

EAST HAVEN TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

*Stacy Grawns, CTC*

TOWN CLERK

The East Haven Town Council held regular meeting Tuesday, September 6, 2016, 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 7:38PM.  
He asks all to stand for the pledge of allegiance.

**Item #1**

Roll Call- 12 present – 3 absent (Santino, Depalma and Spaduzzi).  
A quorum is present.

**Item #2**

Approval of minutes from the August 2, 2016 Regular Meeting.

Councilman Robert Parente makes a motion.

Councilman William Richardson seconds the motion.

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

**Item #3**

Correspondence-

- Chairman Parlato states that he got word from Assessor Michael Milici that his staff was able to identify \$163,000 in revenue that was unaccounted for and 542 motor vehicles totaling \$10,724.50 was added back to the tax rolls. He personally thanked Mr. Milici and his staff for looking out for the taxpayers of East Haven.

**Item #4**

Subcommittee Reports-

- Recreation- Chairman Parlato explains that he met with Mr. Pane about Memorial Field and the foul balls hitting houses and Lou gave him a 4 line letter back which he told him was inadequate. He met with him again to explain what he wants. Public Works has netting but does not have the tall poles which would cost approximately \$4,000. He asked Mr. Pane to come up with a few options even if it means replacing the back stops which are original to the park from back in the 1940's. He would like to see something concrete in place to correct the

problem. He also suggested they post some signs for the people who don't live there to be aware that these balls are flying.

- Board of Education-Councilman Parente says school has opened up and despite the changes within the district it went very smoothly.
- Finance- Councilman Richardson says there are transfers before them tonight for the Fire Department/Police Department/ Public Safety Dispatch Center.
- Public Safety-no report.
- Housing-no report.

#### **Item #5**

To consider and act upon a Resolution approving "An Ordinance making appropriations for various public improvements aggregating \$2,450,000 for the 2016-2017 Capital Budget and authorizing the issuance of \$2,450,000 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriations and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose."

**A Resolution approving "An Ordinance making appropriations for various public improvements aggregating \$2,450,000 for the 2016-2017 Capital Budget and authorizing the issuance of \$2,450,000 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriations and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose."**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AGGREGATING \$2,450,000 FOR THE 2016-2017 CAPITAL BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,450,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATIONS AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE" as introduced and read at the public hearing meeting of the Town Council held September 6, 2016 be adopted.

(Full Ordinance can be found in the East Haven Town Clerk's Office)

Councilman Nicholas Palladino makes a motion.  
Councilman Ken Mckay seconds the motion.

Public comment:

- Donna Richo-67 Charnes Drive, East Haven, CT- Ms. Richo asks if they can approve less than the amount requested.
- Chairman Parlato says no.



Council comment:

- Chairman Parlato says there are a couple items on here that he had questions with such as the dump truck body for \$70,000 which he was under the impression would be on an old truck; but we bought two new trucks and this is to put on one of them. Also, the replacement of the sweeper/vac, the vacuum truck was purchased years ago when WPCA was in East Haven it was done on a lease to purchase agreement and the Town kept it after WPCA was sold. It sucks out the catch basins and needs some work done to extend the life of the vehicle. The sweeper was bought around 2005 and is a heavy maintenance vehicle and this money will also bring this up to grade. Engineering has not been in compliance with the State since 2004 on some of the reporting and the money going into their budget will give them the equipment to be in compliance. Those are a few things he thought would be important to clarify.

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

**Item #6**

- Town Attorney Joseph Zullo asks Councilman Parente if this is going forward or not, it was placed on the Agenda as a precaution but he has not heard back from the Engineering Dept. yet.
- Chairman Parlato says he went there yesterday and nothing has been marked out yet and there was no construction yet.
- Councilman Parente says the check was received for \$93,000, instead of them paving it they gave the Town a check and it is going to cost the Town about \$66,000 so they will make \$27,000.

To consider and act upon a Resolution approving and authorizing Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr. to sign an agreement between the Town of East Haven and the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority regarding the paving of Jardin Drive.

**A Resolution approving and authorizing Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr. to sign an agreement between the Town of East Haven and the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority regarding the paving of Jardin Drive**

**WHEREAS**, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority ("RWA") provides waters service within certain portions of the Town of East Haven ("Town") including its ongoing extension and replacement of certain water distribution mains which require excavations and related resurfacing and restoration projects within public rights of way within the Town ("RWA Projects");

**AND WHEREAS**, the Town periodically conducts road resurfacing projects as part of its ongoing maintenance and resurfacing of certain public rights of way within the Town ("Town Projects");

**AND WHEREAS**, the Town wishes to combine a recent RWA Project on Jardin Drive with a Town Project to re-pave portions of Jardin Drive;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Town and the RWA wish to memorialize their understanding of the relation between the Town Project and the RWA Project on Jardin Drive in an agreement;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council hereby approves the agreement between the Town of East Haven and the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority regarding the paving of Jardin Drive;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr., or his designee, is authorized to said said agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate the same.

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

Councilman Richardson makes a motion.

Councilman Butler III seconds the motion.

No public comment:

Council comment:

- Chairman Parlato asks if this is going to be curb to curb.
- Councilman Parente says yes, when their company paves they only do portions and with the \$93,000 they gave us they have enough for the Town to do the entire street for \$66,000 and will have the extra money to put towards other streets.
- Chairman Parlato asks if they took into account the fact that they will put the line in and people will have to hook up to it. They don't want to see the street paved and then they dig it up. Is that part of the agreement?
- Attorney Zullo says they don't have a time limit of when they have to pave it, it is opened ended so as long as Public Works is sensitive to the fact that residents have to hook up to it, they could wait as long as possible.

- Councilman Palladino asks if they are replacing the water main or just putting one in, do they not have city water there?
- Chairman Parlato says they didn't have it before, they proposed this in 2004 and they couldn't get the homeowners to sign-off on it but now they agreed to put it in whether people moved or they were having problems with their wells. The water main is nearby so he thinks it is a good idea on their part.

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

#### **Item #7**

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

**Lookers Embroidery**

15 Wheelbarrow Ln  
East Haven CT 06513

**Acct./List:** E/S 28562

2013-02-40567 - \$ 1,919.80, 2014-02-40564 - \$ 1,200.41

**Reason:** Corrected Assessment

**TOTAL: \$3,120.21**

**A Resolution to provide a tax refund of \$3,120.21 to Lookers Embroidery**

**WHEREAS**, C.G.S. Section 12-129 provides that a local board of selectmen, or its equivalent, may, upon recommendation and certification of the Tax Collector, issue a refund for tax overpayments;

**AND, WHEREAS**, the following entity or person has requested a refund for the following overpayment:

**Lookers Embroidery**

15 Wheelbarrow Ln  
East Haven CT 06513

**Acct./List:** E/S 28562

2013-02-40567 - \$ 1,919.80, 2014-02-40564 - \$ 1,200.41

**Reason:** Corrected Assessment

**TOTAL: \$3,120.21**



**AND, WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector, via backup paperwork submitted to this Council, has recommended and certified the accuracy of this refund;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that said refund is approved and the tax collector is authorized to effectuate said refund.

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

Councilman Richardson makes a motion.

Councilwoman Lettieri-Morales seconds the motion.

No Public comment.

Council comment:

- Vice Chairman Sand asks if this is a court order or a decision by the Town Assessor.
- Attorney Zullo says to his knowledge it was not court stipulated, it was a decision by the Assessor.

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

#### **Item #8**

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

**Victoria Williams, Est.**  
c/o Vivian Clemens Exec.  
3111 Clinton Ave  
Cleveland OH 44113

**Acct./List:** Real Estate

**Reason:** Bank cashed two checks in error

**TOTAL:** \$13,948.90

**A Resolution to provide a tax refund of \$13,948.90 to Victoria Williams, Est.**

**WHEREAS**, C.G.S. Section 12-129 provides that a local board of selectmen, or its equivalent, may, upon recommendation and certification of the Tax Collector, issue a refund for tax overpayments;

**AND, WHEREAS**, the following entity or person has requested a refund for the following overpayment:

**Victoria Williams, Est.**  
 c/o Vivian Clemens Exec.  
 3111 Clinton Ave  
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**Acct./List:** Real Estate  
**Reason:** Bank cashed two checks in error

**TOTAL: \$13,948.90**

**AND, WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector, via backup paperwork submitted to this Council, has recommended and certified the accuracy of this refund;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that said refund is approved and the tax collector is authorized to effectuate said refund.

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

Councilman Mckay makes a motion.

Councilman Richardson seconds the motion.

No Public comment.

Council comment:

- Councilman Butler III asks what the address is to which Attorney Zullo says it is 122 Morgan Avenue.
- Councilwoman Lettieri-Morales asks for clarification as to what happened.
- Attorney Zullo explains that they paid the entire year's taxes twice. There was an error with one of the checks because it wasn't signed and was cashed unsigned. They came back in to sign it and that check was cashed again. It was debited in our account twice, and since they paid the full amount twice it has to be refunded.

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

**Item #9**

To consider and act upon a Resolution authorizing a Transfer of \$26,631.00 for the Fire Department as follows:

**Various Fire****To:**

01-334-0190	Overtime	\$26,631.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$26,631.00</b>

**From:**

01-885-0699	Parochial School Trans.	\$7,863.00
01-881-0115	P/T Wages	\$4,700.00
01-881-0945	Excess Insurance	\$14,068.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$26,631.00</b>

**Reason:** Funds needed to close out FY 2015-2016.

**A Resolution authorizing a Transfer of \$26,631.00 for the Fire Department**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of East Haven, upon recommendation of the Board of Finance, must approve, by resolution, transfers of monies in excess of \$25,000.00 but not in excess of \$50,000.00;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Board of Finance, on August 17, 2016, approved and recommended the following transfer to the Town Council:

**Various Fire****To:**

01-334-0190	Overtime	\$26,631.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$26,631.00</b>

**From:**

01-885-0699	Parochial School Trans.	\$7,863.00
01-881-0115	P/T Wages	\$4,700.00
01-881-0945	Excess Insurance	\$14,068.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$26,631.00</b>

**Reason:** Funds needed to close out FY 2015-2016.

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

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



Councilman Parente makes a motion.  
Councilman Butler III seconds the motion.

No public comment:

Council comment:

- Councilman Anania asks if they are able to transfer monies from different line items, the transfers don't have to be interdepartmental?
- Mr. Rizza says they don't have to be within the Department, they are using three different accounts to clean-up the end of year.
- Councilwoman Linda Hennessey asks about the 2015-2016 budget for the Parochial Schools Trans. Line item because they are doing two transfers from that line item tonight. How much was allocated for that account?
- Mr. Rizza explains that as of the time when the budget was passed, they were going to have three buses for St. Vincent and then he met with the bus company after the budget was accepted and negotiated only using two busses. So they saved about \$65,000 by using two buses instead of three.

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

#### Item #10

To consider and act upon a Resolution authorizing a Transfer of \$42,137.00 for the Public Safety Dispatch Center as follows:

#### Public Safety Dispatch Center

##### To:

01-336-0190	Overtime	\$41,696.00
01-229-0570	Bldg. & Grounds	\$441.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$42,137.00</b>

##### From:

01-885-0699	Parochial School Trans.	\$42,137.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$42,137.00</b>

**Reason:** Funds needed to close out FY 2015-2016.

**A Resolution authorizing a Transfer of \$42,137.00 for the Public Safety Dispatch Center**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of East Haven, upon recommendation of the Board of Finance, must approve, by resolution, transfers of monies in excess of \$25,000.00 but not in excess of \$50,000.00;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Board of Finance, on August 17, 2016, approved and recommended the following transfer to the Town Council:

**Public Safety Dispatch Center**

**To:**

01-336-0190	Overtime	\$41,696.00
01-229-0570	Bldg. & Grounds	\$441.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$42,137.00</b>

**From:**

01-885-0699	Parochial School Trans.	\$42,137.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$42,137.00</b>

**Reason:** Funds needed to close out FY 2015-2016.

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

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

Councilwoman Archambault makes a motion.

Councilwoman Hennessey seconds the motion.

**Public comment:**

- Jeffrey Lendroth-320 Tyler Street, East Haven, CT- Mr. Lendroth asks about the \$42,000 in overtime, is this for one Department? Why don't we just hire someone else rather than paying overtime?
- Mr. Rizza explains they had some money budgeted originally in the account but due to changes in the makeup of the dispatch center they were initially looking at 10 dispatchers working 24 hours/day 7 days a week but they ended up with 2

supervisory positions that do not actually dispatch. So they ended up two people short from the original plan and the overtime went to the other 8 people that were working in there. Simply put, they planned it one way and when it went into reality it came out as having two less workers.

- Mr. Lendroth asks if they are going to hire others to offset this overtime.
- Mr. Rizza says they are looking at other things such as putting more people in that Department to eliminate the overtime and possibly have part-time dispatchers that could be called in.
- Mr. Lendroth asks what their average pay is for that Department. Do these people make \$100,000/year after overtime?
- Mr. Rizza says no, the base pay is about \$50,000 and then dividing the \$40,000 that makes about \$5,000 more per head with the overtime.

Council comment:

- Councilwoman Lettieri-Morales says she doesn't have her book on her but she feels like they have done this before, putting money into this center for overtime. Is this going to keep happening?
- Chairman Parlato says as soon as the dispatchers are eligible for vacation they are going to have that happening also. He says to keep in mind the system before was stone aged and there is no way they could have existed with that system in place and not have some kind of lawsuit come before the Town. They budgeted during ongoing negotiations of the department and now they know how the department is made up and the budget wasn't enough to take care of it. There will be an added expense in the next budget because of the expenses that go along with it for benefits. He says what does a life cost, it may seem like a lot of money but the Fire Department is a medical department.
- Councilwoman Lettieri-Morales says she agrees the Fire Department is great but she thinks it should be run a little differently. Maybe they need to look at the employees who are getting the overtime, she doubts all 8 got the overtime divided up evenly. Maybe some employees aren't showing up for work, it seems like it needs to be run a little bit better.
- Chairman Parlato says he was forced to work overtime in his job and he would have preferred to work less to be home with his family. Some of these people are missing time with their families because they are working overtime or double shifts. He doesn't envy it even if they were making \$90,000 in overtime because they are missing time with their families.
- Councilwoman Lettieri-Morales asks if they are working on a solution.
- Chairman Parlato says yes.



- Councilman Palladino asks approximately what this dispatch center costs for 1 year.
- Mr. Rizza says he will send it out to everyone tomorrow, he doesn't know off the top of his head.
- Attorney Zullo says pending any transfers for overtime it would be approximately \$780,000 plus this transfer, they can say approximately \$820,000 per year.

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

#### Item #11

To consider and act upon a Resolution setting a public hearing date and time to discuss an "Ordinance approving a transfer of \$149,213.00 for the Police Department and Fire Department" as follows:

#### **Police Department/Fire Department**

##### **To:**

01-334-0110	Salaries	\$134,710.00
01-224-0190	Overtime Wages	\$5,528.00
01-332-0190	Overtime Wages	\$9,245.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$149,213.00</b>

##### **From:**

01-334-0150	Vacation	\$36,959.00
01-334-0115	Part-time Wages	\$7,597.00
01-334-0530	Gas	\$14,312.00
01-885-0689	Contingency	\$90,345.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$149,213.00</b>

**Reason:** To close out 2015-2016 FY.

The public hearing shall take place on October 4, 2016, at 7:00PM, at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut.

Councilman Palladino makes a motion.

Councilman Butler III seconds the motion.

No Public comment.

No Council comment.

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

Chairman Parlato announces that the Merit Award Dinner is this week and one of our Council members is being honored so attendance is encouraged.

**Item #12**

Adjournment of Regular Meeting.

Councilman Palladino makes a motion.

Councilwoman Hennessey seconds the motion.

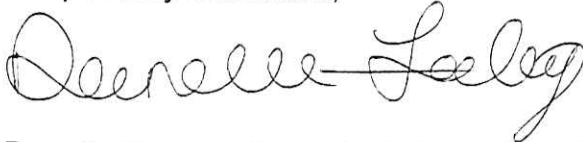
No Public comment.

No Council comment.

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

Meeting is adjourned at 8:11PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Danelle Feeley". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Danelle Feeley, Clerk, East Haven Legislative Town Council

