

**Town of East Hampton  
Town Council Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, May 23, 2023  
Town Hall Council Chambers and Zoom**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Chairman Mark Philhower, Vice Chairman Tim Feegel, Council Members Pete Brown, Brandon Goff, Eric Peterson, Kevin Reich and Alison Walck and Town Manager David Cox.

**Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Philhower called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers and via Zoom.

**Adoption of Agenda**

A motion was made by Ms. Walck, seconded by Mr. Goff, to adopt the agenda as submitted. Voted (7-0).

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Ms. Walck, seconded by Mr. Peterson, to approve the minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting of May 9, 2023 as written. Voted (7-0)

**Public Remarks**

Tania Sones, Curry Lane expressed her decision to vote no on the budget for the Board of Education and the town.

Karen Wanat, 35 Long Crossing has also expressed her decision to vote no on the town budget.

Matt Engelhardt, Bevin Boulevard expressed his decision to vote no on the town budget. He stated there could be another way to have the proposed budget. The teachers and staff should not be cut for the sake of the budget.

Russ Kaplan announced that the Clean Energy Task Force is holding an Electric Car Show event on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, with a rain date of the 4<sup>th</sup>. He encouraged the Council members to attend the event and show their support of the event. There will be dealerships, private owners, and clean energy companies in attendance at the event. Refreshments will be provided by a couple of local food trucks.

**Presentations**

None

**Bids & Contracts**

None

**Resolutions/Ordinances/Policies/Proclamations**

None

**Continued Business**

**Sub-Committee Reports & Updates:** None

**Update on Repairs to the High School Tennis Courts:** The proposal from the contractor was sent to the town to be reviewed. The cracks will be filled with caulk and the tennis surface will be repainted. The warranty will be extended another year. It was suggested to use a mill overlay of asphalt on the tennis court. Another suggestion was to have something more long term than caulk used to fix the cracks. The Chairman asked Matt Walsh, the Director of Public Works, to review the proposal from the contractor to get his advice and opinion on the plans.

### **New Business**

#### **Set Public Hearing Date for Review of Neighborhood Assistance Act Application(s)**

The members discussed some lighting improvements at the Memorial School. There was brief discussion about soliciting neighboring businesses to raise money for the improvements.

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Goff, to set the public hearing for June 13, 2023 during the regular Town Council meeting. Voted (7-0).

#### **Consideration of the FY 2023-2024 Public Water System Operating Budget & Water Rate Recommendation**

Scott Clayton, from the WPCA, updated the members on the operating budget and the water rate. The water rates have not been raised in a few years. The operating budget would need to be increased for the fiscal year. The increase would cost a resident \$1.50 more than what they are already paying for water. The rate would be at 1.6%. The public hearing for the WPCA will be held on June 6<sup>th</sup>. The budget would be brought back to the Town Council after the hearing.

#### **Discussion and Possible Action on Typographical Error in Tax Relief Ordinances**

The mistake with the ordinance was the effective date. It should state October 1, 2022 not October 1, 2023.

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Goff, to correct the error of the effective date to read October 1, 2022. Voted (7-0).

#### **Consideration and Action Regarding Police Department Policies/General Orders**

- 1) General Order 4.3 – Code of Conduct**
- 2) General Order 5.10 – Securing Prisoners**
- 3) General Order 8.4 – Performance Evaluations**
- 4) General Order 8.12 – Overtime and Extra Duty Assignments**
- 5) General Order 8.13 – Blood Borne and Air Borne Pathogens**

The members discussed the general orders of the Police Department. Each officer learns the constitutional procedures while attending the Police Academy. The officers are required to partake in training yearly and every six months if there have been updates to the system. The officers have initial discussions followed by a written form as the procedure for evaluations.

A motion was made by Ms. Walck, seconded by Mr. Feegel, to approve of the Police Department General Orders 4.3, 5.10, 8.4, 8.12, and 8.13. Voted (7-0).

#### **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Reinstatement of Payments to the Edgewater Hill Developer**

The town held back payment until the road was fixed and paved properly.

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Ms. Walck, to reinstate the payments to Edgewater Hill Developer. Voted (7-0).

**Town Manager Report**

The Police Department truck was delivered to the sign company before being brought to the department in June. The existing police vehicle will be demarked and given to the Animal Control department. Residents have been notified of the repaving and chip sealing of some roads in town. The referendum for the budget will be held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> from 6 am to 8 pm in the Town Hall.

**Appointments**

None

**Tax Refunds**

A motion was made by Ms. Walck, seconded by Mr. Goff, to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$967.33. Voted (7-0).

**Public Remarks**

None

**Communications, Correspondence & Announcements**

None

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Goff, to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 P.M. Voted (7-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata  
Recording Clerk