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East Haven Town Council

Minutes

The East Haven Town Council held its Regularly Scheduled Meeting Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. at the East Haven Community Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, CT in order to transact the following:

Chairman Deko called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

Roll call-10 Present 5 Absent (Capotorto, Glassman, Vollono, Pacelli, and Santino)

Item #1

Councilwoman Cesare moved to approve the minutes provided to the council.

Councilman Bimonte second the motion.

Voice vote-9 In favor. None opposed. One abstention (Thompson).

Motion carried.

Approved

Item #2

Correspondence

None

Item #3

Subcommittee Reports:

a. Education, Library and School Building

Councilwoman Parlato reported that the BOE is in its final weeks of school and a half day has to be add. The middle school graduation is June 13th.

The Library has instituted some nice programs for the summer.

b. Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

Councilwoman Parlato had nothing further to report, she is awaiting the minutes.

c. Finance

d. Public Services, Parks, and Recreation

e. Urban Renewal/Housing

f. Blight

Item #4

Councilwoman Lesco read the following, to consider and act upon the approval of the Suspense List for Fiscal 2022-2023. The Suspense List was approved by the Board of Finance at the May 17, 2023, meeting and referred to the council for final approval.

The proposed list of Uncollectable/Uncollected taxes for transfer to the Suspense Tax Book for your review and approval.

The total amount being requested to be placed into the Suspense Tax Book is **\$97,626.88.**

Below is a breakdown of the accounts being requested to be placed on the Suspense Tax Book:

- Personal Property CLOSED/UNABLE TO LOCATE **Grand total: \$55,867.65**
 - 2016-02 \$5,248.87
 - 2017-02 \$9,016.52
 - 2018-02 \$30,562.76
 - 2019-02 \$2,534.16
 - 2020-02 \$5,360.17
 - 2021-02 \$3,145.32

- Motor Vehicle DECEASED **Grand total: \$20,849.49**
 - 2018-03 \$226.94
 - 2019-03 \$2,759.78
 - 2019-04 \$560.54
 - 2020-03 \$6,429.74
 - 2020-04 \$1,154.23
 - 2021-03 \$9,295.94
 - 2021-04 \$422.32

- Motor Vehicle OUT OF STATE MV **Grand total: \$20,909.74**
 - 2017-02 \$2,640.64
 - 2018-02 \$2,455.49
 - 2019-02 \$5,297.47
 - 2020-02 \$5,347.83
 - 2021-02 \$5,168.31

To the best of my knowledge and belief, each requested tax bill has not been paid, is uncollectable and should be transferred to the suspense tax book.

Councilwoman Cesare made the motion.

Councilwoman Parlato second the motion.

Chairman Deko recognized Councilman Kikosicki asked how the list is determined.

Shayna Acampora, Tax Collector indicated that some people open and close business with no principals and some are deceased but the department has exhausted all possibilities.

Roll call vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Approved

Item #5

Councilwoman Lesco read the following, to consider and act upon a tax refund for The Irish American Community Center for \$6,526.68. They are an EXEMPT Property located at 9 Venice Pl. This exemption was added after the bill had already been paid which has resulted in a refund being due.

Attorney Luzzi explained that previous to 2017, the community center was tax exempt. The prior assessor changed the exemption in 2017, while it should have remained exempt.

Councilwoman Cesare moved to approve.
Councilman Kikosicki second the motion.
Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Approved

Item #6

Councilwoman Lesco read the following, to consider and act upon setting a public hearing date 7/11/2023 for an ordinance entitled “An Ordinance Transferring \$35,000 from Regular Salaries 01-224-0110 to Other Contractual Service 01-224-0694 \$20,000 and Overtime Wages 01-224-0190 in the amount of \$15,000.”

Councilwoman Cesare made the motion to set the public hearing.
Councilwoman Parlato second the motion.
Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Public Hearing set for 7/11/2023

Item #7

Councilwoman Lesco read the following, to consider and act upon setting a public hearing date for an ordinance entitled “An Ordinance Transferring \$175,000 from Contingency 01-885-0689 to Legal and Lawyer Fees 01-113-0668 in the amount of \$175,000.”

Councilwoman Cesare made the motion to set the public hearing.
Councilman Kikosicki second the motion.
Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Public Hearing set for 7/11/2023

Item #8

Councilwoman Lesco read the following, to consider and act upon a transfer referred by the Board of Finance to the Town Council for \$5,000 from Regular Wages 01-107-0110 to Other Contractual 01-107-0694 in the amount of \$5,000.

Chairman Deko recognized Finance Director James Keeley.
Mr. Keeley explained that this needs council approval because it cumulatively exceeds the amount allowed due to previous transfers.
Councilwoman Cesare made the motion.
Councilwoman Parlato second the motion.
Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Approved

Item #9

Councilwoman Lesco read the following, to consider and act upon a transfer referred by the Board of Finance to the Town Council for \$49,000 from Snow and Ice 01-224-0120 to Other Contractual 01-229-0694 \$24,000 and Building and Ground Maintenance in the amount of \$25,000.

Councilwoman Cesare moved to approve.

Councilman Kikosicki second the motion.
Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Approved

Item #10

Councilwoman Lesco read the following, to consider and act upon a resolution whereby, the Town of East Haven may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate.

Chairman Deko recognized Fire Chief Marcarelli who explained that the town enters into this agreement every year for the purpose of maintaining the emergency equipment loaned to the town by the state for our use; metering device, SWAT van, and the light tower, etc.

Councilwoman Cesare moved to approve.
Councilman Bimonte second the motion.
Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Approved

Item #11

Councilwoman Lesco read the following, to consider and act upon an 8-24 Referral of potential donation of real property of Meoli Limited Partnership at 105 North Atwater Street, and of Luco F. Meoli Family Trust at 131 Meadow Street to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review under Connecticut General Statutes Section 8-24.

Councilwoman Cesare moved for a favorable referral.
Councilwoman Lesco second the motion.
Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Favorable Referral to Planning & Zoning

Item #11.1

Councilwoman Lesco made motion to add the following item to the agenda.
Councilman Thompson second the motion.
Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

A motion to add the following item to the agenda was approved.

Councilwoman Lesco read the following, to consider and act upon setting a public hearing date of 7/11/2023 for an ordinance entitled an "Ordinance to approve \$3,230,321 for Capital Projects for F/Y 2023/2023 as recommended to the Town Council by the Board of Finance at their May 17, 2023 meeting."

Councilwoman Cesare moved to set a public hearing date.
Councilwoman Lesco second the motion.
Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Public Hearing set for 7/11/2023

Item #11.2

Councilwoman Lesco made motion to add the following item to the agenda.
Councilwoman Cesare second the motion.

Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

A motion to add the following item to the agenda was approved.

Councilwoman Lesco read the following, to consider and act upon setting a public hearing date for an ordinance entitled an “Ordinance for the reclassification of approved Capital Funds for the Board of Education.”

From:	83-4-02	BOE High School Roof	550,000
	83-4-03	BOE - Academy Elevator	<u>30,000</u>
			580,000
To:		Districtwide Paving	300,000
		Districtwide HVAC	123,500
		Districtwide Flooring	65,000
		Districtwide Security	65,000
		Districtwide Fencing	<u>26,500</u>
			580,000

From:	90-4-502	Ferrara - Fire Alarm	26,208.00
	90-4-602	Tuttle Security System	30,000.00
	99-4-02	Fencing - Elementary Schools	3,035.00
	99-4-05	Momauguin PA Improvements	723.00
	99-4-06	Overbrook PA Improvements	<u>3,723.00</u>
			63,689.00

To:		Districtwide Security	63,689.00
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Councilwoman Cesare moved set a public hearing date.

Councilwoman Martin second the motion.

Voice vote-All in favor.

Public Hearing set for 7/11/2023

Item #12

Discussion of preparation of an ordinance to create a Fair Rent Commission per Connecticut General Statute Section 7-148b. A presentation will be given by counsel. [Please note this is not a public hearing on an ordinance. When an ordinance is drafted, a public hearing will be noticed and public comment will be received.] Assistant Town Attorney, Jennifer Coppola presented a short synopsis of the propose ordinance.

No action necessary.

Item #13

Discussion of proposed Stormwater Management and Drainage Easement at the property of the Town of East Haven at 35 Wheelbarrow Lane, East Haven for The Bluffs, LLC multi-family elderly housing and assisted living facilities development to be located at 31 and 100 Sperry Lane, 161 Foxon Road, East Haven. Assistant Town Attorney, Jennifer Coppola presented a short synopsis of the propose ordinance.

No action necessary.

Item #14

Discussion of potential regulation of short-term rentals and vacation stays. A presentation will be given by counsel. [Please note this is not a public hearing on an ordinance. If an ordinance is drafted, a public hearing will be noticed and public comment will be received.] Assistant Town Attorney, Jennifer Coppola presented a short synopsis of the propose ordinance.

No action necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta A. DeLuca
Town Council Clerk