## Town of East Haven, CT Board of Finance – Minutes Regular Meeting – April 18, 2012

The East Haven Board of Finance held its Regular Meeting on Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at 7:30 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

Mr. Vitale called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm with the following members in attendance, Mr. Ralph Vitale, Mr. Salvatore Maltese, Ms. Marlene Asid, Ms. Beth Purcell, and Ms. Noreen Clough. Also present were Mr. Paul Rizza Director of Finance, Town Attorney Joseph Zullo, Town Council Member Mr. Robert Parente, Chief of Police Mr. Brent Larrabee, Town Clerk Stacey Piccirillo, and Tax Collector Lisa Basilcator.

Absent – Mr. Richard DePalma

#### 2. Read and Approve Minutes

Mr. Ralph Vitale motioned, Ms. Noreen Clough accepted, Seconded by Ms. Beth Purcell.

- 3. <u>Correspondence Received</u> NO
- 4. Correspondence Sent NO
- 5. Old Business YES

Ms. Noreen Clough asks where we stand with FEMA money. Mr. Paul Rizza said he received a check that for the amount of \$13,685.26. Mr. Ralph Vitale asked what percentage that was. Mr. Paul Rizza stated that this check was for 75% reimbursement of the wooden guard rails that were lost down at the beach during Hurricane Irene. Mr. Rizza stated that everything that needed to be submitted to FEMA has and now we are just waiting so it's a start to the beginning of moneys expected – we are expecting \$550,000 in total.

#### 6. New Business – YES

Ms. Noreen Clough stated that new business from Mr. Paul Rizza is received but we will motion to add it to the agenda at the end.

#### 7. Public Comment- YES

Town Council Member Mr. Robert Parente asks Mr. Paul Rizza, in the total amount of the \$550,000 we are expecting from FEMA, what is the total expenditure on that money. Mr. Paul Rizza stated in total the amount is \$780,000 but we only receive 75% of that money from FEMA, it was discussed at the State level to be reimbursed the other 25%, however it does not look like that is going to happen. Mr. Robert Parente stated that the 25% would then come from the General Fund? Mr. Paul Rizza stated, yes.

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#### 8. Town Clerk

To: 01-109-0610 Advertising \$1,000.00

From: 01-109-350 Professional Training \$1,000.00

Because of the Presidential Preference Primary and Town Conventions that need to be advertised, the advertising line item has been severely depleted.

Mr. Ralph Vitale made a motion to approve, Ms. Noreen Clough accepted. Ms. Beth Purcell seconded. Discussion – Town Clerk Ms. Stacey Piccirillo stated that she has some money left in her account for advertising. There will be two small ads in June left to place for the May convention so what is in the account should cover that. Roll Call Vote – All in Favor. None Opposed. Motion Carries.

#### 9. Tax Collector

Presentation of the Suspense List – Request to place bills on Suspense.

The Amount this year is \$183,736.57 as follows:

2009 Supplemental Motor Vehicle	\$ 30,306.24
2009 Motor Vehicle Grand List	\$151,854.75
2010 Motor Vehicle	\$ 1,575.58
	\$183,736.57

Mr. Ralph Vitale made a motion to approve, Ms. Noreen Clough accepted. Ms. Beth Purcell seconded. Discussion – Tax Collector Ms. Lisa Basilcator presents the Suspense List from the Tax Department and explains the process of the Suspense List to the Board of Finance Members. Upon discussion Chief of Police, Mr. Brent Larrabee asks Ms. Lisa Basilcator why the town does not purchase the program for the police cars that some are equipped with the camera already that would read the license plates of residents for registration compliance. Ms. Lisa Basilcator states that as the Tax Collector she felt it would be a great idea. Town Attorney Mr. Joseph Zullo suggested that a letter of request be written from Ms. Lisa Basilcator and Chief of Police, Mr. Brent Larrabee if they are both in favor of the idea and he would present it to the mayor. Ms. Lisa Basilcator had the Suspense list signed off by Finance Director Mr. Paul Rizza.

Motion was made by Ms. Noreen Clough for the Suspense List to be referred to The Town Council, Ms. Beth Purcell accepted, Seconded by Ms. Marlene Asid Roll Call Vote – All in Favor. None Opposed. Motion Carries.

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### 10. **Police Department**

To: 01-332-0350 Professional Development and

Training \$3250.00

From: 01-332-0160 Holidays \$3250.00

Needed to pay for review training course 3/1/2012 - 3/9/2012

Mr. Ralph Vitale made a motion to approve, Ms. Noreen Clough accepted. Ms. Marlene Asid Seconded. Discussion – Ms. Noreen Clough stated to Chief of Police, Mr. Brent Larrabee that the Board of Finance during their workshop reviews have already approved training money for next year and they do realize the importance of the need. Roll Call Vote – All in Favor. None Opposed. Motion Carries

# 11. <u>Director of Finance Presentation of Budget Revisions of Board of Tax Assessment Appeals</u>

Motion was made by Ms. Noreen Clough to add this item to the agenda and a motion to discuss. Ms. Beth Purcell accepted. Seconded by Ms. Marlene Asid. Discussion – Director of Finance, Mr. Paul Rizza presented to the Board of Finance in detail the revisions that had taken place on the Grand List through the Board of Tax Assessment Appeals. In addition, Mr. Paul Rizza explained that he is still in strict negotiations with utility providers to contract lower rates; he stated that this is still an ongoing process and he will keep everyone updated on the status of these negotiations.

#### 11. Adjournment

Mr. Ralph Vitale made a motion to call the meeting adjournment at 8:05pm. Ms. Noreen Clough approved. Ms. Beth Purcell seconded. All in Favor. None Opposed. Motion Carries.

Mrs. Temple Smith
East Haven Board of Finance/ Clerk