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East Haven Town Council Special Meeting Minutes

The East Haven Town Council held a Special Meeting Monday, August 17, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. or immediately following a certain public hearing Via Zoom in order to transact the following:

Chairman Deko called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

Staff Present: Michael Luzzi, Town Attorney, James Keeley, Interim Finance Director, Katie DePonte, Purchasing Agent, Matthew Marcarelli, Fire Chief, Edward Lennon, Chief of Police, Patrick Tracey, Deputy Police Chief, and Library Director Bruce George .

Roll Call-9 Present 5 Absent-Maltese, Balter, Pacelli, Butler, Pompano, and Ruggiero. A quorum present.

Chairman Deko read the Zoom process and Governor Lamont's Executive order into the record.
Pledge of Allegiance

Item #2

Approval of Minutes July 7, 2020 Regular Meeting and Special Meeting July 22, 2020.

Councilman Santino moved to approve the minutes.

Councilwoman Glassman second the motion.

Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Approved

Item #3

Correspondence

None

Item #4

Subcommittee Reports: Subcommittee Reports:

- a. Education, Library and School Building. Presented by Councilwoman Parlato on behalf of the committee. She stated that the students had their non-traditional graduation ceremony. BOE has modified the school calendar, discussing the in person option and distance learning. The Library Grant will be present to the council at this meeting. A conservation grant being researched to digitize. Working on fundraising events for the library's bicentennial celebration and looking at the next phase of reopening. The

employees have been working diligently through virtual programs for the public including library card registry.

The School Building Committee did not have a meeting.

- b. Public Health, Safety, and Welfare. Present by Councilwoman Parlato on behalf of the committee stated that the Fire Department is still continuing with procedures put in place for the pandemic. They have received two very large grants, one for \$65,000 and \$68,000, which is part of the firefighter’s assistance program. They met in an executive session for the hiring of paramedic candidates. The Police Department is still working within the guidelines of the pandemic. The department is currently seeking grade C officers through Civil Service. The American Disability Act Commission did not meet and Counseling and Community Services will be again September.
- c. Finance. Presented by Councilwoman Glassman who gave a quick update on behalf of the committee. There are two items to come before the council; special assignments that result in a lot more construction and roadwork; the other item is for recycling and waste collection that has increased probably due to the pandemic.
- d. Public Services, Parks, and Recreation. Presented by Councilman Santino on behalf of the committee stated the Public Works has been working night and day to clean up from the storm and they have gone above and beyond doing an amazing job of the clean-up. The landfill is filling up quickly with brush and we are working on solving that issue as well. With regard to Parks and Recreation the Director Lou Pane has retired we wish him well for his years of service. The Ice Rink is still closed; the town is getting prices to repair the rink.

Chairman Deko stated that you may still have brush to be picked up; public works are making their way around town to clear the brush and debris. We appreciate the effort of the Public Works Department and he also thanked Lou Pane for his dedicated service to the town and wished him a long and healthy retirement.

- e. Urban Renewal/Housing. No meetings, no reports.

Item #5

Councilwoman Hennessey read to consider and act upon the approval of an ordinance entitled an “Ordinance transferring from various budget accounts for year-end financial purposes—as follow:

- a. Legal
 - To: 01-113-0668 Legal/Lawyer Fees \$40,000.00
 - From: 01-885-0689 Contingency \$40,000.00

- b. Police Services:

To: 94-3-100-01 Legal Fees:	\$11,650.77
94-3-700-4 Police & Emergency Vehicles	<u>\$332,497.24</u>
Total	\$344,148.01

From: 94-3-200-001 O’Toole Associates	\$11,650.77
94-3-200-01 Community Surveys	\$5,249.71
Tech Expert & Consulting Fees	\$475.00
94-3-400-01 Legal Training	\$988.90
94-3-400-02 Misc. Training & Travel Costs	\$137.36
94-3-400-04 Firearms Ammunition	\$544.11
94-3-400-06 Misc. Equip	\$282.15
94-3-500-02 Power DMS	\$142.65
94-3-500-05 Printing Costs	\$545.74
94-3-600-01 Personnel Costs	\$1,000.12
94-3-600-02 Benefit Costs	\$10,329.75
94-3-700-01 Cost of Insurance	\$82,301.75
94-3-700-02 Interest on Borrowings	\$125,000.00
94-3-700-03 Contingency	<u>\$5,500.00</u>
Total	\$344,148.01

c. Tax Department

To: 01-106-0668 Legal Fees	\$4,400.00
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From: 01-885-0689 Contingency Acct.	\$4,400.00
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This Ordinance shall be effective in accordance with the provisions of the East Haven Town Charter.

Councilman Santino moved to approve the ordinance.
 Councilwoman Lesco second the motion.
 Roll call-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.
 Approved

Item #6

Councilwoman Hennessey read the following resolution; to consider and act upon a Resolution approving and authorizing Joseph Carfora, as Mayor of The Town of East Haven or his designee, to complete and submit an application to the State Public Library Construction Grant FY 2020-2021 Category 2 Grants Distressed and Non-Distressed Municipalities seeking grant funds to replace the roof at the East Haven Public Library and to execute any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate

BE IT RESOLVED, that Joseph Carfora, as Mayor of The Town of East Haven, or his designee,

is authorized and directed to execute and to deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of East Haven to effectuate the above as outlined above and herein.

Chairman Deko recognized Bruce George, Library Director who explained that the library roof is in need of repairs through this library grant. The costs of the repairs are a dollar for dollar matching grant; where the State Library Commission matches half of the funding. The Town owns the library building therefore we need the town to sign the grant as the lead agency. The first part of the resolution is for a designated person to sign on behalf of the town and the second part is to certify the Resolution to apply for the grant to the State. The contractor/architect recommends the 3 flat roofs be repaired due to water infiltration; there is 6,600 sq. ft. in need of repairs. This is a category 2 grant, which offers grants for distressed communities, which is determined based on per capita. The grant application is due at the State Library September 1, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. November 20, 2020 the Board of Trustees of the State Library Board meets and reviews projects to be funded. If approved it needs to then be approved by the State Bonding Commission. If all goes well it should be approved by November 20, 2021.

No Public Comment.

Chairman Deko thanked the Library Director Bruce George and the Library Board for seeking grants and relieving the tax payers of some of the costs for repairs.

Councilwoman Parlato asked why it's indicated that we are a distressed community. Mr. George indicated that there are 25 distressed communities and we have been designated as one.

Councilman Santino moved to approve the resolution.
Councilwoman Glassman second the motion.
Roll call vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.
Approved

Item #7

Councilwoman read the following resolution; to consider and act upon setting a public hearing for September 1, 2020, for an ordinance entitled an "Ordinance transferring from various budget accounts for year-end financial purposes—as follow:

General Fund		
To: 01-885-0195	Special Assignment	\$105,000.00
From: 01-885-0689	Contingency	\$105,000.00

Councilman Santino moved to approve setting a public hearing.
Councilwoman Parlato second the motion.
Roll call vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Public Hearing Set for 9/1/2020

Item #8

To consider and act upon setting a public hearing date for September 1, 2020, an ordinance entitled an “Ordinance transferring from various budget accounts for year-end financial purposes—as follow:

Public Works

To:	01-226-0677	Recycling Service	\$ 50,000.00
	01-226-0676	Waste Collection	\$ 110,000.00
	01-226-0674	Trash Masters	\$ <u>62,000.00</u>
	Total		\$ 222,000.00

From:	01-665-0110	Senior Center Salaries	\$ 45,000.00
	01-665-0115	Senior Center PT wages	\$ 12,000.00
	01-444-0694	Other Contractual	\$ 20,000.00
	01-885-0255	Street and Traffic Lights	\$ 83,000.00
	01-167-0910	Retirement Fund	\$ <u>62,000.00</u>
	Total		\$ 222,000.00

Councilman Santino moved to approve setting a public hearing.

Councilwoman Cesare second the motion.

Roll call vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Public Hearing Set for 9/1/2020

Item #9

To consider and act upon any other matter that may come before the Council.

Chairman Deko recognized Mr. Steve Haddon, 5 Branhaven Drive, East Haven. Mr. Haddon stated in an environment where criticism is rampant with regard to government. The collaboration with the Library, the Mayor’s Office, and the Board of Trustees, in addition to the Town Council and its Chairman’s involvement. It is a perfect example when government works and cooperation works on all counts. Mr. Bruce George a yeoman job for putting this all together.

Councilman Santino moved to adjourn.

Councilwoman Cesare second the motion.

Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta A. DeLuca
Town Council Clerk