

**MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2018 AT 6:30 P.M. IN ROOM 207-209 TOWN HALL,  
84 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410**

Present

Chairman Timothy Slocum, Jeffrey Falk; Absent - Sylvia Nichols

Staff: Sean Kimball, Town Manager; James Jaskot, Finance Director; Arnett Talbot, Asst. Town Manager.

**1. ROLL CALL**

The clerk called the roll and a quorum was determined to be present.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The group Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

3. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$55 donation from an anonymous donor to The Human Services Gift Account for the Senior Center.
4. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$20 donation from Dot Metzler in memory Of a family member to the Human Services Gift Account for the Senior Center.
5. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$50 donation from Book Sale proceeds to The Human Services Gift Account for the Senior Center.
6. Acceptance and appropriation of \$1,923.50 from Collette Travel Service Inc. From the Commission of Treasures of Northern California Trip to the Human Services Gift Account for the Senior Center.
7. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$100 donation from Priscilla Lavin to the Cheshire Human Services Jitney Bus Fund.
8. Acceptance and appropriation of \$25 donation from Severino Fasulo to the Cheshire Human Services Jitney Bus Fund.
9. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$10 donation from Mary C. Salvatore to the Police Gift Account for general purposes.

MOTION by Mr. Falk; seconded by Mr. Slocum.

MOVED that the Budget Committee accept agenda items #3 through #9 and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

10. Discussion Re: Chamber of Commerce request for funding for the Cheshire Fall Festival fireworks.

Mr. Slocum stated that the Chamber of Commerce is requesting the Town appropriate \$5,000 toward funding of the fireworks at the Fall Festival.

Town Manager Kimball reported that in 2017 the Town did not appropriate funds for the fireworks display, but appropriated \$1,500 from the Parks and Rec budget (celebration line item) for the band performance. In 2016 the Town did help fund the laser show at the Fall Festival. At this time, Mr. Kimball advised the Town can handle funding \$5,000 for the fireworks. He noted the other "in-kind" costs for Police, Fire, etc. will be about \$18,000.

MOTION by Mr. Falk; seconded by Mr. Slocum.

MOVED that the Budget Committee accept agenda item #10, and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

11.   Approval of assignment of tax liens.

Finance Director Jaskot reported that the final sale amount (closing liens) for the tax liens is \$218,156.72, with proceeds to the Town of \$28,991.25. The selected company is FIG Capital Investments, LLC, which is the same firm that won the bid in 2017. The percentage is 13.2% which is the second highest...last year the percentage was 1.54%.

Mr. Kimball stated the original lien amount was \$309,000. The company, FIG Capital Investments, cannot start a foreclosure process in the first year of the lien, and works very well with Town residents in collection of taxes.

MOTION by Mr. Falk; seconded by Mr. Slocum.

MOVED that the Budget Committee accept agenda item #11, and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

12.   Approval of transfer of uncollectible property taxes to the Suspense List.

Mr. Jaskot explained that the suspense list is for motor vehicle and motor vehicle supplemental taxes, and there are no personal properties involved this year. These are taxes that are actively collectible. There is a statutory requirement which requires the Town to go through the process. The motor vehicle taxes are \$38,238.65, and supplemental motor vehicle taxes are \$9,945.62. The information comes from the last two grand lists (10/1/15 and 10/1/16), and the 10/1/16 grand list is being used for the fiscal year 2018.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

**13.   ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Mr. Falk; seconded by Mr. Slocum

MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:

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Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk