

Town of East Haven
Board of Finance –Amended - Regular Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2015

The East Haven Board of Finance held a Regular meeting on Wednesday March 18, 2015 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.

Richard DePalma calls the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Board Members:

Ms. Beth Purcell, Mr. Salvatore Maltese, Ms. Noreen Clough, Mr. Richard DePalma and Ms. Maria Tonelli. -- Absent Vice Chairman, Mr. Ralph Vitale

Also in attendance was Town Council Chairman, Mr. Richard Anania, Superintendent of Public Works, Mr. Robert Parente, Town Councilman, Henry Butler III, Town Clerk, Ms. Stacy Gravino, Town Councilman, Ms. Beverly Gravino, Friends of the East Haven Library, Library Board Member Ron Whitney, Michael Enders, and Lorena Venegas, Library Director Mr. Bruce George, Deputy Police Chief Ed Lennon, Assistant Fire Chief Chuck Licata, Town Attorney - Mr. Joseph Zullo, and Finance Director - Mr. Paul Rizza .

Noreen Clough makes a motion to nominate Richard DePalma as temporary chair for this meeting in the absence of Ralph Vitale. Beth Purcell seconds. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

2. Read and Approve Minutes from Special Meeting held February 18, 2015

Noreen Clough made a motion to approve. Beth Purcell seconds. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

3. Old Business

Noreen Clough asked if the auditors are still coming. Paul Rizza states that they should be coming to speak within the next month or so.

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4. New Business

None

5. Public Comment

Lisa Nelson 98 Mansfield Street, New Haven, owns a small publishing company and does some work for the East Haven Library. Lisa stresses the importance of the Library and how many activities are offered at the library.

Ron Whitney 361 North High Street, East Haven, a member of the Library Board. Newly appointed Ron Whitney advocated for putting more information on digital imagery, inadequate computer systems, security and data base system. He was shocked to see how inadequate the East Haven Library is with these system or lack thereof. Advocating for the importance of the library and what is needed in the future.

Bruce George Library Director is requesting the \$9,000 in health insurance for the Library personnel. He feels that the impact would be severe to the staff in their paycheck and that they work hard and deserves it.

Mike Enders 23 Oregon Avenue, East Haven, - wanted to explain the trust fund scenario. We cannot tap into this fund whenever we want this is not true. What we receive is 5% of whatever the balance is and we have not control on that. That trust fund is not something we can use when our needs go up at the library.

Donna Richo 67 Charnes Drive, East Haven – I wanted to address item 9 on the agenda. Why would we not deplete the snow and ice account before we deplete the salaries account? Paul Rizza states there are other area of funding to offset that account – snow and ice is in the whole \$889.73.

Lorena Venegas 73 George Street, East Haven, - Parent/ Parent Educator/ Board of Trustees for the Library – would like to see more support, money and attendance at the library. I would like to see support for the staff in health benefits if you cannot compensate in wages then please consider compensating them in their health benefits. Advocated for the library on many different levels for the children and the staff and its importance not only to the public but to the employees.

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6. Public Safety Command Center

To:	84-3-100-1	Furniture	\$4,361.00
	84-3-200-1	Telephone System	\$2,206.00
	84-3-200-5	Security/Construction	<u>\$ 464.00</u>
			\$7,031.00
 From:	 84-3-200-2	 EMD/EPM	 \$4,361.00
	84-3-200-2	EMD/EPM	\$2,206.00
	84-3-200-2	EMD/EPM	<u>\$ 464.00</u>
			\$7,031.00

The above transfers are to balance accounts where we went over beyond estimated expenditures while building and fitting out the dispatch center. The funds from the EMD/EPM account are available because we negotiated the price down from the original estimate.

Noreen Clough made a motion for discussion, Maria Tonelli seconded. Discussion. Assistant Fire Chief Chuck Licata states that the EMD/EPM is the protocol package that was purchased as a solid package for the EMT/ Fire and Police – we negotiated the price down some so we wanted to transfer it to cover some other costs. Roll Call Vote – All in Favor – Motion Carries.

7. Public Safety Center (911)

To:	01-336-0190	Public Safety O/T	\$125,000
From:	01-885-0689	Contingency	\$125,000

To cover new public safety command center overtime for year. – Refer to Town Council

Noreen Clough made a motion to Refer to the Town Council. Beth Purcell seconds. Discussion. Noreen asks if this will get them through the end of the year. Paul Rizza states hopefully yes. They do have some money in training that may come into play for O/T for further down the line. When a budget was put together last April everything was estimated based on the best guess before the contract was settled the original budget was \$15,000. Roll Call Vote – All in Favor – Motion Carries

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8. East Haven Police Department

To:	01-332-0190	Overtime Wages	\$100,000	
From:	01-332-0110	Regular Salaries		\$100,000

Funds needed to cover deficit in overtime account. – Refer to Town Council

Noreen Clough makes a motion to Refer to Town Council. Sal Maltese seconds. Discussion.
Roll Call Vote – All in Favor – Motion Carries

9. Public Service

To:	01-224-0192	Seasonal Overtime	\$19,000.00	
	01-224-0561	Vehicle Supplies & Parts	\$20,000.00	
	01-224-0580	Road Maint. & Materials	\$40,000.00	
	01-224-0658	Equip. Maint. Services	<u>\$15,000.00</u>	
			\$94,000.00	
From:	01-224-0110	Regular Salaries		\$94,000.00

To complete fiscal year, and to cover our expenses for snow. – Refer to Town Council.

Noreen Clough makes a motion to Refer to Town Council. Sal Maltese seconds. Discussion.
Roll Call Vote – All in Favor – Motion Carries

10. Public Service

To:	01-224-0563	Tires & Tubes	\$4,000.00	
From:	01-224-0644	Rental of Equipment		\$4,000.00

To complete fiscal year.

Noreen Clough makes a motion. Maria Tonelli seconds. Discussion.
Roll Call Vote – All in Favor – Motion Carries.

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11. Return Budget to the Mayor for the fiscal year 2015/2016 for the Town & Board of Education.

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

4 – NO, 1 – YES

Attorney Zullo states that the board has an obligation to return something back to the Mayor no later than March 23, 2015.

The Board of Finance sets a Special Meeting date of March 23, 2015 @ 7:30 for discussion, revisions, and vote for the 2015/2016 Town and BOE Budget.

12 . Adjournment

Noreen Clough makes a motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m., Maria Tonelli seconds. All in Favor – Motion Carries.

Temple Smith
BOF Clerk