

Town of East Haven
Board of Finance –Amended Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 18, 2014

The East Haven Board of Finance held its Regular Meeting on Wednesday June 18, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the Mario Giaimo, Joseph Vitale Meeting Room on the lower level of East Haven Town Hall, 250 Main Street, East Haven, CT 06512

1. Roll Call

Board of Finance Chairman, Mayor Joseph Maturo, Vice Chairman, Ralph Vitale, Council members, Beth Purcell, Salvatore Maltese, Noreen Clough, Richard DePalma and Maria Tonelli - Present. Also in attendance was Town Attorney - Mr. Joseph Zullo, Finance Director - Mr. Paul Rizza, Police Chief - Mr. Brent Larrabee, Library Director - Mr. Bruce George, Town Councilman - Mr. Joseph Badamo, Republican Registrar of Voters - Ms. Donna Norman, Town Clerk - Ms. Stacy Gravino, Democratic Town Committee Vice Chairman - Mr. Ed Sabatino, Parks and Recreation Department – Mr. Frank Butler, and Library Board Vice Chairman – Mr. Michael Enders and Superintendent of Public Works - Mr. Robert Parente.

2. Read and Approve Minutes from Regular Meeting held May 21, 2014

Noreen Clough made a motion, Beth Purcell seconded. Roll Call Vote – All in Favor – Motion Carried.

3. Old Business

Noreen Clough asks Paul Rizza about not having any expenditure and revenue reports. Paul; Rizza states he will be getting them out he thought they went out last week. Richard DePalma asks if there will be a report for the BOE by next meeting. Paul Rizza replies yes. Noreen Clough asks Attorney Zullo now that we settled the law suit will that be coming out of self-insurance? Atty. Zullo the law suit will be coming out the next years appropriation so self-insurance will not be affected.

4. New Business

None

5. Public Comment

Library Director, Bruce George reads a years' worth of an overview of the library's services and financial overview. Chris Hemmingway – Employee of the library speaks about the unity of the staff of the library and his plea from the employees with regard to the health insurance on the agenda. Michael Enders, Vice Chairman of the Library Board speaks about the appropriations

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report from the library and he does not see where the library could possibly afford this health insurance increase based on the appropriations report he has reviewed.

Mayor Joseph Maturo makes a motion to move item number 12 to item number 6. Noreen Clough seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote. All in Favor. Motion Carries

6. Library

To:	01-551-0905	HMO	\$9,414.00
From:	01-888-0689	Contingency	\$9,414.00

Shortfall in funds in HMO account for health insurance.

Sal Maltese makes a motion. Beth Purcell seconds. Discussion. Sal Maltese states that upon a lengthy discussion with the Mayor and board members he is willing to take this money out of contingency and give it to the library HMO. Roll Call Vote – All In Favor – Motion Carries.

7. Town Clerk

To:	01-109-0610	Advertising	\$300.00
From:	01-109-0350	Professional Development	\$300.00

Legal notices for Dem/Rep. candidates for municipal offices in November 2014 election. Account is short.

Sal Maltese makes a motion. Beth Purcell seconds. Discussion. – Roll Call Vote – All in Favor. Motion Carries.

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8. Animal Control

To:	01-331-0190	Overtime	\$11,651.93
From:	01-331-0350	Professional Development	\$2,330.00
	01-331-0458	Safety Equipment	\$3,003.34
	01-331-0568	Food & Supplies	\$3,000.00
	01-331-0570	Building & Grounds	\$1,200.00
	01-331-0575	Clothing & Uniforms	\$ 368.59
	01-331-0644	Rental of Equipment	\$ 500.00
	01-331-0667	Part-Time Cont. Help	\$ 450.00
	01-331-0686	Environ. Disposal	\$ 800.00

Funds needed to cover call backs after hours and on holidays. Also hours for training.

Ralph Vitale makes a motion to waive the reading. Noreen Clough seconds. Roll Call Vote – All in Favor – Motion Carries.

Beth Purcell makes a motion. Sal Maltese seconds. Discussion. Roll Call Vote – All in Favor – Motion Carries.

9. Fire

To:	01-334-0578	Medical & First Aid	\$5,000.00
From:	01-334-0665	Auto Body	\$3,000.00
	01-334-0450	Building Maint. Equipment	\$2,000.00

This transfer is necessary to purchase medical supplies used for our Emergency Medical Service.

Ralph Vitale makes a motion. Beth Purcell seconds. Discussion. Roll Call Vote – All in Favor – Motion Carries.

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10. Register of Voters

To:	01-110-0658	Equipment Maint.	\$3,150.00
From:	01-110-0643	Postage & Freight	\$2,700.00
	01-110-0115	P/T Wages	\$ 450.00

Memory cards for Tabulator Machines.

Beth Purcell makes a motion. Ralph Vitale seconds. Discussion. Donna Norman states that these are the cards that do the tabulation of the voting. Roll Call Vote – All in Favor – Motion Carries.

11. Recreation Department

To:	01-661-0115	Part-Time Wages	\$7,500.00
	01-661-0116	Seasonal Wages	\$5,000.00
	01-661-0118	Seasonal Wages	\$6,500.00
From:	01-661-0203	Natural Gas	\$10,000.00
	01-661-0667	Temp/Cont. Help	\$ 5,000.00
	01-661-0563	Tires	\$ 300.00
	01-661-0410	Office Supplies	\$ 300.00
	01-661-0201	Electricity	\$ 3,200.00
	01-661-0525	Printing & Doc	\$ 200.00

Ralph Vitale makes a motion to waive the reading. Beth Purcell seconds. Roll Call Vote – All in Favor – Motion Carries. Sal Maltese makes a motion. Beth Purcell seconds. Discussion. Sal Maltese states the natural gas is that up or down from last year at this time? Frank Butler states I am guessing it's about the same, but I really do not know. Roll Call Vote – All in Favor – Motion Carries.

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12. “AN ORDINANCE MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,225,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF A PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,225,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE”

Sal Maltese makes a motion. Beth Purcell seconds. Noreen Clough states that she has not seen a budget on the communications center and have we received quotes on the radios because that is a high number. Paul Rizza states ...done, we have gotten quotes on almost everything here expect for obviously the contingency, personnel training and we used the numbers based on hours paid so that should be very close, as well as security and construction. All equipment, telephone, computers etc. that is the state bid list and quotations from vendors. Richard DePalma states that during the budgetary process we talked about a dispatch center, funding it somehow, overtime, but it was never presented as a department with line items, benefits, salaries, as a department should be presented to this board, it went on to the Town Council and passed the total budget and you're asking to bond for a department that was never recognized during the budgetary process other than it reducing overtime. Mayor Maturo states that I am not sure it was not “ever” talked about as a department. Paul Rizza asks are you saying never as in the board of finance. Richard DePalma states yes. Paul Rizza states it was not available at the time you were meeting. Richard DePalma states and we have still yet to see that package whether its available or not we have still not seen it and we are asking to bond something that we have not recognized as a department yet. Paul Rizza states there are four to five items on budget – salaries, overtime, registration, office supplies. Richard DePalma states I do not see the fire chief here and he handles over 6,000 medical calls a year, I know that that the Police Chief is an advocate of this department and is on board and it will be housed in your building (directed to the Chief Larrabee) and I have yet to see the chief come forward and say he is for it and will they be trained because that first 2 minutes can be someone's life. Mayor Maturo states that as both Chiefs answer to me you can be rest assured that they are both on board very much so and I have been talking about this since 2000, it was put into the police department contract that this was something this year we were able to do and provide as long as we proceeded the correct way with the union contract. In 2007, it's been there for 7 years, we could not have done this without all the staff and two chiefs on board with this and I want to commend both departments because it could not have been done without them, so if you could take my word as the Chairman of this board telling you that and you can be sure that each person will be trained properly though all the state qualifications and that they will be qualified to be top notch dispatchers. Richard DePalma states that we have one of the best response programs in the state and want it to stay that way. Mayor Maturo states I know what we have and be assured again that I would never jeopardize that. Sal Maltese states that on that budget there were five items and that was the email that was sent out so again that email everyone received and knew what that was. Paul Rizza states yes. Sal Maltese states getting back to this bond, the way I am reading this I am asking you (Richard DePalma) that you are not in favor of this is that what you are saying? Richard DePalma states if we can afford it is what I am saying. We just had a tax increase, we

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are creating a department, this is not a discussion of the merits of the program this is a discussion of can we afford with bonding. What will be our total bonding for the year, we did not bond for roads last year. I know we have some bonding whether it is Police, cars, Public Works. I wanted to see a total bonding package with all the programs instead of separate pieces of bonding I would have rather seen the whole picture with total bonding. Mayor Maturo states that in over 14 years I have sat here, I have ran positive budgets, and that if we could not afford it, and your questions are valid, I am just hoping that you know that if it was not the best thing for the town we would not be doing this. Richard DePalma states but can the tax payers afford it. Sal Maltese states it's ironic because we are talking about a 1.2 million bond for public safety. If I go through the numbers that I have and tell you what was bonded from 2008-2012 with some of the people in this room it's just a joke. We are doing something for public safety from 2008-2012, the past administration, 21 million in dollars you bonded and your telling me you have an issue with approving something for public safety? I am pretty sure that this current bond has been thoroughly researched.

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Roll Call Vote –

Sal Maltese – YES, Noreen Clough – NO, Richard DePalma – NO, Ralph Vitale – YES,
Maria Tonelli – NO, Beth Purcell – YES

3 YES – 3 NO – Tie

Mayor Joseph Maturo was the tie breaking deciding vote – YES. (4 – YES, 3 NO)

Motion Carries.

Mayor Joseph Maturo's Statement Addressing the BOF: There are a few things I want to address here and as team I am very proud of whether we voted for them or not: Number one bringing in 911 paramedic services – and most importantly that it is saving lives, second was this communication center. We are probably the only town right now that does not have civilian dispatchers, we have a Police Department that has done some rocking and rolling and a union that has been complaining since the DOJ came that the overtime is demoralizing, that they cannot work the overtime, some of the new officers that come on board are quitting because the overtime was too much. Chief Larrabee has talked to me and we have to run fewer men on the road than we wanted. We have had police officers because of the overtime retire, 80, 90, 100, thousand dollar retirements because they have been forced to work so much overtime. This communication center is certainly going to cut down overtime that these dedicated officers have been doing especially over the last three years. One other thing that this is going to do, when we brought in the paramedic services, it will allow us to have an extra officer on the beat at least one for every shift which I believe has not been done for 20 years and nothing is better than putting a beat cop on the street to help the officers especially with what our men and women have gone through this is exceptional. This is going to be the model communication center as is the police

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department. I want to thank you guys and this is one of the most important things tonight you can vote for and even for those who did not vote for it.

13. Police Department

To:	01-332-0520	General Office Supplies	\$ 28.00
	01-332-0575	Clothing & Uniforms	\$2,603.00
	01-332-0658	Equip. Maint. Svcs	\$ 581.00
From:	01-332-0590	Training Supplies	\$ 28.00
	01-332-0594	Protect. Safety Supplies	\$1,205.00
	01-332-0827	SCJAC – MATCH	\$1,398.00
	01-332-0440	Motor Vehicles	\$ 581.00

- 1) To cover outstanding supplies invoice.
- 2) To cover outstanding clothing & uniform invoices.
- 3) To resolve account deficit and cover an outstanding invoice.

Beth Purcell makes a motion. Ralph Vitale seconds. Roll Call Vote – All in Favor – Motion Carries.

Mayor Maturo requests a motion to add 13a. Recreation & Ice Rink, 13b. Public Services Building and Maintenance, 13c. Public Services and 13d. Public Services.

Ralph Vitale makes a motion to add 13a. Beth Purcell seconds. All in Favor – Motion Carries.
Beth Purcell makes a motion to add 13b. Sal Maltese seconds. All in Favor – Motion Carries.
Ralph Vitale makes a motion to add 13c. Beth Purcell seconds. All in Favor – Motion Carries.
Beth Purcell makes a motion to add 13d. Sal Maltese seconds. All in Favor – Motion Carries.

Noreen Clough makes a motion to waive the reading of the account numbers, Richard DePalma seconds.

13a. Recreation & Ice Rink

To:	662-0190	O/T	\$ 2,568.00
	662-0201	Electric	\$14,400.00
From:	662-0403	Mech. Eq.	\$1,165.00
	662-0530	Fuel	\$ 500.00
	662-0561	Vehicle sup.	\$ 275.00
	662-0520	Off. Supplies	\$ 200.00
	662-0202	Water	\$4,080.00
	662-0203	Nat. Gas	\$3,500.00

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From: 662-0570	Build Maint.	\$ 500.00
611-0646	Dues	\$ 599.00
661-0579	Pool Chem	\$ 275.00
661-0541	Arts/Crafts	\$ 270.00
661-0520	Office supplies	\$ 185.00
661-0610	Advertise	\$ 200.00
661-0615	Printing	\$ 229.00
661-0644	Equipment Rental	\$ 151.00
661-0578	Med. Equip	\$ 100.00
661-0570	Build Sup.	\$ 150.00
885-0689	Contingency	<u>\$4,589.00</u>
		\$16,968.00

Funds Needed for End of Year.

Noreen Clough makes a motion for discussion. Richard DePalma seconds. Noreen Clough asks if the bills came in a little higher. Paul Rizza states yes. Roll Call Vote – All in Favor – Motion Carries.

13b. Public Service

To:	01-229-0638 Equip. Maint.	\$1,500.00
From:	01-229-0570 Bldg. & Ground Maint.	\$1,500.00

To complete fiscal year for building maintenance.

Richard DePalma makes a motion for discussion. Noreen Clough seconds. Robert Parente states that with over 20 storms this year we have had to keep up with repairs as necessary. Roll Call Vote – All in Favor – Motion Carries.

13c. Public Service

To:	01-224-0170 Meal Allowance	\$1,510.00
	01-224-0570 Bldg. Grounds Maint. Serv.	\$4,490.00
From:	01-224-0110 Reg. Salaries	\$6,000.00

To complete fiscal year over cost for meal allowance & maintenance supplies.

Richard DePalma makes a motion for discussion. Noreen Clough seconds. Roll Call Vote – All in Favor – Motion Carries.

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13d. Public Service

To:	01-226-0190	Overtime Wages	\$8,000.00
	01-226-0686	Environ. Disp. Serv.	\$ 50.00
From:	01-226-0676	Waste Collection	\$8,050.00

To complete fiscal year for O.T. wages and disp. Service.

Beth Purcell makes a motion for discussion. Sal Maltese seconds. Roll Call Vote – All in Favor Motion Carries.

14. Adjournment

Mayor Joseph Maturo makes a motion for adjournment at 7:43 p.m. Beth Purcell seconds. All in Favor. Motion Carries

Temple Smith

Board of Finance Clerk