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East Haven Town Council Minutes

The East Haven Town Council held its Regularly Scheduled Meeting Tuesday, October 3, 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 7:30 p.m.

Roll call-13 Present 2 Absent (Martin and Stacey)

Staff Present: Michael Luzzi Town Attorney, Michelle Benivegna Director of Administration, James Keeley Finance Director, Matthew Marcarelli Fire Chief, Liz Franco Spano Recreation Director, and Charlie Coyle Superintendent of Public Works.

Item #1

Approval of Minutes

Vice Chairman moved to approve the minutes

Councilwoman Cesare second the motion.

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

Approved

Item #2

Correspondence

None

Item #3

Subcommittee Reports:

a. Education, Library and School Building

Councilwoman Parlato indicated that the sports season is off to a good start, Sodexo gave a presentation with regard to food service at the BOE, and the drama classes have begun.

b. Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

Councilman Santino asked with the onset of school would it be possible to restore the markings of the crosswalks since we have the machine.

c. Finance

d. Public Services, Parks, and Recreation

Chairman Deko recognized Liz Franco, she enlightened the council on the programs that have been instituted as follows:

Pickleball – All levels, all ages, beginners to advanced classes

New Pickleball and Tennis courts – to begin soon

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America

April Action Camp – During April vacation to help families out, daycare very expensive

Cradle to Crayons – A toddler program. Slides, scooters, all kinds of activities

Victory Soccer Camp – in collaboration with EHYS Held at the HS. Great relationship with the board and AD

Yellowjacket Volleyball Camp – In collaboration with HS coaches

Yellowjacket Basketball Camp – In collaboration with HS coaches

Art Classes – for kids

Canvas painting – for kids on the beach

Rock Painting – family event

Open Gym for basketball – Every age group

Men's Adult basketball league – more teams

Guitar lessons – ages 6 and over

Mary's Culinary Cooking Class -ages 8 - 14

Bathing sitting class – Basic first aid, Care for infants, emergency protocols

Archery – offered for children but may do an adult

Bocce – Summer and added Fall Bocce. Went from 2 nights to 4

New Bocce Courts – They cost 12 to 14 thousand to build. PW's did frames, Angelo Construction donated all his time. I got donations from businesses. Not one penny from town. Donations were over \$10,000.

Christmas in July – Arts and Crafts for children on beach under pavilion

Arts and Crafts on the Beach – for children all ages

Slip Sliding the Summer Away – Giant double water slide for free weekend before school started on the beach splash pad side

Collaborations

Boo Bash – included all community organizations. (Rotary Club, DTC, Lions Club, Garden Club, RTC, Chamber, PAL, Ladies Aux) All do different activities from arts and crafts to food like popcorn, candy, smores station. Local businesses. Multiple activities for kids to partake in. DJ, Pumpkin painting. Garden club pays for pumpkins

Easter Egg Hunt – Over 800 kids, try to get donations, Easter Bunny. We have 4 age groups because it got so big

YMCA – swim lessons for free.

Community Dining Room – Town collaboration. People eat for free

St. Vincents Family Day – provide games

PAL family community day – provide games

Senior Day – Providing Sweet Treats for our Seniors

Senior Day Picnic – providing games and activities and Dessert

Senior Day Christmas event – making ornaments with the seniors

Senior Corn Hole – starting soon

Collaboration with Youth Services – Many events (Skate party, Movies)

Hockey Rink

Public Skate – 2x's a week, birthday parties, special events (Skate with Santa)

Stick Time – anyone can come and skate and practice

Elite Hockey – another organization added

Youth Hockey and High School – EH and Guilford

Roller Skating – Theme nights, birthday parties, will add Roller Hockey next year

Sled Hockey Tournament – amazing, make it annual, maybe a national tournament

Pro Shop – Self serve except for skate sharpening we get a %. We do the skate rentals

*Cash free facility – we take NO cash at all

*Collaborations with community organizations and businesses

*Great relationship with BOA – uses of gyms, programs, and free lunches for summer programs EH residents.

*Great relationship with YMCA

*We listen to the public, phones call, suggestions

*New programs increasing, new programs that were never offered

e. Urban Renewal/Housing-None

f. Blight-None

Vice Chairman Pacelli complimented Liz on what a great job she is doing.

Chairman Deko commended Liz on the sense of community she has brought back to town.

A resident thanked Liz for all she does and he now feels part of the community through all the great programs she has introduced. She is a dedicated hardworking employee.

Item #4

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to consider and act upon an ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to Adopt an Economic Development Incentive Policies Program.”

Town Attorney Michael Luzzi made the following statement clarifying that the town is not giving away tax dollar but increase the tax base over time. This is a tool to attract business to move to town.

No public comment.

Councilwoman Cesare second the motion.

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

Approved

Item #5

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to Consider and Act Upon a Resolution to provide a tax refund for the following in the amount of:

Refund \$4,201.55 / 2022-02-0041218

Rock Tech Inc.

1 Barberry Rd.

Reason for Refund: The Assessor’s Department has completed a COC that indicates that this business has no assets in East Haven. Their Certificate of Change reduced the assessment by 269,330 resulting in an overpayment of \$4,201.55. The refund will go to Rock Tech Inc. 68B Allen Blvd Farmingdale NY 11735.

Chairman Deko recognized Shayna Acampora Tax Collector and Deputy Tax Collector Mheegan Bachinski.

Ms. Acampora confirmed the reason for the tax refund.

No public comment.

Councilwoman Cesare second the motion.

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

Approved

Item #6

Chairman Deko entertained a motion to waive the reading of all the individual accounts being transferred to and from.

No public comment.

Vice Chairman Pacelli made the motion.

Councilman Santino second the motion.

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

Vice Chairman Pacelli made the following motion to consider and act upon setting a public hearing date of November 14, 2023 for an ordinance entitled “An Ordinance Transferring from Various Account to the Fire Department Accounts”

No public comment.

Councilman Santino second the motion.

Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.
Public Hearing Set for 11/14/2023

Item #7

Vice Chairman Pacelli made the following to consider and act upon setting a public hearing date of November 14, 2023 for an ordinance entitled “An Ordinance Transferring from Various Account to Various to the Police Department Accounts”

No public comment.

Councilman Thompson second the motion.

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

Public Hearing Set for 11/14/2023

Item #8

Chairman Deko entertained a motion to change this item to a resolution because the transfer amount meets the regulation for a transfer without a public hearing.

No public comment.

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to change the motion to a resolution.

Councilwoman Parlato second the motion.

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

Approved

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to consider and act upon a transfer from Various Account to the Sanitation/Building Accounts.

To Account	Account Name	Amount in	From Account	Account Names	Amount out	Column	Column
01-226-0677	Recycling	\$46,123.84	01-226-0115	PT Wages	\$1,330.36		Refer to T
01-226-0190	07 Wages	\$2,154.72	01-226-0644	Rental of Equipment	\$6,000.00		
01-229-0190	07 Wages	\$57.39	01-226-0686	Environ Disp Svcs	\$500.00		
			01-226-0676	Waste Collection Disposal	\$208.18		
	Total	\$48,335.95	01-224-0561	Vehicle Supplies	\$11,046.99		
			01-224-0590	Patch Material	\$22,566.50		
			01-224-0644	Rental of Equipment	\$4,899.87		
			01-224-0645	Rental of Land	\$1,500.00		
			01-224-0664	Tire Repairs	\$205.17		
			01-224-0665	Auto Body Repairs	\$78.88		
				Total	\$48,335.95		

No public comment.

Councilwoman Parlato second the motion.

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

Approved

Item #8.1

Vice Chairman Pacelli made the following motion to consider and act upon setting a public hearing date of November 14, 2023 for an ordinance entitled “An Ordinance Transferring from Various Accounts to the Public Service Account”

No public comment.

Councilwoman Cesare second the motion.
 Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.
 Public Hearing Set for 11/14/2023

Item #9

Vice Chairman Pacelli made the following motion to consider and act upon setting a public hearing date of November 14, 2023 for an ordinance entitled “An Ordinance Transferring from Various Account to the General Services Account”
 No public comment.
 Councilwoman Cesare second the motion.
 Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.
 Public Hearing Set for 11/14/2023

Item #10

Vice Chairman Pacelli made the following motion to consider and act upon a transfer referred by the Board of Finance to the Town Council as follows:

Town Requested Overtime: FY 22/23-Refer to Town Council

To Account	Account Name	Amount in	From Account	Account Names	Amount out
01-885-0196	Town Requested OT	\$37,872.66	01-104-0110	Salaries- Finance	\$37,872.66

No public comment.
 Councilwoman Cesare second the motion.
 Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.
 Approved

Chairman Deko stated that this is the last meeting before election and thanked everyone for their service. Also, thanked Councilwoman Glassman for her service and it was an honor to serve with her unfortunately she is moving out of town and unable to serve.

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to adjourn.
 Councilwoman Cesare second the motion.
 Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.
 Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta A. DeLuca
 Town Council Clerk