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East Haven Town Council
Minutes

The East Haven Town Council held its Regularly Scheduled Meeting Tuesday, March 1, 2022, 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 7:32 p.m.

Roll Call-10 Present 5 Absent(Capotorto, Stacey, Vollono, Pompano, and Ruggiero)

Staff Present-Michael Luzzi, Town Attorney, Jennifer Coppola, Assistant Town Attorney, Edward Lennon Police Chief, Patrick Tracey Assistant Chief, James Keeley Finance Director, and Joseph Budrow Zoning Official.

Chairman Deko asked that we remember all those who have been affected by Covid-19 and the residents who have been displaced by a recent fire. Then please take a moment of silence for the Ukrainian people.

Item #1

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to approve the minutes of the February 2022 meeting

Councilwoman Lesco second the motion.

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

Motion carried.

Approved

Item #2

Correspondence

The Council Clerk noted that there was correspondence sent to the council members from Attorney Lester Winograde, 245 Main Street, Ste. 113, Venice CA with regard to an appointment to a town board.

Presented

Item #3

Subcommittee Reports:

- a. Education, Library and School Building
Councilwoman Cesare indicated that on this day masks are no longer required in school.
- b. Public Health, Safety, and Welfare
Councilwoman Martin stated that the canine memorial has been delivered and will be installed in the spring.
- c. Finance
- d. Public Services, Parks, and Recreation
- e. Urban Renewal/Housing

Assistant Town Attorney Coppola made a short presentation for the Affordable Housing Plan Advisory Committee.

Town Attorney Luzzi explained that 13 municipalities have to submit to the state by June 1st. a demographic and affordability plan.

Attorney Coppola explained that the committee has already met twice, once with SCROOG.

Attorney Luzzi explained that the Council of Governments hired a consultant to help the 13 municipalities to draft their respective housing plans. These plans are to be submitted to the state by June 1st. They have put together the affordability gap analysis information, demographic information, vocational analysis, and land use/zoning assessment. The guide book given to you was put out by the Department of Housing the Regional Plan Association, which talks about the methodology and drafting of the Affordable Housing Plan and its strategies. We are hopeful to have a draft to the council by the April 5th. meeting and a notice for a public hearing. After the public hearing we can make any revisions that you may desire. We have great volunteers on the committee.

Attorney Luzzi noted that there will be a tab on the town's website.

Attorney Coppola stated that she has drafted content along with the guide book, which will be uploaded this week. SCROOG put out a survey in the fall, but it didn't get much of a response. Your committee didn't like some of the terminology so they will be doing another survey and a strategy for distribution.

Attorney Luzzi indicated that the other communities felt the same way with regard to the survey. We are really pushing for the educational component; we are going to really try to educate people as to what this is about. We need information therefore we need input.

Attorney Coppola further stated that we have to look at this holistically because it's not just about affordable housing. This is a five year plan as to where people are now and where they will be in five years.

f. Blight

Chairman Deko indicated that the stipend has been issued to the East Haven Little League.

Item #4

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to approve the following tax refunds to be approved individually and to provide tax refunds for the following:

- 1) \$2,100.90 / 2020-01-1401
Cameron, Steven, 590 Marion Ave., Plantsville, Ct 06479-1470
Reason: Taxpayer refinanced December 2021. Old mortgage company and new mortgage company both paid the January 2022 tax installment from taxpayers' escrow account, causing an overpayment.
Refund To: Steven Cameron (Taxpayer)
Vice Chairman Pacelli made the motion.
Councilwoman Cesare second the motion.
Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.
Approved
- 2) 3,036.09 / 2020-01-2211

Guilford Savings Bank, 1 Park St., Guilford, Ct 06437

Reason: Guilford Savings Bank was the mortgage company for property located at: 66 STRONG ST EXT.

Guilford Savings Bank paid the second installment in January 2022 in error creating an overpayment.

Refund To: Guilford Savings Bank

Vice Chairman Pacelli made the motion.

Councilwoman Lesco second the motion.

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

Approved

- 3) 2,849.95 / 2020-01-3614

Fernandez, Christine, 78 Venice Place, East Haven, Ct 06512

Reason: Taxpayer refinanced. Old Mortgage Company and New Mortgage Company both paid the January 2022 second installment.

Refund To: Christine Fernandez (Taxpayer)

Vice Chairman Pacelli made the motion.

Councilwoman Lesco second the motion.

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

Approved

- 4) \$2,349.38 / 2020-01-4442

Newtown Savings Bank, 39 Main St., Newtown, Ct 06470-9786

Reason: Newtown Savings Bank sent us a large check which covered 17 real estate accounts to pay the January 2022 installments. In order to process all the accounts, the property at: 22 Kenny Court, East Haven, needed to be overpaid, and issue a refund.

Refund To: Newtown Savings Bank

Vice Chairman Pacelli made the motion.

Councilman Balter second the motion.

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

Approved

- 5) \$7,268.37 / 2020-01-7972

National Tax Search, 130 S Jefferson St, Suite 300, Chicago, IL 60661

Reason: National Tax Service was the mortgage servicing agent for the seller of property located at: 57 Main Street. January 2022 installment has been paid in error by National Tax Search on behalf of seller creating an overpayment.

Refund To: National Tax Search

Vice Chairman Pacelli made the motion.

Councilwoman Parlato second the motion.

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

Approved

- 6) \$2,086.50 / 2020-01-9117

Corelogic Refunds Dept., 3001 Hackberry Rd, Irving, TX 75063

Reason: Corelogic was the mortgage servicing agent for the taxpayer prior mortgage company.

Taxpayer's new mortgage company (Rocket Mortgage) paid second installment in January 2022. Corelogic also paid second installment in January 2022 in error creating an overpayment.

Refund To: Corelogic Refunds Dept.

Vice Chairman Pacelli made the motion.

Councilwoman Cesare second the motion.

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

- 7) \$3,359.93 / 2020-01-9569
Mancini Provenzano & Futtner, LLC, 37 W Center St., Southington, Ct 06489
Reason: Mancini, Provenzano & Futtner was the closing agent for taxpayer/homeowner refinance. Second installment due January 2022 paid in error by the closing agent causing an overpayment which will be refunded to homeowner directly from Mancini, Provenzano LLC.
Refund To: Mancini, Provenzano & Futtner LLC
Vice Chairman Pacelli made the motion.
Councilwoman Cesare second the motion.
Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.
Approved
- 8) \$2,624.92 / 2020-01-10099
LERETA LLC
901 Corporate Center Dr., Pomona, Ca 91768
Reason: Lereta is a mortgage tax servicing agent. Second installment 2022 was paid in error for property located at: 14 Wildwood Drive, East Haven. Account was already paid and current.
Refund To: Lereta LLC, Central Refunds
Vice Chairman Pacelli made the motion.
Councilwoman Parlato second the motion.
Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.
Approved
- 9) \$2,109.80 / 2020-03-56786
Enterprise FM Trust, 9315 Olive Blvd, St Louis, MO 63132-3211
Reason: Vehicle sold 8/31/20. Should not be included on the 2020 GL and billed. Taxpayer paid bill in full and provided proof of sale for a refund.
Refund To: Enterprise FM Trust
Vice Chairman Pacelli made the motion.
Councilwoman Cesare second the motion.
Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.
Approved

Item #5

Vice Chairman Pacelli move to consider and act upon the appointment of Bridget McCann, 137 Mansfield Grove Road, to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an alternate for a term of February 1, 2021 to January 31, 2024.

Chairman Deko recognized Bob Sand, 501 Thompson Street, East Haven who stated that he has known Bridget for over 20 years and considers her a good friend. He has worked with her on fundraising for YNHH and is an outstanding researcher who has a great approach to business and decision making.

Chairman Deko recognized Kimberly Coppola, 284 Short Beach Road, East Haven who stated that Bridget McCann is a woman of great integrity, intellect, and would be asset to the town.

Councilman Santino second the motion.
Roll call vote-9 In favor. 1 Opposed (Parlato.) No abstentions.
Motion carried.

Approved

Councilman Balter stated that the letter sent to the members of the council is not only slanderous but misogynistic. To assume or accuse Mrs. McCann of needing her husband's input to make a decision is offensive.

Item #6

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to convene into EXECUTIVE SESSION PER CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES § 1-200 (6) (E) AND § 1-210 (B) (9) - CONSIDERATION OF AND DISCUSSIONS OF RECORDS, REPORTS, AND STATEMENTS OF STRATEGY OR NEGOTIATIONS WITH RESPECT TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN AND THE POLICE UNION (THE UNITED PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES UNION UPSEU/COPS EAST HAVEN POLICE UNION, LOCAL UNIT #0275).

Enter Executive Session at 7:55 p.m.

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to come out of executive session and reconvene the regular meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Councilwoman Lesco second the motion.

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

Item #7

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to consider and act upon the ratification/action concerning a collective bargaining agreement between the Town of East Haven and the police union (the United Public Service Employees Union UPSE/COPS East Haven Police Union, Local Unit #0275).

Councilwoman Cesare second the motion.

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

Approved

Item #8

To consider and act upon any other matter that may come before the Council.

Vice Chairman Pacelli stated he met with the mayor with regard to historical signage on the Town Green.

Councilman Balter announced he has a new grand-daughter.

Donna Richo, 67 Charnes Drive asked about the proposed budget. She was instructed to contact the Finance Director.

Cynthia Sparago, 42 Caroline Road addressed the council with literature with regard to short term rental in town. The literature is on file in the town clerk's office.

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Councilwoman Parlato second the motion.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta A. DeLuca
Town Council Clerk