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2015**

In accordance with Chapter III, Section 6 of the East Haven Town Charter, the East Haven Town Council Hearing Committee held a public hearing meeting (immediately following the special reorganizational meeting) Monday, November 16, 2015, at 7:00PM at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, CT 06512.

Chairman Fred Parlato calls the meeting to order at 7:16PM.

**Item #1**

Roll Call for Hearing Committee – 14 present -1 absent (Palladino).  
A quorum is present.

**Item #2**

To conduct Public Hearing #1 regarding an "Ordinance approving a transfer of \$44,662.00 for Various Town Departments - [Public Services (224), Fire Department (334)]."

**AUTHORIZING ORDINANCE OF THE  
East Haven Town Council**

**An Ordinance approving a transfer of \$44,662.00 for Various Town Departments -  
[Public Services (224), Fire Department (334)]**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of East Haven, upon recommendation of the Board of Finance, must approve transfers of monies in excess of \$50,000.00 in any given fiscal year;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Board of Finance, on September 16, 2015, approved and recommended the following transfer to the Town Council:

<b>Various Town Departments</b>		
<b>[Public Services (224), Fire Department (334)]</b>		
<b>To:</b>		
01-224-0658	Equip. Maint.	
	Svcs.	\$5,629.00
01-334-0190	OT	\$39,033.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$44,662.00</b>

**From:**

	Gasoline & Diesel	
01-224-0658	Fuel	\$5,629.00
01-334-0150	Vacation Pay	\$30,840.00
01-334-0160	Holiday Pay	\$8,193.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$44,662.00</b>

**Reason:** Funds needed to close out FY 14/15.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it **ORDAINED** by the Town Council of the Town of East Haven that said transfer is approved.

This Ordinance shall be effective in accordance with the provisions of the East Haven Town Charter.

Submitted by:	Danelle Feeley, Council Clerk	Date: _____
Approved by:	Joseph Maturo, Jr., Mayor	Date: _____
Received by:	Stacy Gravino, Town Clerk	Date: _____

- Finance Director Paul Rizza explains that what is being done tonight in a few cases is cleaning up the old year. In this transfer they are transferring to two accounts that needed additional funds to pay bills in the last fiscal year, taking it from three accounts where there were surpluses at the end of the year. Money is being moved from one pocket to another pocket, still in the same pair of pants. This happens every year at the end of the year, they have done a number of them and these are basically the last two left and then the books will be totally in balance even though the auditors have been working on the audit the last few months. This is the last action of the legislative group. He would be happy to answer any questions on the accounts or the procedure or anything else.

No public comment.

No Council comment:

**Item #3**

Adjournment of Public Hearing #1.

Councilman Ken Mckay makes a motion.

Councilman Henry Butler III seconds the motion.

Voice vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

**Item #4**

To conduct Public Hearing #2 regarding an "Ordinance approving a transfer of \$448,557.00 for Various Town Departments - [Building Maintenance (229), Sanitation (226), Animal Shelter (331), Fire Department (334), Counseling and Community Services (444), Public Safety Command Center (336), General Services (885)]."

**AUTHORIZING ORDINANCE OF THE  
East Haven Town Council**

**An Ordinance approving a transfer of \$448,557.00 for Various Town Departments WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of East Haven, upon recommendation of the Board of Finance, must approve transfers of monies in excess of \$50,000.00 in any given fiscal year;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Board of Finance, on September 16, 2015, approved and recommended the following transfer to the Town Council:

**Various Town Departments**

**[Building Maintenance (229), Sanitation (226), Animal Shelter (331), Fire Department (334), Counseling and Community Services (444), Public Safety Command Center (336), General Services (885)]**

**To:**

01-229-0201	Electricity	\$25,706.00
01-229-0230	Natural Gas	\$24,763.00
01-226-0676	Waste Collection	\$70,000.00
01-331-0190	OT	\$18,929.00
01-334-0110	Reg. Salaries	\$137,727.00
01-444-0110	Reg. Salaries	\$32,348.00
01-336-0110	Reg. Salaries	\$73,259.00
01-885-0195	Special Assignments	\$65,825.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$448,557.00</b>

**From:**

01-885-0689	Contingency	\$274,500.00
01-229-0202	Water	\$17,500.00
01-229-0290	Sewer Use Fees	\$14,687.00
01-101-0610	Advertising	\$2,786.00
01-336-0190	OT	\$47,336.00
01-442-0110	Reg. Salaries	\$25,923.00

01-885-0196	Town Req. Police OT	\$40,000.00
01-885-0255	Street & Traffic Lights	\$25,825.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$448,557.00</b>

**Reason:** Funds needed to close out FY 14/15.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it **ORDAINED** by the Town Council of the Town of East Haven that said transfer is approved.

This Ordinance shall be effective in accordance with the provisions of the East Haven Town Charter.

Submitted by:	Danelle Feeley, Council Clerk	Date: _____
Approved by:	Joseph Maturo, Jr., Mayor	Date: _____
Received by:	Stacy Gravino, Town Clerk	Date: _____

- Mr. Rizza explains that these are the largest transfers they will see, again transferring to several accounts and taking it from other accounts that have excess money. Basically this is cleaning up everything that is left with a negative or positive balance. One thing he did not say initially is that with both of these transfers, they go to the Board of Finance for discussion and vote and then it is referred to the Town Council for review and approval; this is procedurally in the Charter.

No public comment.

Council comment:

- Councilman William Richardson asks about the three salary accounts, what are they for.
- Mr. Rizza says Police, Counseling & Community Services and the new dispatch center. With some of the accounts, they were in negotiations with the union or with Counseling they use an outside agency. From the time when the budget is passed in April 2014 a lot of things happen; increases happen due to contract negotiations. Usually, they don't put money into the Department prior to the contract being negotiated and the Council approving it. Two of the Departments were brand new.
- Chairman Parlato asks about the \$274,500 from the contingency, does that just about clean it out or is there money left in there.
- Mr. Rizza says there is some money left but not a lot; less than \$1,000. He says they did rather well, this is the last transfer of the year and they had roughly \$275,000 left in contingency. During the year as money moves from account to account, for the most part a lot of the individual departments had overage in one account and a surplus in another so they took care of it within.

- Attorney Zullo explains that although this is being considered at the Public Hearing tonight it does not appear on the Special Meeting agenda which follows this meeting. Because it is a Special Meeting there are no additions allowed to this agenda so this will be taken up on December 1<sup>st</sup> at the next meeting.
- Councilman Parlato explains that for a Regular Meeting the Council has the ability to add to the agenda but at a Special Meeting they do not because of the FOI laws so that nothing can be snuck in. In addition, Paul Rizza is very open to all members when they get the packet if they need any information on it or have a question he is very receptive of it and very thorough. They can make contact with him or do it through the Chairman if they do not have time to do so.

**Item #5**

Adjournment of Public Hearing #2.

Councilman Joseph Santino makes a motion.

Councilman Vincent Spaduzzi seconds the motion.

Voice vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

**Item #6**

Hearing Committee report to the full Town Council and recommendation of action on Public Hearings #1 and #2.

Councilman Santino makes a motion.

Councilman Richard Anania seconds the motion.

Roll call vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

**Item #7**

Adjournment of Hearing Committee.

Councilman Santino makes a motion.

Councilman William Richardson seconds the motion.

Voice vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

Meeting is adjourned at 7:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danelle Feeley, Clerk, East Haven Legislative Town Council