

East Haven Town Council

Minutes of the Public Hearing Meeting

The East Haven Town Council held a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 7, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Haven Community Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut in order to transact the following:

Chairman Thompson called the Public Hearing to order at 7:05 p.m. He announced there would be one (1) hearing.

Roll Call – twelve (12) present: Vincent Camera, Ken McKay, Fred Parlato, Vincent Arpino, Gary DePalma, Paul Cofrancesco, Paul Thompson, Joseph Badamo, Pasquale Garguilo, Michael Riolino, Richard Anania and Diana Badamo. Three (3) Absent: Ronald Toothe, Janice Donahue and Carol Massaro.

Chairman Thompson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Thompson proceeded with a moment of silence for the Country's economic crisis.

Item #1 read by Vice-Chairman Gary DePalma.

"To Consider and Act Upon an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Authorizing the following transfer at the recommendation of the Board of Finance, to Account #01-334-0110, "Fire Salaries" \$38,000.00 from Account #01-885-0255, "Streets and Light." \$38,000.00.

The floor was opened to comments and questions from the community.

Paul Rizza, Director of Finance spoke and indicated "this is the last transfer from June 30, 2008 this transfer is to pay for accrued salaries after June 30, 2008." Chairman Michael Riolino asked if this transfer puts the "Streets and Light" account at a "zero balance." Mr. Rizza indicated that it would not.

Chairman Thompson motioned to adjourn the Public Hearing.

No Public comment.

Councilman Riolino seconded the Motion to adjourn the Public Hearing.

Roll Call – All in favor – None opposed.

Three (3) Absent: Ronald Toothe, Janice Donahue and Carol Massaro.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

June A. Dunphy, Council Clerk

East Haven Town Council

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

The East Haven Town Council held it's Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, October 7, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the East Haven Community Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut in order to transact the following:

Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call - Twelve (12) present: Vincent Camera, Ken McKay, Fred Parlato, Vincent Arpino, Gary DePalma, Paul Cofrancesco, Paul Thompson, Joseph Badamo, Pasquale Garguilo, Michael Riolino, Richard Anania and Diana Badamo. Three (3) Absent: Ronald Toothe, Janice Donahue and Carol Massaro.

Staff Present – Town Attorney Patricia A. Cofrancesco, Paul Hongo, Jr., Director of Administration and Management, Ralph Mauro, Assistant Director of Administration and Management, and Paul Rizza, Finance Director.

Item #2

Chairman Thompson moved to accept the minutes of the September 2, 2008 meeting.

Councilman McKay indicated that the information given to the Board at last months meeting regarding the Urban Act was inaccurate. He indicated that the Town of East Haven has received over \$4 Million Dollars in the past 10 years; with the Fire Department receiving \$2 Million Dollars of said monies. Paul Hongo tried to clear up some of Councilman McKay's questions, to no avail, Councilman McKay indicated that "we cannot keep receiving inaccurate information".

No Public comment.

Councilman DePalma seconded the Motion to accept the said Minutes.

Roll Call – All in favor – None opposed.

Three (3) Absent: Ronald Toothe, Janice Donahue and Carol Massaro.

Item #3

Paul Hongo, Jr., Director of Administration and Management, read correspondence from Mayor April Capone Almon, apologizing for not being in attendance due to a scheduling conflict and giving a brief overview of Town activities during the past month.

- Road paving and drainage on upper and lower Thompson Avenue have been moving forward and are almost complete.
- Public Work's staff have nearly completed the roofing on the Town Hall.

- Youth Soccer and Youth Football Volunteers have refurbished the bleachers at Joseph Melillo Middle School and did an excellent job!
- The ice rink and the Police Department have new dehumidifiers provided for by a Grant from the United Illuminating Company.
- The last Sunday in October is the last gathering, for this season, for the East Haven Farmer's Market. The Farmer's Market has been a success and the Town is looking to expand and perhaps relocate it in the New Year.
- Fall Cleanup is approaching the Town is asking residents to join as volunteers.
- With Summer movies a success, the Town is having a Halloween Magic and Movie Nite October 25, 2008, starting with Magician, Bob Meyer at 5:15; children's movie entitled "Hocus Pocus" starting at 6:15 and for the adults at 8:30 p.m. the movie classic "Halloween."

Item #4

Paul Hongo, Jr., Director of Administration and Management indicated that there was nothing new to report.

Item #5

No new correspondence to read into the record.

Item #6

Vice Chairman DePalma made the following motion, "To Consider and Act Upon the Following Tax Refunds per the Recommendation of the Tax Collector.":

Jane Schwarz, Senior Workflow Coordinator [2007-01-7738]
 CTSC-Receiveables PL, Countrywide Tax Services
 PTX-B 24, 7105 Corporate Drive, Plano Texas 75024

2007E/S 11538 Square Footage Corrected	\$ 744.22
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D. William Owens III [2006-01-7556] and [2007-01-7591]
 6 Wood Road, Branford Connecticut 06405

2006 E/S 11762 Square Footage Corrected	\$ 1,919.40
2007 E/S 11763 Square Footage Corrected	<u>959.70</u>
Tax Appeal Adjustments Total	\$2,879.10

D. William Owens III [2006-01-7554]
 6 Wood Road, Branford, Connecticut 06405

2006 E/S 10200 Tax Appeal Adjustment	\$1,548.32
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No Public comment.

Councilman Riolino seconded the Motion.
Roll Call – All in favor – None opposed.
Three (3) Absent: Ronald Toothe, Janice Donahue and Carol Massaro.
Motion carried.

Item #7

Vice-Chairman DePalma made the following motion, “To Consider and Act Upon “An Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance authorizing the following transfer:

<u>TO:</u>	Account #01-334-0110, “Fire Salaries”	\$38,000.00
<u>FROM:</u>	Account #01-885-0255, “Streets and Lights.”	\$38,000.00

No Public Comment.
Councilwoman Badamo seconded the Motion.
Roll Call – All in favor – None opposed.
Three (3) Absent: Ronald Toothe, Janice Donahue and Carol Massaro.
Motion carried.

Add-on: Paul Thompson noted that the next Town Council meeting date falls on November 4, 2008, Election Day. A Motion was made to move the November 4th date to November 10, 2008.

No Public Comment.
Roll Call – All in favor – None opposed.
Councilman McKay seconded the Motion
Three (3) Absent: Ronald Toothe, Janice Donahue and Carol Massaro.
Motion carried.

Item #8

Vice-Chairman DePalma made the following Motion, “To Consider and Act Upon “An Ordinance entitled “Ordinance Authorizing the Town to Transfer Town-Owned Land to the List of Available Land for Purchase.”

No Public Comment.
Councilwoman Badamo seconded the Motion.
Roll Call – All in favor – None opposed.
Three (3) Absent: Ronald Toothe, Janice Donahue and Carol Massaro.
Motion carried.

Item #9

Vice-Chairman DePalma made the following Motion, “An Ordinance Authorizing the Conveyance of Certain Properties Acquired from Michael Reznik, in Lieu of Payment of the Taxes Thereon to the Town of East Haven.”

No Public Comment. Councilman McKay seconded the Motion.

Roll Call – All in favor – None opposed.

Three (3) Absent: Ronald Toothe, Janice Donahue and Carol Massaro.

Motion carried.

Item #10

Vice-Chairman DePalma made the following Motion, “To schedule a Public Hearing for November 10, 2008, to take place at the East Haven Community Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut, to take place immediately following the previously scheduled hearing to consider and act upon an Ordinance entitled, “Ordinances to Address Blight in the Town of East Haven.”

Councilman Riolino asked Town Attorney Cofrancesco to discuss what this Ordinance would entail. Town Attorney Cofrancesco indicated that it is to address all Town blight issues but mostly the West-end issues. The Attorney is soliciting recommendations, and may be keeping what the Town has and adding new amendments. Councilman Parlato indicated that it would premature to act on this at the next meeting without going over the recommendations. Town Attorney Cofrancesco indicated that she will have packets to the Town Council before the next meeting date so that they would have the materials to review. Councilman Riolino indicated that the Town should make the public aware of it and get them involved. Town Attorney Cofrancesco indicated that that was a wonderful idea to get the public’s help and input and that she was sure that the Mayor’s Office would be glad to help publicize this issue with television and newspapers, etc. Chairman Parlato made a Motion to table this item. Councilman Thompson indicated that if the information received at the next meeting does not answer everyone’s questions that it could be tabled at next month’s meeting.

No Public Comment.

Councilman McKay seconded.

Roll Call – All in favor – None opposed.

Three (3) Absent: Ronald Toothe, Janice Donahue and Carol Massaro.

Motion carried.

Item #11

Vice Chairman DePalma made the following Motion, “A Resolution to Grant a Bid Waiver for Solid Waste Disposal for Wheelabrator Bridgeport, L.P. For the Purpose of Entering into a Five (5) Year Contract for \$63.00/Ton or Ten (10) Year Contract for \$65.00/ton.”

Paul Hongo, Jr., Director of Administration and Management and Ralph Mauro, Assistant Director of Administration and Management indicate that in conversations with Wheelabrator the first year fee is \$62.50 a ton with the CTI at 3% over ten years. Mr. Hongo explained that it would appear as follows:

\$62.50 from 01/01/2009 through 12/31/2009 (starting rate);
\$64.89 from 01/01/2010 through 12/31/2010 (with 3% increase);
\$66.84 from 01/01/2011 through 12/31/2011 (with 3% increase);
\$68.84 from 01/01/2012 through 12/31/2012 (with 3% increase);
\$70.91 from 01/01/2013 through 12/31/2013 (with 3% increase); etc.

Dr. Charles Schlegal indicated that it would be “unconscionable to accept this proposal.” At the end of ten years it would be \$89.00. “More research is needed”, per Dr. Schlegal.

Paul Hongo indicated that he was understanding the point that Dr. Schlegal was trying to get across. Paul Hongo indicated that he would get more information to present to the Board next month.

Chairman McKay a motion to table this item. Councilwoman Badamo seconded.

No Public Comment.

Roll Call – All in favor – None opposed.

Three (3) Absent: Ronald Toothe, Janice Donahue and Carol Massaro.

Motion carried.

Item #12

Vice Chairman DePalma made the following motion, “A Resolution Authorizing Mayor April Capone Almon to act on behalf of the Town of East Haven in entering into an Agreement with the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security for the Revised FY-2006 Subgrant Award #006A044A in the amount of \$21,414.00.”

East Haven Fire Chief Douglas Jackson indicated that the Resolution read wrong and that this Resolution should be about the Nerve Agent Antidote Kit (Mark 1 Kit) Training and Implementation Program.

There will be two anti-dote needles in each vehicle, for FireFighter’s use only and not for public use.

No Public Comment.

Councilman Badamo seconded.

Roll Call – All in favor – None opposed.

Three (3) Absent: Ronald Toothe, Janice Donahue and Carol Massaro.

Motion carried.

Item #13

Vice Chairman DePalma made the following Motion, "A Resolution Authorizing Mayor April Capone Almon to Act on Behalf of the Town of East Haven in Entering into an Agreement with "OfficialPayments.com."

Paul Hongo indicated that this request was basically being brought forth by the public, Town Attorney Cofrancesco backed him up on that indicating that it is being suggested "by popular demand." Councilman Parlato indicated that more information was needed on this matter i.e., how much the Town will pay for this service, how much would the Town be losing in revenue for this and how much the taxpayer will be responsible for. Councilman Thompson and Paul Hongo indicated that they believed that this fee was paid by the taxpayer and that the Town did not incur any fees. Councilman McKay indicated that the paperwork indicates that the "convenience fee" is explained in Exhibit A, but Exhibit A is blank.

Dr. Charles Schlegal indicated that more information is needed to make sure that there are no hidden costs and fees.

It was agreed that they will obtain more information for the next meeting.

Vice-Chairman DePalma, moved to table this matter.

Councilman McKay seconded.

Roll Call – Ten (10) in favor.

Two (2) opposed: Paul Thompson and Michael Riolino.

Three (3) Absent: Ronald Toothe, Janice Donahue and Carol Massaro.

Motion tabled.

Item #14

Vice-Chairman DePalma made the following Motion, "Resolution to Sell Town-Owned Equipment known as the "Tub Grinder" through Petrowsky Auctioneers, Inc., of North Franklin, Connecticut."

Councilman Riolino questioned Ralph Mauro how much he thought the Town could get for the Tub Grinder. Ralph Mauro indicated that in conversations with Petrowsky Auctioneers, Inc. the last Tub Grinder they sold was for about \$30,000.00. Ralph Mauro indicated that East Haven's Tub Grinder has very low hours on it, but that it is a high maintenance machine.

Councilman Parlato indicated that the Tub Grinder was last used about four years ago. He suggested that we find a local dealer and let them know our is up for auction and they would probably know somebody looking for a Tub Grinder.

Ralph Mauro explained the process used by Petrowsky Auction and that they have a huge national exposure through the internet, etc.

No Public Comment.
Councilman Riolino seconded.
Roll Call – All in favor – None opposed.
Three (3) Absent: Ronald Toothe, Janice Donahue and Carol Massaro.
Motion carried.

Item #15

Vice-Chairman DePalma made the following Motion, “A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Any and All documents associated with a \$5,000.00 Senior Citizen Grant.”;

Paul Hongo, Jr., Director of Administration and Management made the presentation. He indicated that this is a one-time grant. It will be used to purchase a 50” Flat Screen TV, Nintendo Games and a Wii System.

No Public Comment.
Councilwoman Badamo seconded.
Roll Call – All in favor – None opposed.
Three (3) Absent: Ronald Toothe, Janice Donahue and Carol Massaro.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

June A. Dunphy, Council Clerk