

TOWN of EAST HAVEN
Board of Finance
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 15th, 2009

1. Mayor Capone Almon called the Meeting to Order at 7:30 p.m. With the following members in attendance: Brendan Geelan, Dr. Schlegel, Noreen Clough, Richard DePalma, and Paul Karbowski. Also present were Ralph Mauro, Chief Gallo and Fire Chief. There was legal representation from Attorney Keef.

2. Approval of Minutes for March 18th, 2009

Mr. DePalma makes a motion to accept with corrections by Ms. Clough; seconded by Ms. Clough.

5 yes, 0 no, 1 absent

3. Correspondence Received- None

4. Correspondence Sent- None

5. Old Business

Mr. Karbowski wanted to know what was going on with the Town Audit and when would we be getting it back. Mr. Mauro said that the Town had to apply for another extension due to the problem with the BOE. The Audit should be ready by the end of the month. The Auditor's needs additional time to get the numbers where they need to be. Mr. Karbowski said will there be an additional cost. Mr. Mauro said yes but didn't know how much? Mayor said that once we get the audit we will discuss everything in more detail. Mr. Karbowski wanted to know if the Town would be checking into a Forensic Audit. Mayor said we have checked everything out and feel it's not anything that we would need to do at this time. Mr. Karbowski- Are we being charged hourly or open-ended for the audit. Mr. Mauro said that it shouldn't be much but it has to be done.

6. New Business

Mr. Karbowski would like to know about the financial status of the Town and about the unofficial rumors. The Mayor said that they do know some things but would like to wait for the Audit and then discuss everything at that point. Mr. Schlegel received a letter from Mr. Hungo, he said there were many mistakes in the numbers and dates that were provided and

there was no back-up data. The mayor said that it was a general letter about what we thought had happened and when we get the audit, we will be able to answer all of your questions and concerns. Dr. Schlegel said that the Board was elected to help. He also wanted to know about the Self-Assurance Fund or are we prepared to pay these cases. Mr. Mauro said that there is about \$500,000 in the fund but we may have to pay. Dr. Schlegel states that he is uncomfortable with what he gets and the general overview of the Audit. Mr. Karbowski said that the Town provides all the paperwork for the Audit. Mr. Geelan states that he doesn't want to get hung up on dates and we need to wait until the audit is done. Mr. Karbowski wants to know who is making all the transfer because the Town Charter states that only the Financial Director can make transfers. The Mayor said she would find out what needed to be done and how it would need to be done to get the transfers made.

7. Suspense List Fiscal Year 2008-2009

The total amount for this year is \$207,430.03 as follows:

2006 Personal Property Grand List	\$	429.82
2006 Motor Vehicle Grand List	\$	174,942.04
2006 Supplemental Motor Vehicle	\$	34,726.61
2007 Personal Property Grand List	\$	276.26
2007 Motor Vehicle Grand List	\$	55.30

Ms. Clough makes motion to discuss; seconded by Mr. DePalma. Ms. Clough states that lower numbers in 2006 compared to 2007. Mr. Karbowski said will these taxes still be collectable. Mr. Mauro said yes. Recommendation to the Town Council.

5 yes, 0 no, 1 absent

10. Transfer Police Department

To: 01-332-0660 Building Maintenance	2,788.00
From: 01-332-0592 Traffic Signs	2,400.00
From: 01-332-0615 Printing & Binding	388.00

Funds needed to pay for Janitorial Services.

Ms. Clough makes motion to make transfer; seconded by Mr. DePalma Ms. Clough wants to know if this will take you to the end of the year. Chief Gallo said yes.

5 yes, 0 no, 1 absent

11. **Transfer Police Department**

To: 01-332-0190 Overtime Wages 25,000.00
From: 01-332-0110 Wages 25,000.00

Funds needed to pay for Overtime Wages

Ms. Clough makes motion; seconded Mr. DePalma.

Mr. DePalma wants to know how many officers are out. Chief Gallo said 5 out with injuries , 2 out on personal and 1 officer was just rammed in his vehicle. Mr. DePalma wants to know why we are paying out of regular salary fund when it should be coming out of Comp. Mr. Mauro said because the budget wasn't being watched and now it is. Chief Gallo said that he will still need more money because he will be short in shift differential and gas. There will be a surplus of \$30,000 because of a military leave. I will still need 130 to 150 to make overtime. Dr. Schlegel said that \$60,000 we will be short –how contingency Workman's Comp. The Chief has no control of his men being out. Over the years he has had a clean budget and I commend him on staying in his budget. Mayor said that there were many transfers and we are discussing what is on the agenda and nothing else.

3 yes, 2 no, 1 absent

12. **Transfer Recreation**

To: 01-661-0118 Seasonal wages 19,000.00
From: 01-662-0210 Electricity 19,000.00

To cover Summer Day Camp Employee payrolls.

This is to cover some beach things also and there are many more campers this year. The Electricity account has 21,000.00 and we need 19,000.00.

Ms. Clough makes a motion for transfer; seconded by Mr. DePalma.

5 yes, 0 no, 1 absent

13. **Transfer Fire**

To: 01-334-0190 Overtime Wages 70,000.00
From: 01-334-0110 Regular Salaries 70,000.00

The funds are needed to finish overtime as per minimum manpower requirements. Chief Jackson said that he can do this because he doesn't have an assistant chief or training.

Ms. Clough makes a motion to recommend to Town Council; seconded by Mr. DePalma.

5 yes, 0 no, 1 absent

14. Transfer Public Service

To: 01-224-0530 Gasoline & Diesel Fuel 15,000.00

From: 01-224-0110 Regular Salaries
5000.00

From: 01-226-0676 Waste Collection & Disposal
10000.00

Mr. Mauro said that gas was so high in the beginning of the year.

Mr. Diploma makes motion for transfer; seconded by Ms. Clough.

5 yes, 0 no, 1 absent

Adjourned At 8:05 p.m.

Executive Session 8:10p.m.

Adjourned Executive Session 8:40p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Teena Fucci
Clerk