

**EAST HAVEN TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2016**

In accordance with Chapter III, Section 6 of the East Haven Town Charter, the East Haven Town Council Hearing Committee held a public hearing meeting Tuesday, October 4, 2016, at 7:00PM at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, CT 06512.

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

Item #1

Roll Call for Hearing Committee - 10 present – 5 absent (McKay, Santino, Spaduzzi, Butler III and Anania).

A quorum is present.

Item #2

To conduct Public Hearing #1 regarding an "Ordinance approving a transfer of \$149,213.00 for the Police Department and Fire Department" as follows:

Police Department/Fire Department

To:

01-334-0110	Salaries	\$134,710.00
01-224-0190	Overtime Wages	\$5,528.00
01-332-0190	Overtime Wages	\$9,245.00
TOTAL		\$149,213.00

From:

01-334-0150	Vacation	\$36,959.00
01-334-0115	Part-time Wages	\$7,597.00
01-334-0530	Gas	\$14,312.00
01-885-0689	Contingency	\$90,345.00
TOTAL		\$149,213.00

Reason: To close out 2015-2016 FY.

AUTHORIZING ORDINANCE OF THE East Haven Town Council

An Ordinance approving a transfer of \$149,213.00 for the Police Department and Fire Department

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

AND WHEREAS, the Board of Finance, on August 16, 2016, approved and recommended the following transfer to the Town Council:

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NOW THEREFORE, be it **ORDAINED** by the Town Council of the Town of East Haven that said transfer is approved.

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

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

Public comment:

- Jeff Lendroth-320 Tyler Street, East Haven, CT- Mr. Lendroth asks if there was new employment added.

- Fire Chief Doug Jackson explains that \$134,000 of it was from the 110 account which was funded \$42,000 lower than his original request. The number of people on duty is fixed, there is always 10 firefighters and 1 officer on duty so when someone is on worker's compensation they get paid so there is pay for that person that was scheduled to be there and their replacement.
- Chairman Parlato says that the only Department in Town with a minimum man power clause is the Fire Department; there are always 10 on duty so someone is paid to fill in for someone who is out. Because of the nature of their work they don't know when someone is going to get injured or sick. This is a fairly common thing, they have been doing it for years and he doesn't think it will ever stop.

Council comment:

- Councilman Robert Parente asks Finance Director Paul Rizza if these are two separate entities, because it says Police Department and Fire Department.
- Mr. Rizza says looking at the actual account numbers, 334 is for the Fire Department, 224 is Public Services and 332 is Police. There were three accounts that came up short as they are closing out the fiscal year. Some of it is because of the fact that there were a couple extra days in the year that they always accrue for but they ended up with overtime that pushed them slightly over their budget. Those three Departments are our three largest ones; he thinks the Police regular salary account is about \$2.9 million so being off by \$9,000 isn't really that bad. Usually they have very large transfers from a larger number of accounts and he thinks this is the largest one handled this year. There were smaller ones handled by the Board of Finance and there is another one for when they get to the regular meeting tonight. This is only about \$30,000 so they are either lucky or are doing a better job on the budget or both.
- Chairman Parlato says they are transferring out of contingency, how much will be left?
- Mr. Rizza says assuming the \$90,000 will be used; it will leave us with about \$115,000, so we didn't use the entire contingency.
- Chairman Parlato asks if he anticipates needing that money to finish the year.
- Mr. Rizza says once they close there will be a positive result of operations, they will have more cash than they spent.

Item #3

Adjournment of Public Hearing #1.

Councilman Parente makes a motion.

Councilman William Richardson seconds the motion.

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

Item #4

Hearing Committee report to the full Town Council and recommendation of action on Public Hearing #1.

Councilman Nicholas Palladino makes a motion.

Councilman Parente seconds the motion.

No public comment.

No Council comment.

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

Item #5

Adjournment of Hearing Committee-

Councilman Palladino makes a motion.

Councilwoman Letizia Lettieri-Morales seconds the motion.

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

Meeting is adjourned at 7:09PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danelle Feeley, Clerk, East Haven Legislative Town Council