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East Haven Town Council  
Minutes

The East Haven Town Council held its Regularly Scheduled Meeting Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. or immediately following a certain public hearing at the East Haven Community Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, CT in order to transact the following:

Vice Chairman Pacelli called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

Roll Call-10 Present                      5 Absent (Capotorto, Deko, Santino, Stacey, and Vollono)

Pledge Allegiance

**Item #1**

Approval of Minutes

Councilwoman Cesare moved to approved the minutes,

Councilwoman Martin second the motion.

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

Approved

**Item #2**

Correspondence Submitted-None

**Item #3**

Subcommittee Reports:

- a.        Education, Library and School Building  
          Councilwoman Lesco indicated that it's a big week for sports with the hockey, basketball playoffs and the varsity cheer squad came in 5<sup>th</sup> out of 19 competitors
- b.        Public Health, Safety, and Welfare  
          Councilwoman Martin gave the following sub-committee report:  
          February 7<sup>th</sup> the department responded to a major incident at the Frontage Road fuel terminal, mutual aid was requested, there was a serious water supply issue which hampered firefighters. The department was subjected to a surprise OSHA inspection, which resulted in an unremarkable report. Most violation were based on the age of the buildings.  
          A new rescue 7 was purchased.  
          One new firefighter was offered a conditional offer of employment.  
          Headquarters experienced a larger sewage backup which has been cleaned up and a backflow preventer has been installed.
- c.        Finance
- d.        Public Services, Parks, and Recreation  
          Vice Chairman Pacelli commended Superintendent Coyle on a great job done by his staff during a rain event and flooding.
- e.        Urban Renewal/Housing

- f. **Blight**  
Councilman Thompson stated that Blight Officer Licata is doing his due diligence with regard to all the vacant and blighted sites.

**Item #4**

Councilwoman Cesare read the following motion:

To Consider and Act Upon a Resolution to provide a tax refund for the following refunds:

Refund \$2,173.08 / 2022-01-0010737  
 Linda Wolcheski / payment made by CoreLogic  
 1 Guilford CT.  
 Reason for Refund: refinance of property; paid by both the Title Company and bank escrow CoreLogic

1. Refund \$4,903.08 / 2022-01-0010779  
 Liva Wright / payment made by taxpayer x2  
 214 Beach Ave.  
 Reason for Refund: Taxpayer made double payments on the second installment. They went to our online portal and made payment on January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024, and a few weeks later on January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024, sent a check in for the same installment amount.
2. Refund \$3,419.37 / 2022-01-9133  
 Adela Schrader / payment made by  
 71 Leigh Dr.  
 Reason for Refund: Taxpayer paid in full back when the 1<sup>st</sup> installment was due; sent in second installment which overpaid the account.

Vice Chairman Pacelli recognized the Tax Collector, Shayna Acampora, and Deputy Tax Collector Mheegan Bachinski who recapped what was present on the agenda.

Councilwoman Cesare moved to approve.  
 Councilwoman Lesco second the motion.  
 Roll call vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.  
 Approved

**Item #5**

Councilwoman Cesar made the following motion to consider and act upon an ordinance entitled an “Ordinance Transferring \$250,000 to Fire/Property Insurance Account #01 881 0970 from Debt Service Account #01 771 0711 for \$250,000”— as follows:

To:	01 881 0970	Fire/Property Insurance	\$250,000
From:	01 771 0711	Debt Service	\$250,000

No public comment  
 Roll call-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.  
 Approved

Councilwoman Capotorto arrived at 7:25 p.m.

**Item #6**

Councilwoman Cesar made the following motion to consider and act upon a Resolution Waiving the Town Charter’s Competitive Bidding Requirements in Connection with the Acquisition of a 2016 Chevrolet Silverado Box Truck VIN#1GB3CYG9GZ201904, with 12,000 miles in the amount of \$9,905.00 from the State of CT DAS State Surplus Program.

Attorney Luzzi indicated through the efforts of the Fire Chief we have an opportunity to purchase this vehicle at a substantially low amount.

Vice Chairman Pacelli recognized Charlie Coyle who indicated that this truck would replace the 2002 maintenance truck which is beyond tired at this time. We don’t want to miss out on this very good deal.

Vice Chairman Pacelli asked if it will have a plow.

Mr. Coyle indicated, no.

No public comment.

Vice Chairman Pacelli second the motion.

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

Approved

**Item #7**

Councilwoman Cesar read the following to consider and act upon a resolution with South Central Connecticut Mutual Police Assistance Compact;

WHEREAS, Section 7-277a, as amended, of the Connecticut General Statutes, authorizes municipalities, upon approval of the chief Executive Officer and, where required by charter or ordinance, the governing body of such municipality, to enter into a compact with other municipalities for the purpose of requesting and supplying police assistance to protect the safety or well-being of the public.

Attorney Luzzi indicated that this is a re-signing of this public act to include Guilford, Clinton, and Meriden.

Councilwoman Cesare moved to approve.

Councilman Thompson second the motion.

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

Approved

**Item #8**

Councilwoman Cesare read the following to consider and act upon a resolution for a transfer for the Fire Department as follows:

To:	01-334-0202	Water	\$ 49,500.00
From:	01-334-0887	C-Med	\$ 5,100.00
	01-334-0840	Vol Abatement	\$ 12,000.00
	01-334-0175	Educ. Inc.	<u>\$ 32,400.00</u>
			\$ 49,500.00

Vice Chairman Pacelli recognized Chief Mathew Marcarelli, FD who explained that this major transfer is to maintain the system. Unfortunately, the Regional Water Authority sets the costs of maintenance after the budget is approved. It is quite costly to replace hydrants that freeze and crack, any criminal involvement, and coupled with vehicular damage can range between \$8,000 and \$20,000.

Vice Chairman Pacelli asked, approximately how many per year get replaced?

Councilwoman Cesare asked if there is an insurance for the hydrants.

Chief Marcarelli indicate no insurance and 5-8 hydrants per year are damaged.

Councilwoman Martin second the motion.

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

Approved

**Item #9**

Councilwoman Cesare read the following and moved to consider and act upon setting a public hearing date of April 2, 2024, for a transfer for the Police Department Overtime for State Mandated Training are as follows:

To:	01-332-0190	Overtime	\$330,000.00
From:	01-332-0192	Replacement Vac	\$ 10,000.00
	01-332-0110	Regular Salaries	\$ 70,000.00
	01-885-0689	Contingency	\$250,000.00

Councilman Thompson second the motion.

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

Approved

**Item #10**

Councilwoman Cesare read the following and moved to consider and act upon setting a public hearing date of April 2, 2024, for a transfer for the Public Works Department for the increase cost of recycling are as follows:

To:	10084226-53676	Recycling Town Wide	\$190,000.00
From	10043224-51110	Regular Salaries	\$190,000.00

Councilman Thompson second the motion.

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

Approved

Councilman Bimonte moved to adjourn.

Councilwoman Lesco second the motion.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta A. DeLuca  
Town Council Clerk