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EAST HAVEN TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2018

The East Haven Town Council will held a special meeting Tuesday, November 20, 2018, at 7:00PM at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, CT 06512.

Vice Chairwoman Linda Hennessey calls the meeting to order at 7:06PM and asks all to stand for the pledge of allegiance.

Item #1

Roll Call-10 present- 5 absent (Mckay, Deko, Badamo, Butler III, Anania). A quorum is present.

Item #2

Approval of minutes from the November 13, 2018 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 #3

Approval of minutes from the November 13, 2018 Public Hearing.

Councilman Louis Pacelli makes a motion.

Councilman Joseph Santino seconds the motion.

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

Item #4

To consider and act upon "An Ordinance Reallocating \$105,000.00 of Capital Funds between Capital Accounts #99-3-01(Fire) and 99-3-03 (Fire)" as follows:

AUTHORIZING ORDINANCE OF THE

East Haven Town Council

An Ordinance Reallocating \$105,000.00 of Capital Funds between Capital Accounts #99-3-01(Fire) and 99-3-03 (Fire)

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

AND WHEREAS, the Board of Finance, on November 7, 2018, approved and recommended the following transfers/bond reauthorizations to the Town Council:

Accts. #99-3-01 and 99-3-03						
To:	For:					
99-3-01	Lifepak Defib.	\$75,000.00				
99-3-03	AFG Cost Share	\$30,000.00				
TOTAL		\$105,000.00				
From:						
99-3-01	Diesel Exhaust					
	Removal	\$60,000.00				
99-3-03	Station Repair	\$45,000.00				
TOTAL		\$105,000.00				

Reason: Funds need to cover assistance to firefighters grant cost share for breathing apparatus and compressor. Also funds to replace defibrillators that are no longer supported by the manufacturer.

NOW THEREFORE, be it **ORDAINED** by the Town Council of the Town of East Haven that said transfers/bond reauthorizations are approved.

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

Submitted by: Approved by: Received by:	Danelle Feeley, Council Clerk Joseph Maturo, Jr., Mayor Stacy Gravino, Town Clerk	Date:
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No public comment.

Council comment:

- Councilwoman Loria Jaffe asks if the Fire Chief has anything to add.
- Fire Chief Matthew Marcarelli states that he applied for a grant last year for self-contained breathing apparatus; the air tanks the firefighters wear on their backs and he received the award earlier this year. The cost of the grant was \$328,000 with a 10% cost share of \$10,000, which needed to be reallocated from his existing capital budget, which is the reason they are here. Otherwise they would have been shelling out that money probably within the next year to replace those air packs and the compressor so it is a tremendous cost savings to the Town. As far as the lifepak defibrillators are concerned, they purchased new ones in 2015 and they typically have a 7-year shelf life. They were notified almost two years ago that they would no longer be supported by the manufacturer; almost right after we took possession of them. They were the subjects of an FDA class 1

recall, which is a life threatening recall for medical devices. Once the recall was issued they provided loaners so there was no way to get supplemental units when they went out for repair and over the past year since he has been here they have many recorded malfunctions of the devices. They have three; one on each paramedic unit and the personnel, his command staff and local 1205 all approached him with their concerns and the need for them to be replaced. He met with another vendor who sells another of these devices, Medtronic, and he has gotten a quote from them to replace the three units which is about half the cost of what they paid for the other ones and they will also get a trade in on the ones they have. The reason for the need of a special meeting for this is because he has to seal that deal with them before December 31st so time is of the essence. He really only learned about the gravity of this problem in the last three weeks. This is probably the most used piece of equipment in the Department for any call a paramedic goes on which is about 4,500 ALS calls so it is an essential piece of equipment. He would appreciate their support on the transfer.

- Ken Mckay- as member of the public-59 Sidney Street, East Haven- asks Chief Marcarelli when he expects to get these defibrillators if the Council approves it.
- Chief Marcarelli says he has to go out to bid, which would be 10 days, and he believes he will have them by the middle of December, before December 31st.
- Councilman Louis Pacelli asks if the Chief foresees having this problem again with the next company.
- Chief Marcarelli says no, this company typically everyone in the area uses, which
 is from Medtronic, they are the most widely used cardiac defibrillator. The
 research didn't back up the ones they tried last time. He is not anticipating the
 same problems, the units only have typically a 7 year shelf life according to the
 FDA, so this is really only about 3 years premature.

Councilman Louis Pacelli makes a motion. Councilwoman Loria Jaffe seconds the motion. Roll call vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

Item #5

Adjournment of Special Meeting.

Councilman Joseph Santino makes a motion.

Councilman Joseph Carfora seconds the motion.

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

Meeting is adjourned at 7:12PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danelle Feeley, Clerk, East Haven Legislative Town Council