

**Town of East Haven
Board of Finance
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 18th, 2009**

Mayor April 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 and Chief Gallo.

2. Approval of Minutes for January 21st, 2009

Dr. Schlegel motions to accept; seconded by Mr. DePalma.

5 yes, 0 no, 1 absent

3. Correspondence Received- None

4. Correspondence Sent- None

5. Old Business

It was brought to everyone's attention that the Board of Education was listed twice on the Budget Workshop Schedule. The Mayor will have the dates fixed. Mr. Karbowski wants to know what will be done about the minutes of April 30th, Mr. DePalma suggested that everyone bring any notes they have to the next meeting and get the minutes done that way. Mr. Karbowski wants to know about the Town Audit. Mr. Mauro said that we have put in for an extension till the end of the month. The reasons for this are the Board of Education wasn't ready for the audit. Mr. Karbowski said that Paul Rizza being Finance Director for both the Town and BOE was too much. Mayor Almon said that they were working on a solution on this matter. Mr. Karbowski said that this was supposed to be a temporary situation and that it has been 8-10 years that he has been doing both. Mr. Karbowski wants to know how things are working out with Consultant hired for the Town and BOE. Mayor Almon said everything is going well; we are working on the recycling program and some new ideas.

6. New Business

7. An Ordinance Amending An Ordinance Making Appropriations Aggregating \$ 9,525,000 For Various School Improvements And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$9,525,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose.

Ms. Clough makes a motion; seconded by Mr. Geelan

Mr. Mauro said that they ran into a problem with one of the roofs being over twenty years old. Once we get the bids done then we will have a better number. We will then revise the Ordinance all at once.

Mr. DePalma wanted to know if the Grants were holding true. Mayor Almon said yes, we were at the right place and the right time. Mr. Mauro said that we made it in time. We did get the approval for the roofs and they would be getting done this summer.

5 yes, 0 no, 1 absent

8. Transfer to Police Department

To: 01-332-0190 Overtime Wages 60,000.00

From: 01-332-0110 Wages 60,000.00

Dr. Schlegel states that we are short \$35,000. Chief Gallo said that there is a shortage in the budget. The Finance Director is going to review everything. We also will be receiving \$20,000 from BOE by the end of June. We also have two retirees and that will save us some money. We will need another transfer at the end. The gas hasn't been too bad; we have about \$25,000 left for gas. We have an obligation of being on 7days/ 24 hours a day, we have to stay within contracts and the union.

Mr. DePalma Motion to amend transfer, 30,000 will come from wages and 30,000 will come from contingency to make the 60,000; seconded by Ms. Clough. 5 yes, 0 no, 1 absent

Mr. DePalma Motions that this item be recommended to the Town Council; seconded by Ms. Clough.

5 yes, 0 no, 1 absent

9. Transfer Fire Department

To: 01-334-0190 Overtime Wages 34,471.00

From: 01-334-0115 Part Time Wages 12,633.00

From: 01-334-0140 Longevity 250.00

From: 01-334-0160 Holiday Pay 20,213.00

From: 01-334-0575 Clothing & Uniforms 1,375.00

Funds needed to pay for overtime.

Ms. Clough motions to recommend item to the Town Council; seconded by Mr. DePalma.

5 yes, 0 no, 1 absent

10. Additional Transfer for BOF Meeting (Public Works)

To: 01-224-0530 Gas and Diesel 15,000.00

From: 01-226-0115 Part Time Wages 5,000.00

From: 01-226-0676 Waste Disposal 10,000.00

Ms. Clough motions to add to agenda and make transfer for Public Works; seconded by Mr. Depalma.

5 yes, 0 no, 1 absent

Mr. Mauro states the reason for transfer is because of gas prices and we have had more storms then in the previous years.

Mr. Karbowski motioned to adjourn; seconded by Mr. DePalma.

5 yes, 0 no, 1 absent

Adjourned At 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Teena Fucci
Clerk