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## East Haven Town Council Minutes

The East Haven Town Council held its Regularly Scheduled Meeting Tuesday, October 4, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. or immediately following certain public hearings at the East Haven Community Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, CT in order to transact the following:

Vice Chairman Pacelli called the meeting to order at 7:29 p.m.

Roll call-8 Present 6 Absent (Parlato, Stacey, Santino, Martin, Deko, and Glassman)

Vice Chairman Pacelli asked for a moment of silence for all those devastated by the hurricane in Florida.

Staff Present: Jim Keeley, Finance Director, Fire Chief Marcarelli, Police Chief Lennon, Assistant Chief Tracey, Owen Little Animal Control Officer, Michelle Benivegna Asst. Director of Administration and Management, and Town Attorney Michael Luzzi.

### **Item #1**

Councilwoman Cesare moved to approve the minutes.

Councilwoman Lesco second the motion.

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

Approved

### **Item #2**

Correspondence

Vice Chairman Pacelli indicated that he received letters by email with regard to the airport and will forward them to the clerk.

### **Item #3**

Subcommittee Reports:

- a. Education, Library and School Building
- b. Public Health, Safety, and Welfare
- c. Finance
- d. Public Services, Parks, and Recreation

Vice Chairman Pacelli indicated that Public Works are doing a great job with maintaining the parks and keeping the town clean. The scarecrows on the green look great as well as the minions throughout town. The paving on town streets is also going well.

- e. Urban Renewal/Housing
- f. Blight

### **Item #4**

To consider and act upon the appointment of Joseph Kikosicki, 103 Leigh Drive to fill the unexpired term of Councilman Raymond Pompano of District #5 for a term to expire November 18, 2023.

Item Removed

Councilwoman Parlato arrived at 7:35p.m.

**Item #5**

Councilwoman Lesco read the following to consider act upon a resolution authorizing the East Haven Assessor's office to accept the Tax-Exempt Application for the Fair Haven Community Health Clinic, Inc., a tax-exempt entity under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Attorney Luzzi indicated that this was an oversight, Fair Haven Community Health Clinic Inc. are entitled to this exemption and he recommends approval. Fair Haven Community Health Clinic were strong partners with the town all through the Covid-19 pandemic and are entitled to the exemption.

Councilwoman Cesare moved to approve.

Councilman Thompson second the motion.

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

Approved

**Item #6**

Councilwoman Lesco read the following to consider and act upon the appointment of William Carbone to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an alternate for the term to expire January 31, 2023.

Councilwoman Cesare moved to approve.

Councilwoman Lesco second the motion.

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

Approved

**Item #7**

Councilwoman Lesco read the following to consider and act upon the appointment of Charles Page to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the unexpired term of Kevin Coyle for the term to expire January 31, 2023.

Councilwoman Cesare moved to approve.

Councilman Vollono second the motion.

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

Approved

**Item #8**

Councilwoman Lesco read the following to consider and act upon setting a public hearing date for an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Transferring \$97,802.00 from Regular Salaries 01-224-0110 to Overtime Wages 01-224-0190 \$27,445.00 and Gasoline & Diesel 01-224-0530 \$70,357.00."

Councilwoman Cesare moved to set a public hearing date for November 1, 2022 regular meeting.  
Councilman Thompson second the motion.  
Roll call-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.  
Approved Public Hearing set for November 1, 2022.

**Item #9**

Councilwoman Lesco read the following to consider and act upon a transfer to the Animal Shelter Regular Salaries Account 01-331-0110 \$29,582.60 from various Animal Control accounts.”

Vice Chairman Pacelli recognized Owen Little Animal Control officer who explained that this transfer is for the newly created part-time position. Due to our full-time officer being out on FMLA, this will cover the overtime cause by covering that position.

Councilwoman Cesare moved to approve the transfers.  
Councilman Vollono second the motion.  
Roll call-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.  
Approved

**Item #10**

To consider and act upon an ordinance entitled “An ordinance amending Section 11-3 – Sale of Fuel for Vehicles Not Authorized to Operate on a Public Roadway, Public Highway, or Public Property”

Item Removed

**Item #11**

Councilwoman Lesco read the following to consider and act upon an ordinance entitled “An Ordinance Making Appropriations for Various Public Improvements Aggregating \$1,520,191.00 for the 2022-2023 Capital Budget and Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,520,191.00 Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriations and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowing for Such Purpose.”

Councilwoman Cesare moved to approve.  
Councilman Vollono second the motion.  
Comments with Public Hearings  
Roll call-9 In favor. None opposed. 1 Abstention (Parlato)  
Approved

**Item #12**

Councilwoman Lesco read the following to consider and act upon an ordinance entitled “An Ordinance Transferring \$188,884.00 To Various Fire Department Accounts from the Following Fire Department Accounts; 01-334-0150 Vacation Pay \$120,730.00, 01-334-0190 Overtime \$49,130.00, and 01-334-0175 \$19,024.00.

Councilwoman Cesare moved to approve.  
Councilwoman Lesco second the motion.

Comments with Public Hearings  
Roll call-9 In favor. None opposed. 1 Abstention (Parlato)  
Approved

**Item #13**

Councilwoman Lesco read the following to consider and act upon an ordinance entitled “An Ordinance Transferring \$559,998.72 From Various General Accounts To the Following Accounts; 01-167-0972 Retirement Lump Sum \$115,554.26, 01-167-0910 Retirement Contribution \$194,915.93, 01-885-0195 Police Special Assignment \$231,432.81, and 01-885-0196, Town Regular Overtime \$18,095.72.

Councilwoman Cesare moved to approve.  
Councilman Thompson second the motion.  
Comments with Public Hearings  
Roll call-9 In favor. None opposed. 1 Abstention (Parlato)  
Approved

**Item #14**

Councilwoman Lesco read the following to consider and act upon an ordinance entitled “An Ordinance Transferring \$77,675.69 To Gasoline and Diesel Fuel Account 01-332-0530 From the Contingency Account 01-885-0689 for \$77,675.69.

Councilwoman Cesare moved to approve.  
Councilwoman Lesco second the motion.  
Comments with Public Hearings  
Roll call-9 In favor. None opposed. 1 Abstention (Parlato)  
Approved

**Item #15**

Councilwoman Lesco read the following to consider and act upon an ordinance entitled “An Ordinance Transferring \$238,420.01 to Police Overtime Account 01-332-0190 From Various Accounts, all of which are listed, and posted publicly in the East Haven Town Clerk’s Office, and on the Town website with the heading *Schedule A “An Ordinance Transferring \$238,420.01 to Police Overtime Account”*.

Councilwoman Cesare moved to approve.  
Councilman Thompson second the motion.  
Comments with Public Hearings  
Roll call-9 In favor. None opposed. 1 Abstention (Parlato)  
Approved

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Vice Chairman Pacelli recognized the following resident from the public:

Cindy Sparago, 42 Caroline Road spoke in opposition about short term rentals.

Town Attorney, Michael Luzzi indicated that the town is actively working on an ordinance with substance and will have a presentation in that regard.

Lorena Venegas, 73 George Street spoke in opposition to several issues; the skate park, D.C. Moore, and the expansion of the airport.

Jean Chieppo, 173 Henry Street spoke in opposition to the airport expansion.

Anthony Campizano, 48 Hughes Street spoke in opposition to the airport expansion.

Georgia Lieber, 18 Hampton Road spoke in opposition to the airport and has serious concerns with regard to public health and ecology. Also, asked if there is an environmental impact study.

Town Attorney, Michael Luzzi agreed with some of her comments and assured the public that the town has hired special counsel to deal with the expansion and we represent the town who is our client, so there is an attorney-client privilege in place. There will eventually be an update.

Salvatore Ferraro, 57 Waldo Street spoke in opposition to the airport expansion.

Mario Piscitelli, 48 Waldo Street spoke in opposition to the airport expansion.

Clement DeLucia, 18 Bretton Street spoke in opposition to the airport expansion.

Councilwoman Cesare moved to adjourn.

Councilman Thompson second the motion.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta A. DeLuca  
Town Council Clerk