

**EAST HAVEN TOWN COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2013**

In accordance with Chapter III, Section 6 of the East Haven Town Charter, the East Haven Town Council held a public hearing meeting Tuesday, December 3, 2013, at 7:00PM at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, CT 06512.

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

**Item #1**

Roll Call for Public Hearing #1-12 present – 3 absent (Parlato, Gravino and Sand).  
A quorum is present.

**Item #2**

To conduct Public Hearing #1 regarding an Ordinance approving the following transfer at the recommendation of the Board of Finance:

**East Haven Police Department**

**To:**

01-332-0190	Overtime Wages	\$125,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$125,000.00</b>

**From:**

01-332-0110	Wages	\$125,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$125,000.00</b>

**Reason:** Funds needed for overtime.

No public comment.

- Police Chief Brent Larrabee addresses the Council. Chief Larrabee explains that this is a transfer of regular wages to overtime. There has been a shortfall in overtime over the last several months. This is due to some staffing reasons; there are some people out on long term injury and others out for training. He says they are starting to catch up now. There are currently 5 people in training mode which do not apply to overtime so that is an added cost. This is a problem that has probably been with the Department since 2008/2009. In 2012 there was a substantial amount of retirements. He says we are always working towards catching up. He hopes that by the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2014 he can say they are all

caught up, while it can't be guaranteed he hopes it will be accomplished. There are three openings now and they are actively looking to fill them. He explains that anytime the Town hires someone it takes about a year before they can be used because of the time spent in the Academy and field training. He says that some of the problem was retirements, some people left because of the union contract being re-negotiated. He says they did look over some other areas where they could maybe reconfigure.

**Item #3**

Adjournment of Public Hearing #1.

Councilman Joseph Santino makes a motion.

Councilman Henry Butler III seconds the motion.

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

**Item #4**

Roll Call for Hearing Committee- 12 present – 3 absent (Parlato, Gravino and Sand).

**Item #5**

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

Councilman Ken McKay makes a motion.

Councilman Vincent Spaduzzi seconds the motion.

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

**Item #6**

Adjournment of Hearing Committee.

Vice Chairman Robert Parente makes a motion.

Councilman Santino seconds the motion.

Meeting is adjourned at 7:06PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danelle Feeley, Clerk, East Haven Legislative Town Council