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East Haven Town Council Public Hearing Minutes

The Hearing Committee of the East Haven Town Council held certain Public Hearings, Tuesday, July 11, at 7:00 p.m., at the East Haven Community Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven for the purpose of holding a public hearing(s) on the following items:

Chairman Deko called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call-11 Present 4 Absent (Santino, Vollono, Bimonte, and Kikosicki)

Staff Present: Mayor Joseph Carfora, Assistant Town Attorney Jennifer Coppola, James Keeley Finance Director, Matthew Marcarelli Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief Chris Rosa, Police Chief Edward Lennon, Ed Sabatino Assistant Director of Administration, Michelle Benivegna Director of Administration, Charlie Coyle Superintendent and RJ Caponera Finance Director BOE.

Public Hearing #1

Councilwoman Lesco read the following public hearing notice 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."

Chairman Deko recognized Jim Keeley Finance Director who indicated that due the department being short staffed there was an increase in overtime. There was already a transfer prior to this and it is over the \$50,000 therefore it needs council approval.

Chairman Deko asked the council for any comments.

None

Chairman Deko asked the public for comments.

No Public Comment.

Chairman Deko closed the public hearing #1 at 7:03

Public Hearing #2

Councilwoman Lesco read the following public hearing notice 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."

Chairman Deko recognized Jim Keeley who stated that most of these funds are to cover legal fees related to the airport.

Chairman Deko asked the council for any comments.

None

Chairman Deko asked the public for comments.

No Public Comment.

Chairman Deko closed the public hearing #2 at 7:06

Public Hearing #3

Councilwoman Lesco read the following public hearing notice for an ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to approve \$3,230,321 for Capital Projects for F/Y 2023/2024 as recommended to the Town Council by the Board of Finance at their May 17, 2023 meeting.”

Chairman Deko recognized Jim Keeley Finance Director who indicated that all the department heads have supplied their summaries for the council’s review.

Chairman Deko recognized Councilwoman Parlato asked if AARPA funding could be use to offset some the expenditures.

Mr. Keeley indicated some of those funds have already been allocated.

Chairman Deko asked the public for comments.

No Public Comment.

Chairman Deko closed the public hearing #2 at 7:09

Public Hearing #4

Councilwoman Lesco read the following public hearing notice 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

Chairman Deko recognize RJ Caponera who indicated that the cost of the roof is included with the solar bid. Those funds will be transferred to other projects elevator at the Academy, HVAC projects, the carpet is at its end of life and will be replaced, and we will be clearing weeds for fencing and cameras. We will be closing out all little account for those uses.

Councilwoman Cesare asked if the paving will be complete before the start of the school year at.

Mr. Caponera indicated the parking lot at Deer Run School and the back portion of the middle school will be completed prior to the start of school.

Chairman Deko asked the public for comments.

No Public Comment.

Chairman Deko closed the public hearing #4 at 7:14.

Hearing Committee

Councilwoman Cesare moved that the Hearing Committee of the East Haven Town Council recommend to the full Council adoption of the aforementioned ordinances and to adjourn the Public Hearing portion.

Vice Chairman Pacelli second the motion.

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

Public Hearing adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta A. DeLuca
Town Council Clerk