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TOWN CLERK

EAST HAVEN TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2019

The East Haven Town Council held a regular meeting Tuesday, October 1, 2019, at 7:00PM at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, CT 06512 in order to transact the following:

Chairman McKay calls the meeting to order at 8:38PM.
He asks all to stand for the pledge of allegiance.

Item #1

Roll Call- 14 present- 1 absent (Hennessey)
A quorum is present.

Item #2

Approval of minutes from the September 3, 2019 Public Hearing.

Councilman Joseph Santino makes a motion.
Councilman Joseph Badamo seconds the motion.
Voice vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries

Item #3

Approval of minutes from the September 3, 2019 Regular Meeting.

Councilman Joseph Santino makes a motion.
Councilman Nicholas Palladino seconds the motion.
Voice vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries

Item #4

No Correspondence.

Item #5

Subcommittee Reports:

- a. Subcommittee on Education, Library, and School Building; **no report**

(Robert Parente, Lou Pacelli, Linda Hennessey)

b. Subcommittee on Public Safety, Health, & Welfare;
("BIG" Steve Tracey, Rich Anania, Joe Santino)

- Councilman Joseph Santino presents an item to the Council, which is for a reallocation of funds for Bradford Manor Fire House. The place is deplorable and needs work. He sat with Paul Rizza and found \$100,000 from old capital accounts to be used for the remodeling of the Bradford Manor Fire House. This will be presented to the Board of Finance and then will come back to the Council for a vote.
- Councilman Joseph Deko asks for a round of applause and congratulations to recently appointed Deputy Police Chief Pat Tracy. He asks for a round of applause for Chief Marcarelli and his staff for securing a grant for \$550,000 for a new engine for Foxon. That is the first apparatus grant of that type in this State and it saved the Town \$550,000.
- Councilman Robert Parente states every year the beach closes on the Labor Day Holiday including the closing of the bathrooms, lifeguard stands are taken up, splash pad taken apart, etc. and for the last two years they considered the weather conditions which were abnormally hot so they kept the bathrooms open. That means public works goes down daily to replenish supplies but there is no supervision down there and it was extended through yesterday so as of yesterday the beach is closed including the bathrooms. People scream about playing bocce and the weather being warm but they can't keep them open year round and all other surrounding towns close their facilities down as well.
- Councilwoman Judy Sittnick thanks Chuck Licata and the Fire Department for sending volunteers to the Trolley Museum Saturday and Sunday when they had a couple thousand kids down there for Daniel Tiger and also to the Police Department for keeping them safe during the haunted isle.

c. Subcommittee on Finance; **no report**

(Judy Sittnick, Joseph Badamo, Joseph Carfora)

d. Subcommittee on Public Services, Parks, & Recreation;
(Robert Parente, Joseph Deko, Lori Jaffe)

- Councilman Joseph Deko states there are significant drainage issues in District 2 and he appreciates the effort of having the storm drains maintained. However, pipes that lead out from the storm drains that are Town owned are clogged so the water has nowhere to go. Specifically, he visited a house on Sorrento Ave numerous times when it rained and when it didn't rain and it is solid and the water has nowhere to go. The storm drain was clean but all the water goes to the one drain and the pipe that empties the storm drain is still full.

- Councilman Big Steve Tracey says he also was there and on the side of his house there is a drain leading to the sewers in the back yard and it is not there anymore. The Town would come dig it out but he is doing it himself now with a shovel.
- Town Engineer Kevin White explains that a couple years ago they were down there and cleaned the whole area out. About 100 years ago that area was a lake so the water seeps to its own level and unfortunately we can't make it move uphill. They go down and periodically clean it out to the best of their abilities and try to maintain it.
- Councilman Joseph Deko asks how they maintain it now. The catch basins were done but the pipe that empties the catch basin was not done so the water has nowhere to go. He knows it is a low area and they can't change the water tables but if the pipe is full and the water doesn't evacuate the pipe is there any way to address it and clean it out so his basement doesn't flood for the 10th time.
- Mr. White says they try to maintain it on a periodic basis and will continue to do so.

e. Subcommittee on Urban Renewal/Housing;

(Richard Anania, Henry Butler, III, Joseph Deko)

- Councilman Joseph Deko says at the September meeting Urban Renewal approved a loan for \$6,500 for a furnace for a resident.

f. Temporary Subcommittee on Community Group Stipends.

("BIG" Steve Tracey, Nick Palladino, Robert Parente)

- Councilman Nicholas Palladino says everyone that came to them has their money.
- Councilman Robert Parente asks about groups that carry a balance in their account of about \$9,000-\$10,000 should they be awarded a stipend again. Can they carry over a balance or should it be zeroed out?
- Town Attorney Joseph Zullo says that is a policy decision not a legal question. The stipend committee can decide if it doesn't want to award a full stipend they can report that to the full Council for a vote. It can be taken on an individual basis.
- Chairman Ken McKay says some of the groups need money left over for startup or uniforms and such for the next year.
- Councilman Joseph Badamo says it has been brought up going years back and before they could get money they had to show a receipt of how the money was spent. Did anyone come up with answers?
- Councilman Nicholas Palladino says they go to the subcommittee with their balances, their expenses, their insurance, etc.

- Chairman Ken Mckay explains that a subcommittee was formed that consists of Councilman Tracey, Councilman Palladino, and Councilman Parente who meets with the groups and reports back to the Council.
- Councilman Nicholas Palladino says there was one organization that was not an organization it was a business and they remove them completely.

Item #6

To consider and act upon "AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AGGREGATING \$4,755,000.00 FOR THE 2019-2020 CAPITAL BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,755,000.00 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATIONS AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE."

- Attorney Zullo states that pursuant to the Chairman's authority under the standing rules he can remove this item as it has been referred to the Board of Finance from the hearing committee. They will hear it then refer it back to the Council.

Chairman Ken Mckay removes item #6 from the agenda and refers it back to the Board of Finance:

Item #7

To consider and act upon a Resolution to provide a tax refund of \$1,198.04 to Bienestar Y Salud, LLC as follows:

A Resolution to provide a tax refund of \$1,198.04 to Bienestar Y Salud, LLC

WHEREAS, C.G.S. Section 12-129 provides that a local board of selectmen, or its equivalent, may, upon recommendation and certification of the Tax Collector, issue a refund for tax overpayments;

AND, WHEREAS, the following entity or person has requested a refund for the following overpayment:

Bienestar Y Salud, LLC
46 William Street
West Haven, CT 06516

Reason : Taxpayer did not know where he was living during these years. As a result, our assessor removed the bills and sent them to New Haven.

Acct./List: 2015-03-0051755
Amount: \$250.30

Acct./List: 2015-03-005177
Amount: \$159.04

Acct./List: 2015-04-0080401
Amount: \$225.72

Acct./List: 2015-04-0080402
Amount: \$101.11

Acct./List: 2016-03-0051975
Amount: \$228.12

Acct./List: 2017-03-0052025
Amount: \$143.05

Acct./List: 2017-04-0080408
Amount: \$90.70

TOTAL: \$1,198.04

AND, WHEREAS, the Tax Collector, via backup paperwork submitted to this Council, has recommended and certified the accuracy of this refund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that said refund is approved and the tax collector is authorized to effectuate said refund.

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

Councilman Joseph Santino makes a motion.
 Councilman Louis Pacelli seconds the motion.

No public comment.

No Council comment.

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

Item #8

To consider and act upon a resolution setting a public hearing date and time to discuss "An Ordinance Accepting 'Lisa Lane' and 'A, To-Date, Private Extension of 'Sharon Drive" as Town Roads." The public hearing shall take place on November 12, 2019 at 7:00PM at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, CT 06512.

A Resolution setting a Public Hearing date and time to discuss "An Ordinance Accepting 'Lisa Lane' and 'A, To-Date, Private Extension of 'Sharon Drive" as Town Roads"

BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to Chapter 3, Section 6 of the Town Charter and Section A, Item 3 of the Town Council Standing Rules, a public hearing shall take place on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at 7:00PM, at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut to discuss "An Ordinance Accepting 'Lisa Lane' and 'A, To-Date, Private Extension of 'Sharon Drive" as Town Roads."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the council clerk and Town Attorney are charged to effectuate notice of said public hearing in accordance with the Town Charter and the Standing Rules.

Councilman Nicholas Palladino makes a motion.
Councilman Louis Pacelli seconds the motion.

No public comment.
Council comment.

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

Item #9

A Resolution Waiving the Town Charter's Competitive Bidding Requirements in Connection with Pump Replacement and Repair of the Chemical Control and Feed System at the Town Pool.

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WHEREAS, a the Town Pool requires a pump replacement and the installation of a new chemical control and feed system;

AND WHEREAS, the speedy repair and replacement of these systems is necessary to ensure the pool remains a safe and healthy facility;

AND WHEREAS, the formal, competitive bidding process would delay the speedy repair of the pump and chemical feed components of the pool, displacing the town's teams and groups which utilize the pool;

AND WHEREAS, Chapter 6, Section 4(C) of the East Haven Town Charter provides that contracts for certain goods and services exceeding the bid cap shall be by competitive bidding;

AND WHEREAS, the Town Charter's bidding requirements may be waived by two-thirds of the members present and voting;

AND WHEREAS, the Finance Director recommends that the Council waive the competitive bidding requirement to allow the speedy repair the pump and chemical feed components of the pool;

NOW THEREFORE, be it **RESOLVED** by the Town Council of the Town of East Haven that any competitive bidding requirements associated with the repair the pump and chemical feed components of the pool are hereby waived;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this bid waiver shall expire on December 1, 2019;

Councilman Joseph Santino makes a motion.

Councilman Henry Butler III seconds the motion.

No public comment.

Council comment:

- Councilman Joseph Santino asks if Honeywell inspected the pump why they aren't picking it up.
- Mr. Brancati says it is not an energy saver that would yield a benefit to us. Ordinarily if this could wait a while this would have been included in the bonding for the renovations of the rear of the school. If they don't do this now, the pool has to be shut down. Last year we replaced a heat exchanger to keep the temperature of the pool at the 85 degrees the residents wanted. The pool should circulate its water every 8 hours and without the pump and chemical feeder working it is circulating every 11 hours. Without the water circulating clear and the right chemicals being added the pool may become not safe. They can't wait until the renovations are done at 200 Tyler Street; if they want to keep the pool open it has to be done now. This is the same company that we used to do the heat exchanger last year. They were the low bidder last year and know the system and already did the diagnostics on it.
- Councilman Joseph Santino asks when they plan to shut the pool down to do the renovations; they won't be able to keep it open during that.
- Mr. Brancati says the bond package before them included a dollar amount that would have kicked off the improvements to the back of 200 Tyler Street. This is the first stage of the major improvements to the rear of the school. They now

have to wait until the Board of Finance hears the Board of Education resolution and comes back for the Council to vote on the bond package including the \$1.8 million that will start the building renovations. Their goal for the first phase is to secure the rear of the building; do the pointing, get the exterior done, roofing, windows, heating, etc. so the exterior is secure and then they can spend the next several months with the interior work. If they could wait and do the pump another way they would instead of closing it down; the swim team, seniors, etc. use the pool.

- Councilman Joseph Santino says sooner or later it has to be done is there a plan in place to which Mr. Brancati says yes. Honeywell is also doing the desert air system which is the largest expense including the humidifier for the pool.
- Councilwoman Loria Jaffe asks what the approximate cost for this is.
- Mr. Brancati says it is \$30,000 for the pump and chemical feed and last year they spent \$25,000 for the heating system. If you don't fix the pump and the feed you run the risk of blowing the heating system that we just paid to replace.

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

Item #10

Adjournment of Regular Meeting.

Councilman Robert Parente makes a motion.

Councilman Joseph Santino seconds the motion.

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

Meeting is adjourned at 9:03PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danelle Feeley

Danelle Feeley, Clerk, East Haven Legislative Town Council