

**EAST HAVEN TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2018**

The East Haven Town Council held a public hearing on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, at 7:00PM at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, CT 06512.

Chairman Ken McKay calls the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Item #1

Roll Call-11 present- 4 absent (Deko, Palladino, Hennessey, Badamo).
A quorum is present.

Chairman McKay asks all to stand for the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence for the passing of Barbara Bush.

Item #2

To conduct Public Hearing #1 to discuss "An Ordinance adopting the Town and Board of Education Budgets and fixing the tax rate in mills for the 2018-2019 fiscal year of the Town of East Haven." – Town Side of the Budget

No Public Comment.

Item #3

Councilman Louis Pacelli makes a motion to adjourn Public Hearing #1.
Councilwoman Joseph Santino seconds the motion.
Voice vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

Item #4

Roll Call for Hearing Committee-11 present- 4 absent (Deko, Palladino, Hennessey, Badamo).

Item #5

Hearing Committee report to the full Town Council to recommend action on Public Hearing #1.

Town Attorney Joseph Zullo explains that Finance Director Paul Rizza put together all of the changes that were made during the budget workshop process as listed.

Councilwoman Loria Jaffe makes a motion to report to the council for favorable action on this ordinance with amendments to the following departments totaling \$48,812.00 dollars and direct the Finance Director to amend the revenues as necessary to accommodate said changes:

		Inc./Dec.
103-MAYOR		
01-103-0110	REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,510.00
104-FINANCE		
01-104-0110	REGULAR SALARIES	\$5,001.00
120-ADMINISTRATION & MANAGEMENT		
01-120-0110	REGULAR WAGES	\$8,386.00
223-ENGINEERING		
01-223-0110	REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,838.00
224-PUBLIC SERVICE		
01-224-0110	REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,435.00
332-POLICE DEPARTMENT		
01-332-0110	REGULAR SALARIES	\$5,577.00
334-FIRE DEPARTMENT		
01-334-0110	REG. SALARIES	\$5,577.00
661-RECREATION		
01-661-0807	FOXON REC LEAGUE-UMPIRES	\$3,000.00
01-661-0812	MOMAUGIN REC LEAGUE	\$4,000.00
01-661-0813	BIDDY BASKETBALL	\$5,000.00
01-661-0817	EAST HAVEN YOUTH FOOTBALL	\$4,000.00
01-661-0838	YOUTH SOCCER	\$1,500.00

665-SENIOR CENTER

01-665-0115	PART-TIME WAGES	-\$12.00
	TOTAL	\$48,812

Councilman Louis Pacelli seconds the motion.

Council comment:

- Councilman Joseph Santino says that the Police Department has no vehicles to give to Town Hall so they need to do something for the Assessor's Office, Planning and Zoning and Building Department. The Police Department is scraping for cars just to do road jobs; there are 7 or 8 smashed cars up there and the rest they are parting out to put cars together.
- Councilman Henry Butler III says they are getting five brand new cars.
- Chairman Mckay says he knows the Mayor's old car is coming back to Town Hall.
- Councilman Robert Parente says that car is at the Police Department and he will check on it tomorrow to find out how long until it will be back at Town Hall, he knows the bodywork has been done.
- Councilman "Big Steve" Tracey asks when they get the 5 new cars, will five old cars be used?
- Chairman Mckay says he thinks the new cars will be coming in very soon, like this week. Mr. Rizza says they are coming in piecemeal right now.
- Councilman Robert Parente says today they started taking lights and computers out of the existing cars that are being discarded. This has been a high priority.
- Councilwoman Loria Jaffee asks about the old vehicles that are being discarded; will they be able to use them at Town Hall?
- Councilman Robert Parente says Town Hall will be given cars without question; they are being striped of lights and equipment now.
- Councilman Louis Pacelli says and the Mayor's car is going to be given to them.
- Councilman Joseph Santino says they need to realize these three Departments that need the cars bring in money for the Town.
- Mr. Rizza mentions the capital budget that he was looking at today and within that was three things that were just mentioned. They are looking to bring two serviceable vehicles to Town Hall. Also, the Building Department and Planning and Zoning Department submitted a request for an upgrade/renovation of about \$46,000. Lastly, Police is looking for 5 new vehicles for next year.
- Councilman Joseph Santino asks if the accidents are being followed up on; are we being reimbursed for the cars that were smashed?

- Attorney Zullo says Sgt. Mulhern is doing a bang-up job with it; he is handling it from the beginning and if the insurance companies give him a hard time he is sending it to his office. So far he has been successful.
- Chairman McKay mentions a vehicle that was rear-ended three weeks ago when pulled over. But there is money in capital for new cars?
- Mr. Rizza says he didn't read the entire capital plan but the three items he mentioned before were within the plan. He has to discuss it with the Mayor who then submits it to the Bond Counsel then it goes before the Board of Finance and then the Town Council.
- Councilman Robert Parente says they also have five cars they are auctioning off, they will be getting whatever parts they need from those cars. He knows the Mayor's car is probably just a part or two shy and then will be back on the road; he will talk with them tomorrow morning.
- Councilman Joseph Santino says it is an embarrassment and they have to cancel inspections because they don't have a car and now they can't use their own cars anymore.
- Councilman "Big Steve" Tracey asks why they can't use their own cars?
- Councilman Robert Parente says his impression is that it is a liability if something happens and they are in their own car.
- Attorney Zullo says they also have had issues with people seeking reimbursements for mileage and things like that so the easiest clear-cut way to do is if you are going to leave Town Hall for Town business, you use a Town vehicle.
- Councilman Joseph Santino asks about whether or not there is anything in capital to put in for a new parking lot at Town Hall. He mentions the liability of the parking lot with people falling. So for \$60,000-\$70,000 they can have a new parking lot instead of a lawsuit.
- Attorney Zullo says he is not aware of any slip and falls in the parking lot; he knows they do occasional repairs in the parking lot as needed.
- Mr. Rizza says there is about \$500,000 requested for paving; he's not sure exactly what streets are included in that request at this point.
- Councilman Robert Parente says they did a lot of paving in the last few years they don't just pave on election years. This year he thinks they may be able to look into the parking lot within that \$500,000 as a possibility.
- Mr. Rizza says another thing is he thinks the State is cutting the LOCIP and road aide money.
- Councilman Richard Anania asks if the \$48,812 they are adding will increase the mill rate.
- Mr. Rizza says there will be no additional increase because of those changes.

Roll call vote: 10 in favor- none oppose- 1 abstention (Parente). Motion carries.

Chairman Mckay thanks everyone for all of their time during the entire budget process. He notes that the next and final meeting on the budget will be Wednesday, April 25th at 7:00PM at the Senior Center.

Item #6

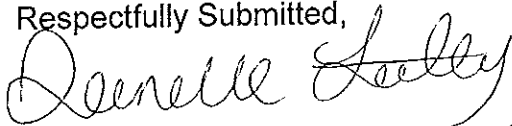
Councilman Joseph Santino makes a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Richard Anania seconds the motion.

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

Meeting is adjourned at 7:23PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Danelle Feeley".

Danelle Feeley, Clerk, East Haven Legislative Town Council