

EAST HAVEN TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2016

Barry Gravano, CTC
TOWN CLERK

The East Haven Town Council held a regular meeting Tuesday, May 3, 2016, at 7:00PM at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, CT 06512.

Chairman Fred Parlato calls the meeting to order at 7:07PM.

Item #1

Roll Call- 10 present – 5 absent (Mckay, Santino, Richardson, Archambault and Anania).

A quorum is present.

Chairman Parlato asks all to stand for the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence for all East Haven residents who have passed away since the last meeting.

Item #2

Approval of minutes from the April 5, 2016 Public Hearing.

Councilman Nicholas Palladino makes a motion.

Councilman Henry Butler III seconds the motion.

No public comment.

No Council comment

Voice vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

Item #3

Approval of minutes from the April 26, 2016 Special Meeting.

Councilman Palladino makes a motion.

Councilman Vincent Spaduzzi seconds the motion.

No public comment.

No Council comment

Voice vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

Item #4

Correspondence- a letter to the Mayor and Town Council members from Superintendent of Schools Dr. Portia Bonner dated April 20, 2016 indicating that at the Board of Education's meeting on January 26, 2016 they voted to officially close Hays and D.C. Moore Schools. As of June 30, 2016 they will vacate these two buildings and relinquish them back to the Town of East Haven along with the request of terminating utilities and having them be placed in the name of the Town of East Haven.

Item #5**Subcommittee Reports-**

- Board of Education-Councilman Parente says the Board of Education is winding down and has a lot of their plates in terms of closing a few schools and redistricting some others. They have a lot of eyes on them and hopefully they will keep forthwith with what they presented to the Town Council.
- Parks/Rec-no report
- Public safety-no report
- Finance-no report
- Housing-no report

Item #6

To consider and act upon an "Ordinance approving a transfer of \$200,000.00 for the Police Department" as follows:

Police Department**To:**

01-332-0190	Overtime Wages	\$200,000.00
TOTAL		\$200,000.00

From:

01-332-0110	Regular Salaries	\$200,000.00
TOTAL		\$200,000.00

Reason: To cover anticipated overtime through the end of FY 2015-2016.

AUTHORIZING ORDINANCE OF THE East Haven Town Council

An Ordinance approving a transfer of \$200,000.00 for the Police Department

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of East Haven, upon recommendation of the Board of Finance, must approve transfers of monies in excess of \$50,000.00 in any given fiscal year;

AND WHEREAS, the Board of Finance, on April 20, 2016, approved and recommended the following transfer to the Town Council:

Police Department

To:

01-332-0190	Overtime Wages	\$200,000.00
TOTAL		\$200,000.00

From:

01-332-0110	Regular Salaries	\$200,000.00
TOTAL		\$200,000.00

Reason: To cover anticipated overtime through the end of FY 2015-2016.

NOW THEREFORE, be it **ORDAINED** by the Town Council of the Town of East Haven that said transfer is approved.

This Ordinance shall be effective in accordance with the provisions of the East Haven Town Charter.

Submitted by: Danelle Feeley, Council Clerk Date: _____

Approved by: Joseph Maturo, Jr., Mayor Date: _____

Received by: Stacy Gravino, Town Clerk Date: _____

Councilman Palladino makes a motion.

Councilman Spaduzzi seconds the motion.

No public comment.

No Council comment

Roll call vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

Item #7

To consider and act upon a Resolution confirming and approving the appointment of Robert Falcigno to the Greater New Haven WPCA Board of Directors for a term running from 1/1/2016-12/31/2018.

A Resolution confirming and approving the appointment of Robert Falcigno to the Greater New Haven WPCA Board of Directors for a term running from 1/1/2016-12/31/2018.

WHEREAS, Section 2.2 of the By-laws of the Greater New Haven WPCA Board of Directors indicates that East Haven members shall be appointed by the Mayor of East Haven, subject to the confirmation of the East Haven Town Council;

AND, WHEREAS, Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr. has appointed Robert Falcigno to the Greater New Haven WPCA Board of Directors for a term running from 1/1/2016-12/31/2018;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that said appointment is hereby approved by the East Haven Town Council.

Councilman Parente makes a motion.

Councilwoman Judy Esposito seconds the motion.

Public comment:

- Terrance Martowski- 123 William Street- Mr. Martowski says it says the term is running from 1/1/2016, was he filling this position up until then?
- Chairman Parlato says Mr. Falcigno is here but he doesn't think he has attended a meeting yet, the term just starts then. He is not sure the schedule of their meetings, how often it is.
- Mr. Falcigno says he has not attended a meeting yet.
- Chairman Parlato says once they verify his appointment, he will be sent a schedule of the meetings and he will be our representative on there.

Council comment:

- Councilwoman Letizia Lettieri-Morales asks if they have a resume for him.
- Chairman Parlato says yes, it was in the packet.
- Councilman Palladino asks if the opening was advertised.
- Chairman Parlato says it is appointed by the Mayor, he doesn't know if the Mayor has to advertise his appointments or not. He contacted Mr. Falcigno who has been sworn in; he doesn't know if there is any other due process required.

- Mr. Brancati –Director of Administration and Management says he is not aware of anything additional that needs to be done.
- Councilman Palladino asks the Town Attorney if it was advertised.
- Town Attorney Joseph Zullo says he doesn't believe it was.

Roll call vote: 7 in favor – 2 oppose (Palladino and Lettieri-Morales) – 1 abstention (Spaduzzi). Motion carries.

Item #8

To consider and act upon a Resolution, pursuant to Chapter III, Section 8, of the East Haven Town Charter, adopting the recommendation of the Mayor to appoint the firm of Cohn Reznick to audit the books and accounts of the Town for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016.

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BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Chapter III, Section 8, of the East Haven Town Charter, The Town Council hereby adopts the recommendation and appointment of the Mayor and designates the firm of Cohn Reznick to audit the books and accounts of the Town for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016.

Councilman Parente makes a motion.

Councilman Spaduzzi seconds the motion.

Council comment:

- Chairman Parlato asks Finance Director Paul Rizza for a brief overview for the new Council members as to what the auditor is required to do.
- Mr. Rizza explains that the firm Cohn Reznick is a successor to another Connecticut accounting firm that started auditing their books for, if approved tonight, would make their 11th year. What he can say from his own experience with them is that they are a very good firm; you do get some turn over within the people who come to Town Hall and the Board of Education. We have been very fortunate that they have the same partner on the job; the same accounting manager has been on the job over the last 11 years. One of the guys he can remember from 10 years ago was very young, just out of school and is now one of their seniors that still come into the Town with the younger accountants. There

is a level of comfort between the auditors and the staff of the Town Hall, himself and the Board of Education; they are a good fit. They did go up \$1,125 which is shared equally between the Town and the Board of Education so it isn't much of an increase. There is nothing that he has seen over his broken tenure of the last 10 years that would give him any questions in his mind. At this point they are probably the best firm in the State for auditing our Town and Board of Education.

- Chairman Parlato asks if everyone has read the qualifications and is aware of the cost of the audit which is \$85,000.

No public comment.

Roll call vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

- Councilman Robert Sand asks if he can make a statement to the Council which is granted by the Chairman. Councilman Sand thanks everyone for their support; he made a bad move which cost him some time during a critical time for the Council. He appreciates the humor he received in the mail and over the phone; it has all helped in the healing process. At the time, the Council was in the budget process and there was one element dear to his heart which happened to be the land trust and he knows there were questions about the increase of the stipend which is \$2,500 and adding \$10,000. He wanted to explain, at the time, what that was all about as President of the land trust. The land trust is dealing with numerous legal issues, 80% of the problems with the legal issues is their surveying. When they have taken land in the past, the document came with a description of the land but when you actually go out to find the markings they don't exist. What you get is an angry neighbor. At the recommendation of Town Attorney Zullo in looking for a solution because they don't have the money within the land trust, he suggested doing this and if they don't use it, it reverts back to the Town and they can use it as deemed necessary. The idea was to put something in the event they have another dispute, they can then resolve it in the right way. The Council was good enough to pass it and he appreciates it, he thanks the Council and indicates the land trust appreciates it. Going forward they are hoping to keep this system in place for themselves to do the good things they are supposed to do for the Town in keeping open space. He thanks Attorney Zullo for the suggestion and they look forward to moving on.

Item #9

Adjournment of Regular Meeting.

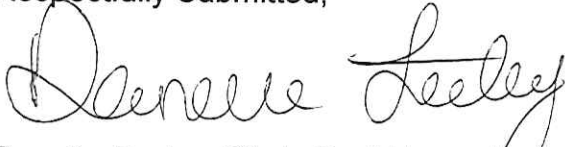
Councilman Parente makes a motion.

Councilman Palladino seconds the motion.

Voice vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

Meeting is adjourned at 7:22PM

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Danelle Feeley". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Danelle Feeley, Clerk, East Haven Legislative Town Council

