

**TOWN OF EAST HAVEN,CT
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2012**

AMENDED

The East Haven Town Council held the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 3, 2012, at 7:30 p.m., at i the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut 06512

Town Council Chairman Richard Anania called the Town Council Meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Chairman Anania asks everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Roll Call.

15 Town Council Members are Present (Robert Parente, Fred Parlato, Anthony Purificato, Gary DePalma, Beverly Gravino, Joseph Santino Jr., Judy Esposito, William Richardson, Robert Sand, Joseph Badamo, Robert Cubelotti, Michael Riolino, Richard Anania, Paul Carbo and Anthony Mansi)

A quorum was present.

2. Approval of minutes from December 6, 2011 special meeting.

Chairman Anania states that page 2 is missing in the packet for the minutes. Completed minutes are on file in Town Clerk's office.

Councilman Michael Riolino makes motion to table approval of Minutes, due to no indication of who second the motions and who outside the Town Council attended the Republican Caucuses.

Councilman Joseph Badamo seconds motion.

Chairman Anania asks for a Roll Call vote to table minutes

1-No (Robert Parente)

14-Yes (Fred Parlato, Anthony Purificato, Gary DePalma, Beverly Gravino, Joseph Santino, Judy Esposito, William Richardson, Robert Sand, Joseph Badamo, Robert Cubellotti, Michael Riolino, Richard Anania, Paul Carbo, Anthony Mansi)

Motion Carries

3. Correspondence:

a. Summary of a letter from Attorney Alfred J. Zullo

Attorney Alfred J. Zullo wanted to advise the Town Council that he was appointed as an assistant town of attorney for the Town of East Haven primarily for zoning and land use matters. Attorney Alfred J. Zullo also wanted to disclose the potential conflicts to his employment by the Town as required by the Town Charter.

b. Summary of a letter from Mr. Richard Poulton.

Chairman Anania summarized Mr. Poulton's letter inquiring about the tax rebate for the elderly. Chairman Anania advised he would respond to Mr. Poulton once he researched the inquiry further.

c. Summary of a letter from Paul Rizza which will be addressed as Item 5 on this Agenda

4. Subcommittee Reports

Chairman Anania advised the subcommittees are meant to gather information to reveal at the Town Council Meetings.

Chairman Anania assigned Town Council Members as follows:

Blight Committee

Michael Riolino-Chairperson

Anthony Purificato

Anthony Mansi

Board of Education

Robert Parente-Chairperson

Gary DePalma

Robert Cubelotti

Board of Finance

William Richardson-Chairperson

Judy Esposito

Beverly Gravino

Park & Rec./Public Service Committee

Paul Carbo-Chairperson

Joseph Santino Jr.

Beverly Gravino

Urban Renewal Committee

Joseph Badamo-Chairperson

Joseph Santino

Anthony Mansi

5. To consider and act upon a Resolution authorizing the following transfer at the Recommendation of the Board of Finance:

To: 01-229-0202 – Water - \$30,000.00

From: 01-885-0689 – Contingency - \$30,000.00

Paul Rizza addressed the Town Council to advise that the transfer of \$30,000 for water is to cover the cost of water use for town buildings, fields and the splash pad. Mr. Rizza advised that before the splash pad was installed there was expenditure for water use of \$16,000. In fiscal year 2010/2011 the total expenditure was \$42,000. Budget from 2011 was approved to \$20,000. The splash pad in total used \$14,000 of this budget.

Mr. Rizza opened the floor to the Town Council to ask questions:

Councilwoman Beverly Gravino asked if the splash pad had its own meter. Mr. Rizza replied yes.

Councilman Fred Parlato asked if the fire hydrant water use was a separate charge. Mr. Rizza replied yes. Councilman Parlato also inquired as to if there was an additional cost for the WPCA during the summer time. Paul Rizza advised that there is a charge for water coming in and water coming out. Councilman Joseph Santino Jr. advised that there are 2 separate meters and that the only charge for the WPCA is for the bathrooms during summer use.

Councilman Michael Riolino asked if there were any other accounts to transfer the money from before using the contingency account. In the past the money has been able to be transferred from different accounts. Mr. Rizza stated that all department heads were currently in review of their accounts. There is currently only \$800 left in the water account.

Councilman Fred Parlato asked if there was a 2010-2011 audit filed as of date and when will it be available to review. Mr. Rizza stated the audit was filed with the state and that it would be available for distribution in the next couple of days.

Councilman Robert Sand asked what the balance of the contingency fund will be after the \$30,000 transfer. Mr. Rizza advised it would be \$390,000.

Councilman Anthony Mansi stated that the water bill should be taken care of now as so we do not incur any interest.

Chairman Anania calls for public comment.
Public Comment made by:

Adam Mansi (76 Hobson Street) asked for clarification of the amounts spent last year and in prior years. Mr. Rizza confirmed that \$42000 was this year, \$16000 2 years ago, \$31000 last year.

Donna Riccio (67 Charnes Drive) Outstanding water bill is how much? Mr. Rizza stated balance is approximately \$6.000. Ms. Riccio asked if the additional \$24,000 was an estimation of future bills. Mr. Rizza replied yes.

Thomas Thompson (21 Mill Hill Circle) encouraged a no vote until further analysis is done. Mr. Thompson stated that when he brought transfers to the Town Council he had a financial report for each transaction.

Chairman Anania asked for a roll call vote.

5 No-(Gary DePalma, Beverly Gravino, Joseph Santino Jr., Joseph Badamo, Michael Riolino)

10 Yes-(Robert Parente, Fred Parlato, Anthony Purificato, Judy Esposito, William Richardson, Robert Sand, Robert Cubellotti, Richard Anania, Paul Carbo, Anthony Mansi)

Motion Carried

6. To consider and act upon a Resolution authorizing and directing Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr. to execute and file an application with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development to obtain monies under the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program.

Chairman Anania advised that there was a letter submitted by Arthur DeSorbo Director of Administrated Services ask that this item be removed from tonight's agenda and be moved to a future date.

Councilman Richardson makes a motion to table act upon a Resolution authorizing and directing Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr. to execute and file an application with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development to obtain monies under the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program

Motion seconded by Councilman Carbo

Roll Call Vote:

15-Yes (Robert Parente, Fred Parlato, Anthony Purificato, Gary DePalma, Beverly Gravino, Joseph Santino, Judy Esposito, William Richardson, Robert Sand, Joseph Badamo, Robert Cubellotti, Michael Riolino, Richard Anania, Paul Carbo, Anthony Mansi)

Motion Carries

7. To consider and act upon a Resolution to provide the following tax refund:

Ryder Truck Rental

99 Murphy Rd

Hartford CT 06114-2104

2009-03-69077 E/S 18861

Reason: Vehicle Sold 8/10

\$522.58

TOTAL \$ 522.58

Councilman Robert Parente made motion for Resolution.

Councilman Robert Sand seconds motion.

Roll Call Vote:

15-Yes (Robert Parente, Fred Parlato, Anthony Purificato, Gary DePalma, Beverly Gravino, Joseph Santino, Judy Esposito, William Richardson, Robert Sand, Joseph Badamo, Robert Cubellotti, Michael Riolino, Richard Anania, Paul Carbo, Anthony Mansi)

8. Chairman Anania makes a Motion to Adjourn the Regular Meeting.

Councilman Parente seconds motion.

East Haven Town Council Meeting ends at 7:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Roxanne Melillo,

Clerk, East Haven Legislative Town