

East Haven Town Council **Minutes of the Special Meeting**

The East Haven Town Council held a Special Meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the East Haven High School Auditorium, 35 Wheelbarrow Lane, East Haven, Connecticut in order to transact the following:

Chairman Thompson called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Roll Call –

Thirteen (13) present: Vincent Camera, Ken McKay, Fred Parlato, Vincent Arpino, Gary DePalma, Paul Cofrancesco, Janice Donahue, Paul Thompson, Joseph Badamo, Pasquale Garguilo, Michael Riolino, Richard Anania and Diana Badamo.

Two (2) absent: Ronald Tooth and Carol Massaro.

Staff Present – Mayor April Capone Almon, Town Attorney Patricia A. Cofrancesco, Paul Hongo, Jr., Director of Administration and Management and Ralph Mauro, Assistant Director of Administration and Management.

Item #1

Chairman Thompson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Thompson proceeded with a moment of silence for our new President.

Item #2

Chairman Thompson moved to accept the minutes of the December 2, 2008 and January 6, 2009, 2009 meeting.

Councilman Anania asked that the Minutes be amended to include his concern about the David Dorsa matter. He indicated that he would like the minutes to be amended with regards to who asked for the investigation, who the investigator was, reports investigator has/had and cost.

Approval of the January 6, 2009 minutes were passed.

No Further Council Comment.

Councilman Joseph Badamo made a motion to approve; Councilman Riolino seconded.

Roll Call – All in favor – None opposed. Motion carried.

Fourteen (14) present: Vincent Camera, Ken McKay, Fred Parlato, Vincent Arpino, Gary DePalma, Ronald Tooth, Paul Cofrancesco, Janice Donahue, Paul Thompson, Joseph Badamo, Pasquale Garguilo, Michael Riolino, Richard Anania and Diana Badamo.

One (1) absent: Carol Massaro.

Item #3

Mayor April Capone Almon spoke to update the Town Council and the public.

Mayor April Capone Almon announced that after seven (7) years the Fire Department Headquarters will be receiving a new bathroom and shower facility.

Mayor April Capone Almon announced that Chairman Ken McKay is going to be on the Economic Development Committee.

Mayor April Capone Almon also announced that the Town of East Haven through the efforts of the East Haven Fire Department and Chief Jackson have been recipients of a \$1.9 million Flood Mitigation Grant, Non Emergency through the Federal Emergency Management Agency to mitigate or remove entirely the likelihood of future flood insurance claims from some coastal and river properties.

Item #4

Paul Hongo, Jr., Director of Administration and Management addressed the Council to discuss correspondence (dated December 26, 2008) he had sent out to all council members with regards to job upgrades and wage increases.

Item #5

John Loffredo was not in attendance as he had a scheduling conflict with the Board of Education meeting this evening.

Item #6

Correspondence received from David Dorsa indicating that “effective immediately I resign from the Planning and Zoning Commission.” Council members indicated that in actuality David Dorsa is on the Zoning Board of Appeals and that is the Committee he would be resigning from.

Item #7

Councilman DePalma made the following Motion “To Consider and Act upon a Resolution entitled “A Resolution Authorizing the Transfer to Account #01-113-0694, “Other Cont SVS”, \$4,250.00 and Account #01-113-0668, “Legal and Lawyers,” \$43,750.00 totaling \$48,000.00; from its “Contingency Account #01-885-0689, \$48,000.00.”

No Public Comment.

Councilman Anania asked who had hired Attorney Steven Ecker.

Attorney Ouellette indicated that he had been hired by the Board of Police Commissioners.

Councilman Anania asked if Attorney Ecker was part of the firm of Cowdery, Ecker & Murphy, L.L.C.

Attorney Ouellette responded that he believes he is.

No Further Council Comment.

Councilman Joseph Badamo made a motion to approve; Councilman Riolino seconded.

Roll Call – All in favor – None opposed. Motion carried.

Fourteen (14) present: Vincent Camera, Ken McKay, Fred Parlato, Vincent Arpino, Gary DePalma, Ronald Tooth, Paul Cofrancesco, Janice Donahue, Paul Thompson, Joseph Badamo, Pasquale Garguilo, Michael Riolino, Richard Anania and Diana Badamo.

One (1) absent: Carol Massaro.

Item #8

Councilman DePalma made the following Motion “To Consider and Act upon the following Tax Refund per the recommendation of the Tax Collector:

1. Margaret L. Macosky
172 Beach Avenue
East Haven, Connecticut 06512

2006-01-6118 E/S 12146 per BAA Court Stipulation
\$1,149.58
2007-01-6141 E/S 12147 per BAA Court Stipulation
\$1,149.58
TOTAL: \$2,299.16”

No Public Comment.
No Council Comment.

Councilwoman Badamo seconded.

Roll Call – All in favor – None opposed. Motion carried.

Fourteen (14) present: Vincent Camera, Ken McKay, Fred Parlato, Vincent Arpino, Gary DePalma, Ronald Tooth, Paul Cofrancesco, Janice Donahue, Paul Thompson, Joseph Badamo, Pasquale Garguilo, Michael Riolino, Richard Anania and Diana Badamo.

One (1) absent: Carol Massaro.

Item #9

Councilman DePalma made the following Motion “To Consider and Act upon setting a Public Hearing date for Tuesday, March 3, 2009 to take place at the East Haven Community Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut at 7 p.m. to act upon an Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance Authorizing the Transfer to Account #80-3-008-26, “Athletic Complex Improvements” \$200,000.00 from Account #80-3-008-12, “Foxon Fire House” \$200,000.00.”

No Public Comment.
No Council Comment.

Councilman Badamo seconded.

Roll Call – All in favor – None opposed. Motion carried.

Fourteen (14) present: Vincent Camera, Ken McKay, Fred Parlato, Vincent Arpino, Gary DePalma, Ronald Tooth, Paul Cofrancesco, Janice Donahue, Paul Thompson, Joseph Badamo, Pasquale Garguilo, Michael Riolino, Richard Anania and Diana Badamo.

One (1) absent: Carol Massaro.

Item #10

Councilman DePalma made the following Motion “To Consider and Act upon a upon a Resolution entitled “A Resolution Authorizing the Transfer to Account #01-332-0190, “Overtime Wages”: \$47,400.00 from Accounts:

#01-332-0115	Part-Time Wages	\$11,000.00
#01-332-0130	Temporary Wages	\$11,000.00
#01-332-0160	Holiday Pay	\$11,000.00
#01-332-0175	Educational Incentive	\$ 1,500.00
#01-332-0440	Motor Vehicles	\$ 2,000.00
#01-332-0540	Photo and Recording	\$ 2,000.00
#01-332-0570	Building and Grounds	\$ 500.00
#01-332-0578	Medical Supplies	\$ 300.00
#01-332-0594	Protective Equipment	\$ 400.00
#01-332-0646	Registration and Dues	\$ 500.00

#01-332-0658	Equipment Maintenance	\$ 3,000.00
#01-332-0696	Laundry	\$ 300.00
#01-332-0827	SCJAC Match	\$ 3,000.00
#01-332-0131	Perfect Attendance	\$ 900.00
		<u>\$47,400.00</u>

No Public Comment.
No Council Comment.

Councilwoman Badamo seconded.

Roll Call – All in favor – None opposed. Motion carried.

Fourteen (14) present: Vincent Camera, Ken McKay, Fred Parlato, Vincent Arpino, Gary DePalma, Ronald Tooth, Paul Cofrancesco, Janice Donahue, Paul Thompson, Joseph Badamo, Pasquale Garguilo, Michael Riolino, Richard Anania and Diana Badamo.

One (1) absent: Carol Massaro.

Item #11

Councilman DePalma made the following Motion “To Consider and Act upon a Resolution entitled “A Resolution Authorizing the Transfer to Account #78-3-116-34, “Building Improvements”, \$25,000.00; from its “Intercom/Security #78-3-116-14, \$25,000.00.”

No Public Comment.

Councilman Badamo asked what the money is for. Ralph Mauro, Assistant Director of Administration and Management indicated that it will be for installation of cameras throughout the building. Councilman Badamo asked how many cameras are currently in the facility. Ralph Mauro, Assistant Director of Administration and Management indicated that there is one outside and four cameras inside in the jail cells. Councilman Badamo inquired if a camera will be placed in the processing area. Police Chief Leonard Gallo concurred that there will be.

Councilman McKay asked if this should be put out to bid. Ralph Mauro, Assistant Director of Administration and Management indicated that the money being used is from another project with remaining funds previously put out to bid.

No Further Council Comment.

Councilman McKay seconded.

Roll Call – All in favor – None opposed. Motion carried.

Fourteen (14) present: Vincent Camera, Ken McKay, Fred Parlato, Vincent Arpino, Gary DePalma, Ronald Tooth, Paul Cofrancesco, Janice Donahue, Paul Thompson, Joseph Badamo, Pasquale Garguilo, Michael Riolino, Richard Anania and Diana Badamo.

One (1) absent: Carol Massaro.

Item #12

Councilman DePalma made the following Motion “To Consider a Resolution Authorizing Mayor April Capone Almon to Execute a Contract with the Connecticut State Library for Historic Document Preservation so as to Permit Application for a Grant from the State in Support of Such Efforts.”

No Public Comment.

Town Clerk, Elizabeth Leary spoke to the Board on behalf of this Resolution explaining that the monies from this Grant are being used to preserve the town maps. They are being removed from the cardboard that they are currently on and being encapsulated in draws.

No Council Comment.

Councilman Camera seconded.

Roll Call – All in favor – None opposed. Motion carried.

Fourteen (14) present: Vincent Camera, Ken McKay, Fred Parlato, Vincent Arpino, Gary DePalma, Ronald Tooth, Paul Cofrancesco, Janice Donahue,

Paul Thompson, Joseph Badamo, Pasquale Garguilo, Michael Riolino, Richard Anania and Diana Badamo.

One (1) absent: Carol Massaro.

Add-on: Paul Thompson noted Items #13 through #29 are for appointment of individuals to Committees and instead of individual roll calls for each Resolution, that the Board as a Group would vote.

No Public Comment.
No Council Comment.

Councilwoman Badamo seconded the Motion

Roll Call – All in favor – None opposed. Motion Carried.

Fourteen (14) present: Vincent Camera, Ken McKay, Fred Parlato, Vincent Arpino, Gary DePalma, Ronald Tooth, Paul Cofrancesco, Janice Donahue, Paul Thompson, Joseph Badamo, Pasquale Garguilo, Michael Riolino, Richard Anania and Diana Badamo.

One (1) absent: Carol Massaro.

Item #13 through 29

13. To Consider and Act upon the Appointment of Michelle Duprey as a Member of the American Disabilities Act Commission for a term to expire on February 1, 2012.

14. To Consider and Act upon the Appointment of Janet Cianelli as a Member of the Board of Assessment Appeals for a term to expire on February 1, 2012.

15. To Consider and Act upon the Re-Appointment of Brian Wnek as a Member of the East Shore Board of Health for a term to expire on February 1, 2012.

16. To Consider and Act upon the Appointment of Norm DeMartino as a Member of the Board of Ethics for a term to expire on February 1, 2012.

17. To Consider and Act upon the Re-Appointment of Janet Cianelli as a Member of the Housing Authority for a term to expire on February 1, 2012.
18. To Consider and Act upon the Appointment of Robert D. Hoff as a Member of the Housing Authority for a term to expire on February 1, 2012.
19. To Consider and Act upon the Re-Appointment of Judy Ruggiero as a Member of the Old Cemetery Board for a term to expire on February 1, 2012.
20. To Consider and Act upon the Re-Appointment of Ellen D'Agostino as a Member of the Old Cemetery Board for a term to expire on February 1, 2012.
21. To Consider and Act upon the Re-Appointment of Margaret Thomas as a Member of the Old Cemetery Board for a term to expire on February 1, 2012.
22. To Consider and Act upon the Appointment of Patricia DePalma as a Member of the School Building Committee for a term to expire on February 1, 2012.
23. To Consider and Act upon the Re-Appointment of Joseph D'Albero as a Member of the School Building Committee for a term to expire on February 1, 2012.
24. To Consider and Act upon the Re-Appointment of Stanley Seliga, Jr. as a Member of the School Building Committee for a term to expire on February 1, 2012.
25. To Consider and Act upon the Re-Appointment of Walter Lynn W. Jr., as a Member of the Urban Renewal Agency for a term to expire on February 1, 2012.
26. To Consider and Act upon the Re-Appointment of Anthony Moscato as a Member of the Urban Renewal Agency for a term to expire on February 1, 2012.

27. To Consider and Act upon the Appointment of Ron DeSena as a Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire on February 1, 2012.

28. To Consider and Act upon the Appointment of Larry Lamothe as a Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire on February 1, 2012.

29. To Consider and Act upon the Appointment of Donald W. Thomas as a Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire on February 1, 2012.

No Public Comment.
No Council Comment.

Councilwoman Donahue seconded the Motion

Roll Call – All in favor – None opposed. Motion Carried.

Fourteen (14) present: Vincent Camera, Ken McKay, Fred Parlato, Vincent Arpino, Gary DePalma, Ronald Tooth, Paul Cofrancesco, Janice Donahue, Paul Thompson, Joseph Badamo, Pasquale Garguilo, Michael Riolino, Richard Anania and Diana Badamo.

One (1) absent: Carol Massaro.

Item # 29

Town Council Secretary June Dunphy indicated that the date for the Public Hearing that Councilman DePalma read should actually be Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 7 p.m.

Councilman McKay made a motion to amend the date of the Public Hearing to Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 7 p.m.

No Public Comment. No Council Comment.

Councilman Riolino seconded the Motion

Roll Call – All in favor – None opposed. Motion Carried.

Fourteen (14) present: Vincent Camera, Ken McKay, Fred Parlato, Vincent Arpino, Gary DePalma, Ronald Tooth, Paul Cofrancesco, Janice Donahue, Paul Thompson, Joseph Badamo, Pasquale Garguilo, Michael Riolino, Richard Anania and Diana Badamo.

One (1) absent: Carol Massaro.

No other business to come before the Town Council. The Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

June A. Dunphy, Council Clerk