

Town of East Haven, CT
Board of Finance – Amended Minutes
Regular Meeting – June 20, 2012

The East Haven Board of Finance held its Regular Meeting on Wednesday, June 20, 2012 at 7:30 P.M. in the Mario Giaimo, Joseph Vitale Meeting Room on the lower level of East Haven Town Hall, 250 Main Street, East Haven, CT 06512

1. **Roll Call**

Mr. Vitale called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm with the following members in attendance, Mr. Ralph Vitale, Mr. Richard DePalma, Mr. Salvatore Maltese, Ms. Marlene Asid, Ms. Beth Purcell, and Ms. Noreen Clough. Also present were Mr. Paul Rizza Director of Finance, Town Attorney Joseph Zullo, Town Council Member Mr. Bill Richardson, and Deputy Chief of Police Mr. John Mannion.

2. **Read and Approve Minutes**

Ms. Noreen Clough motioned to make an amendment to the May 24, 2012 meeting minutes in the Roll Call section. Seconded by Mr. Ralph Vitale. Roll Call Vote – None Opposed – Motion Carries.

3. **Correspondence Received - NO**

4. **Correspondence Sent - NO**

5. **Old Business – YES**

Ms. Noreen Clough asks where we stand with FEMA money. Mr. Paul Rizza said he is expecting to receive the balance owed from FEMA in the amount of \$535,000 hopefully by the end of this week. Ms. Noreen Clough asked if an email could be sent out once the check is received. Mr. Paul Rizza stated that he could do that once it is received. Ms. Beth Purcell asked Mr. Rizza if the Board of Education had been approached to attend this evenings meeting to present. Mr. Rizza stated that he did make a call and there was a conflict in the schedule to attend. Ms. Beth Purcell stated she is concerned with the report she has and based on that report it looks like they are overspent by a million four. Mr. Rizza stated that there are large amounts of encumbrances in the report; he had already made a suggestion to the BOE that they begin to zero out the encumbrances. Mr. Richard DePalma requested that when they are caught up on the report a new copy be generated to the Board of Finance.

6. **New Business – YES**

Ms. Noreen Clough stated that she knows we are searching for a new Police Chief, did we budget for that? Mr. Rizza stated that half of that cost if being absorbed this year and half next year. The amount will be around \$22,000 - \$23,000. Attorney Zullo stated that it is actually \$18,000 plus incidentals. Attorney Zullo also added that at the end of the fiscal year he would be ready with a risk loss report to come before the Board of Finance and submit to the auditors.

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This risk loss report will change from day to day based settled and new law suits. By the beginning of July or August I as well as Attorney Huge Keef can come in to present that report to all of you. Ms. Noreen Clough asked where we were on capital projects. Mr. Rizza stated that there is going to be more transfers for end of the year things. The Board of Finance agreed to discuss those transfers at the next regular meeting on July 18, 2012.

7. Public Comment- NONE

8. Town Clerk

To:	01-109-0610	Advertising	\$120.00
From:	01-109-0694	Other Contractual Services	\$120.00

Funds needed – advertising for party endorsed candidates.

Mr. Vitale makes a motion to discuss. Ms. Noreen Clough Seconds. No Discussion.
Roll Call Vote – All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carries.

9. Police Department

To:	01-332-0530	Gas	\$18,400.00
From:	01-332-0110	Wages	\$18,400.00

Needed to pay gasoline bill – Per Paul Rizza – Will need another transfer before the end of the fiscal year. – Refer to Town Council.

Ms. Noreen Clough makes a motion to remove Refer to Town Council. Mr. Richard DePalma seconds. Roll Call Vote – All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carries
Mr. Vitale makes a motion to discuss. Ms. Noreen Clough Seconds.

Mr. Rizza makes a statement that he only brought to the attention an outstanding bill for gasoline and he did not order the transfer as the request states. Also the police department will be coming with another gasoline transfer. Ms. Noreen Clough asked if we were running higher in average in use of gasoline or was it because of cost of fuel? Mr. Rizza stated it was because of gas prices.
Roll Call Vote – All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carries

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10. Employee Benefits

To:	01-167-0972	Retirement - Lump Sum Payment	\$247,880
From:	01-886-0001	Fund Balance – Contribution	\$247,880

Funds needed for retirees payouts. – Refer to Town Council.

Ms. Noreen Clough makes a motion to discuss to Refer to Town Council. Mr. Richard DePalma Seconds.

Mr. Rizza states that he did make phone calls to a number of people giving the option of deferring until January due to the fact that there earnings were high this year – this would allow them the option of not having to pay higher taxes in another bracket. Each person declined.

Roll Call Vote – All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carries to Refer to Town Council.

11. Employee Benefits

To:	01-167-0910	Retirement Fund Contribution	\$364,946
From:	01-886-0001	Fund Balance Contribution	\$364,946

*Original budget was underfunded and overtime in various departments exceeding budgets.
Refer to Town Council.*

Ms. Noreen Clough makes a motion to discuss to Refer to Town Council. Mr. Richard DePalma Seconds.

Mr. Rizza explains that this is our portion paid to the State of Connecticut.

Roll Call Vote – All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carries to Refer to Town Council

12. Adjournment

Mr. Ralph Vitale made a motion to call the meeting adjournment at 8:04 pm. Ms. Noreen Clough approved. Ms. Beth Purcell seconded. All in Favor. None Opposed. Motion Carries.

Mrs. Temple Smith
East Haven Board of Finance/ Clerk