

**EAST HAVEN TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2018**

The East Haven Town Council held a regular meeting Tuesday, April 3, 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 7:04PM.

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Item #1

Roll Call-12 present- 3 absent (Santino, Badamo and Butler III).

A quorum is present.

Chairman McKay asks all to stand for the pledge of allegiance.

Stacy Gravino, CC
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Item #2

Approval of minutes from the March 6, 2018 Public Hearing.

Councilman Robert Parente makes a motion.

Councilman Nicholas Palladino seconds the motion.

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

Item #3

Approval of minutes from the March 6, 2018 Regular Meeting.

Councilman Richard Anania makes a motion.

Councilman Louis Pacelli seconds the motion.

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

Item #4

Approval of minutes from the March 29, 2018 Special Meeting (State of the Town).

Councilman Louis Pacelli makes a motion.

Councilman Joseph Deko seconds the motion.

Voice vote: 11 in favor-none oppose-1 abstention (Palladino). Motion carries.

Item #5

No Correspondence.

Item #6

Subcommittee Reports:

a. Subcommittee on Education, Library, and School Building;

(Robert Parente, Lou Pacelli, Linda Hennessey)

- Councilman Louis Pacelli reports that he attended two of their meetings in March; they are in their budget process they are proposing an approximate 2% increase. There was a lot of discussion about security in the schools and the suggestion of having armed guards in the schools did not pass. They also still have a lot of things going on with their Finance Department.
- Councilman Robert Parente adds that he spoke with the Superintendent and she was upset about the decision to not close the school district for the last snowstorm, they did not expect to get the amount they did and busses had trouble.
- Councilman Nicholas Palladino asks if there was any mention of the forensic audit. Councilman Louis Pacelli says they did not bring that up at the last two meetings he attended but when he was a member on the Board he thought it was going forward.
- Chairman McKay says he heard it was stalled because of funding reasons.
- Councilman Palladino says well they are still responsible for the \$918,000 that was overspent.

b. Subcommittee on Public Safety, Health, & Welfare;

("BIG" Steve Tracey, Rich Anania, Joe Santino)

- Councilman Steve Tracey reports that the Police Department hired Robert Celentano.
- Councilman Joseph Deko adds that new squad 1 has replaced Engine 1 at headquarters and it is being outfitted now. They traded in the old one as part of the agreement and also got another engine for the volunteer division.

c. Subcommittee on Finance;

(Judy Sitnick, Joseph Badamo, Joseph Carfora)

- Councilman Joseph Carfora says he spoke with Marc Conte and he was told they discussed funds for the Mayor's new car and the other 5 cars that were purchased and they were also busy doing the budget.

d. Subcommittee on Public Services, Parks, & Recreation;

(Robert Parente, Joseph Deko, Lori Jaffe)

- Councilman Robert Parente reports that they are making great headway with the removal of the bleachers at JMMS; they are removing all of the bleachers except one set is being kept there so that people can still enjoy the games. The press box is down and 2/3 of the bleachers are out. There are some plans that will be put forward in the next few months for new bleachers. He adds that at the Ice Rink lights have been replaced with all new LED bulbs making the place unbelievably bright. They started working on the pool this

week; they did the two bathrooms and bleacher lights. The lights are about 80% more efficient but they also provide great illumination. They are going to do this at the tennis courts, skate park, etc. they are doing interior and exterior replacement and it is a cost savings as well as providing tremendous illumination.

- Councilman Louis Pacelli thanks Councilman Parente following the snow storms on March 7th and 8th; his area lost power for 4 days and they had a tree come down and Mr. Parente himself responded right away and had a crew come out. He commends him and the Public Works Department for doing a great job it was a tough storm with a lot of trees down and they did a fantastic job with the plowing.
- e. Subcommittee on Urban Renewal/Housing; no report.
(Richard Anania, Henry Butler, III, Joseph Deko)
- f. Temporary Subcommittee on Community Group Stipends; no report.
(Kenneth Mckay, Nick Palladino)

Item #7

To consider and act upon a Resolution setting a Public Hearing date and time 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." - Board of Education Side of the Budget. The Public Hearing shall take place on April 16, 2018, at 7:00PM, at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut.

Councilman Richard Anania 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 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. The Public Hearing shall take place on April 18, 2018, at 7:00PM, at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut.

Councilman Nicholas Palladino 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 #9

To consider and act upon a Resolution approving and authorizing Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr. to sign the "Greater Bridgeport Regional Recycling Interlocal Agreement."

A Resolution approving and authorizing Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr. to sign the "Greater Bridgeport Regional Recycling Interlocal Agreement"

WHEREAS, the Town of East Haven is currently a participant in the Southwest Connecticut Recycling Operating Committee (SWEROC);

AND, WHEREAS, said committee is set to dissolve and terminate as of June 30, 2018;

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to C.G.S. §7-339c, ten communities have bargained to form the "Greater Bridgeport Regional Recycling Interlocal Committee" to perform the substantive functions previously performed by "SWEROC;"

AND, WHEREAS, it is in the best financial interest of the Town of East Haven to become a member of said committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council approves the "Greater Bridgeport Regional Recycling Interlocal Agreement" in the form substantively as presented to the Council;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr., or his designee, is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to enroll the Town as a member of the "Greater Bridgeport Regional Recycling Interlocal Committee."

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

Councilman Robert Parente makes a motion.

Councilman Steve Tracey seconds the motion.

No public comment.

- Town Attorney Joseph Zullo explains that as of right now, we have been part of a ten-year agreement whereby the Town of East Haven along with 8 or 9 other Towns receive approximately \$24 or \$25 per ton for all of the recyclables that are left at the curbs every week across Town. That agreement is up and that organization is not being reconstituted. In it's place, essentially the same municipalities are forming this new group. The difference is that at this point in time we are not sure how much the Town will be reimbursed for its recyclables. We generate between 930-1,000 tons of recyclables every year which works out to be about \$24,000-\$30,000 in the end. From that money they subtract the administrative fees for this group and we take in the profit; so it doesn't cost us

anything to be a part of this and it provides us with a place for recyclables to go. The benefit to being a part of the group is that being alone if we were going to try to bid to sell our recyclables we would only be selling 1,000 tons so we would probably get a lower price whereas being a part of this group it's like purchasing electricity you get a better rate being part of a bigger party. The only question still in everyone's mind is what price we will get for recyclables going forward. When this was originally negotiated 10 years ago, the price was much higher so now we are not sure, but the benefit is still that we will get the best price possible. They are still not sure if they are going to join it, they would like the Council's approval to be able to if it is decided that it is in the Town's best interest.

- Councilman Louis Pacelli asks if this is approved to go forward, what happens if they found out they won't be reimbursed by as much and it's not profitable.
- Attorney Zullo says if they determine it is not in their best interest to be a part of it then the Mayor has indicated he won't enroll the Town in it. The recyclables have to go somewhere so odds are we will get the best bang for our buck by becoming a part of the group. The problem is that the cutoff is rapidly approaching and they don't want to not have the approval in place. The goal is to at least break even on this.
- Councilman Richard Anania asks if they know approximately when they will know the dollar amount.
- Attorney Zullo says in order for the group to bid it out, they have to know who is going to be a part of it so they are trying to see what the collective interest is; he believes we are the last community to decide if they are going to sign on. He assumes if and when the Council gives approval, the group will do its due diligence and go out and get a price. If they do, he will report back with what the results are.
- Councilman Richard Anania asks if the same amount of municipalities have joined as in the past.
- Attorney Zullo says yes, he believes it is 10 others.
- Chairman McKay asks how many years ago this was.
- Attorney Zullo says it was 10 years ago and at one point the Council tried to withdraw from it and there were some penalty provisions, so it was never done.
- Councilman Robert Parente adds that the \$25 we have been getting may not be realistic in the coming years because the cost has gone down substantially and it would not surprise him if they don't get as much. He would be happy to break even because it's something they have to do for their citizens.
- Chairman McKay says they have to take the recyclables and put them somewhere but they won't know what the number is going to be until everything is finalized.

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

Item #10

To consider and act upon a Resolution to provide a tax refund of \$679.11 to ACAR Leasing, Ltd. as follows:

A Resolution to provide a tax refund of \$679.11 to ACAR Leasing, Ltd.

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:

ACAR Leasing, Ltd.
4001 Embarcadero Drive
Arlington, TX 76014

Acct./List: 2015-04-0084926
Reason: Overpayment; Taxed in another city
Amount: \$679.11

TOTAL: \$679.11

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 Robert Parente makes a motion.

Councilman Joseph Deko seconds the motion.

No public comment.

No Council comment.

Roll call vote: 11 in favor-none oppose- 1 abstention (Mckay). Motion carries.

Item #11

To consider and act upon a Resolution to provide a tax refund of \$588.20 to Toyota Lease Trust as follows:

A Resolution to provide a tax refund of \$588.20 to Toyota Lease Trust

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:

Toyota Lease Trust

20 Commerce Way, Ste. 800
Woburn, MA 01801-1057

Acct./List: 2015-03-0070463
Reason: Lease ended 11/2/2015
Amount: \$588.20

TOTAL: \$588.20

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 Deko makes a motion.

Councilman Steve Tracey seconds the motion.

No public comment.

No Council comment.

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

Item #12

To consider and act upon a Resolution to provide a tax refund of \$2,773.41 to PNC Mortgage as follows:

A Resolution to provide a tax refund of \$2,773.41 to PNC Mortgage

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:

PNC Mortgage

3232 Newmark Drive - Locator B6-YM13-01-7
 Miamisburg, OH 45342

Acct./List: 2016-01-0009199

Reason: Overpayment

Amount: \$2,773.41

TOTAL: \$2,773.41

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.

Councilwoman Loria Jaffe makes a motion.

Councilman Richard Anania seconds the motion.

No public comment.

No Council comment.

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

Item #13

To consider and act upon a Resolution to provide a tax refund of \$736.06 to Toyota Lease Trust as follows:

A Resolution to provide a tax refund of \$736.06 to Toyota Lease Trust

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:

Toyota Lease Trust
 20 Commerce Way, Ste. 800
 Woburn, MA 01801-1057

Acct./List: 2016-03-0071951
Reason: Refund; Apply AOA
Amount: \$736.06

TOTAL: \$736.06

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 Louis Pacelli makes a motion.
 Councilman Richard Anania seconds the motion.
 No public comment.
 Council comment:

- Councilwoman Loria Jaffee asks what AOA stands for.
- Attorney Zullo says Assessor Mike Milici would have a better idea but he believes it is for someone of his or her spouse who is currently in the armed services; there is an exemption that applies during that period when they are in the service.
- Councilman Nicholas Palladino says that is what it was; he knows from when his son was active duty there was this for his car taxes.

Item #14

To consider and act upon a Fair Housing Resolution for the Town of East Haven.

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

No public comment.

Council comment:

- Chairman Mckay says this is something they have to take action on, is it every year?
- Attorney Zullo says yes, it is every year as part of our commitment in general as well as for grants we go for through urban renewal and housing.

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

Item #15

To consider and act upon a Resolution adopting and authorizing Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr., to sign a Fair Housing Policy Statement and Fair Housing Resolution affirming the Town's fair housing policies.

Councilman Robert Parente 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 #16

To consider and act upon a Resolution adopting and authorizing Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr., to sign a Statement of Compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Councilman Robert Parente makes a motion.

Councilman Nicholas Palladino seconds the motion.

No public comment.

No Council comment.

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

Item #17

To consider and act upon a Resolution adopting and authorizing Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr., to sign an affirmative action policy statement.

Councilwoman Loria Jaffe makes a motion.

Councilman Steve Tracey seconds the motion.

No public comment.

No Council comment.

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

Item #18

To consider and act upon a Resolution adopting and authorizing Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr., to sign an ADA Notice of "Municipal Grievance Procedure" and associated documents.

Councilman Nicholas Palladino makes a motion.

Councilman Loria Jaffe seconds the motion.

No public comment.

No Council comment.

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

Councilman Nicholas Palladino makes a motion to add Item #18A to the Agenda.

Councilwoman Loria Jaffe seconds the motion.

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

Item #18A

To consider and act upon a Resolution setting a Public Hearing date and time to discuss "An Ordinance amending the 2017-2018 capital ordinance entitled, 'An Ordinance making appropriations for various public improvements aggregating \$2,520,000 for the 2017-2018 capital budget and authorizing the issuance of \$2,520,000 bonds of the town to meet said appropriations and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose.'" The Public Hearing shall take place on May 1, 2018, at 7:00PM, at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut.

"An Ordinance amending the 2017-2018 capital ordinance entitled, 'An Ordinance making appropriations for various public improvements aggregating \$2,520,000 for the 2017-2018 capital budget and authorizing the issuance of \$2,520,000 bonds of the town to meet said appropriations and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose.'"

WHEREAS, on October 3, 2017, the East Haven Legislative Town Council considered and approved the following ordinance:

"An Ordinance making appropriations for various public improvements aggregating \$2,520,000 for the 2017-2018 capital budget and authorizing the issuance of \$2,520,000 bonds of the town to meet said appropriations and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose;"

AND WHEREAS, said ordinance provided for the bonding of \$25,000.00 for a "New Sand Pro machine;"

AND WHEREAS, since the approval of said ordinance, the Public Works Department has determined that it is in the Town's best interest to purchase an "ABI Force" machine, due to its lower cost and better performance;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of East Haven that the aforementioned ordinance is hereby amended to provide for the purchase of an "ABI Force" or like-kind machine in place of a "SandPro Machine."

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

Submitted by: Danelle Feeley, Council Clerk
 Approved by: Joseph Maturo, Jr., Mayor
 Received by: Stacy Gravino, Town Clerk

Date: _____
 Date: _____
 Date: _____

Councilman Nicholas Palladino makes a motion.
 Councilman Joseph Deko seconds the motion.

No public comment.

No Council comment.

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

Item #19

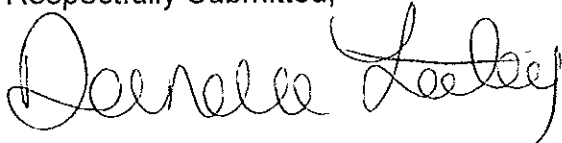
Councilman Robert Parente makes a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Nicholas Palladino seconds the motion

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

Meeting is adjourned at 7:43PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Danelle Feeley, Clerk, East Haven Legislative Town Council