

**Town of East Haven  
Board of Finance –Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 21, 2015**

The East Haven Board of Finance held a Special meeting on Wednesday January 21, 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.

Vice Chairman, Mr. Ralph Vitale called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**1. Roll Call**

Vice Chairman, Mr. Ralph Vitale, Ms. Beth Purcell, Mr. Salvatore Maltese, Ms. Noreen Clough, Mr. Richard DePalma and Ms. Maria Tonelli. Also in attendance was Town Attorney - Mr. Joseph Zullo, and Finance Director - Mr. Paul Rizza, Police Chief Brent Larrabee, Town Councilman Mr. Henry Butler III and Tax Collector Lisa Basilicato

**2. Read and Approve Minutes from Special Meeting held December 17, 2014**

Richard DePalma made a motion to approve. Noreen Clough seconds. All in Favor.  
Motion Carried.

**3. Old Business**

Beth Purcell asks Paul Rizza if the auditors are coming. Paul Rizza states yes they will be coming only for the Board of Finance in February for the next meeting. Beth asks about budget meeting dates. Paul states that they will be distributed in the next meeting for the dates in March. Richard DePalma asks if all the department heads are in. Paul states no but they are due in by February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**4. New Business**

None

**5. Public Comment**

None

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**6. Police**

<b>To:</b>	<b>01-332-0190 Overtime Wages</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	
<b>From:</b>	<b>01-332-0110 Unused Salaries</b>		<b>\$100,000</b>

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

Noreen Clough makes a motion. Richard DePalma seconds. Discussion.

Police Chief Brent Larrabee states the man power (handouts passed out) we are finally up to where we should be. We made promotions to Lieutenant and Sargent positions, that is where our primary focus is on O/T because we were short on the midnight and 4pm shift, those will fill in those holes. 3 people are still in the Academy, we did have 6 officers that were coming out of field training last month one did not, he is still in training because he is in Marine Reserves and he is catching up on time. Sick and vacation has been minimal because 50% of the Police Department has been turned over. We went from 53 officers to 26 new ones and now have a very young force as well as supervisors. A few of the highest salaries pay periods were because of the Fireworks, and the other is from the Fall Festival, and one from training. Our goal is to get under \$20,000 per pay period. We will still be \$100,000 short but we also have some unused salaries such as 2 Detective vacancies so we have about \$71,000 a piece in each of those salaries therefore we have \$140,000 in unused salaries. We hope to come in around \$700,000 in O.T which is way down then what we did last year. My goal for next year is to be around \$600,000 or less. There is no one currently out on Compensation as well as long term injury or sick. We have a young healthy group. We only had one opening and hired a lateral transfer last night so he does not have to attend the Academy for training. We are in pretty good shape. Again my goal is to cut down on the O/T.

Roll Call Vote. All in Favor. Motion Carries to Refer to the Town Council.

*Noreen Cloughs makes a motion to add 6a. to the agenda for the Tax Department. Richard DePalma seconds. All in Favor. Motion Carries.*

**6a. Tax Department**

<b>To:</b>	<b>01-106-0668 Attorney's Fees</b>	<b>\$3,231.64</b>	
<b>From:</b>	<b>01-885-0689 Contingency</b>		<b>\$3,231.64</b>

To pay out-of-pocket foreclosure fees.

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Attorney Zullo states that anytime you have a foreclosure you have to pay the committee that conducts the foreclosure. We did end up with this property and we will recover the fees by selling the property.

Roll Call Vote. All in Favor. Motion Carries.

**7.     Adjournment**

Richard DePalma made a motion to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Noreen Clough seconds. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Temple Smith  
Board of Finance Clerk