

**MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2019 AT 6:30 P.M. IN ROOM 207 TOWN HALL, 84
SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410**

Present

Chairman Timothy Slocum; Jeffrey Falk and Sylvia Nichols

Councilor David Veleber.

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

Budget Committee Chairman Slocum opened the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

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. DISCUSSION RE: FINAL BUDGET REVIEW OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

Town Manager Kimball referred to page 2 of the packet (Summary of Budget Adjustments) – Expenditures #10, (\$40,180). This number is the break out of the employee benefits with decrease of two (2) CPD Dispatchers in the budget.

Fire Hydrants – there was originally \$10,000 in the budget for painting and maintenance of fire hydrants - \$5,000 from Elim Park Gift Account and \$5,000 from operating budget. It is expected there will be a final price for new covers next year. Mr. Slocum talked about earmarking funding in the CFD budget next year for hydrant maintenance.

Mr. Kimball will review partial funding for fire hydrant maintenance with Chief Casner. Next year the funding could be increased to \$10,000 or even \$15,000...there are options on the table. Mr. Kimball noted this issue has been discussed in the capital budget process.

Teacher Pension Fund Contribution – This mandated contribution from cities and towns is still in the Governor's budget at \$285,000, and will have a big impact on Cheshire in 2022. Accelerated reduction (25%) in ECS funding could be over 12 years.

Mill Rate – The new mill rate will be 33.22 mills; this is a 0.60 mill rate increase.

BOE - proportionate share of the expenditure reduction is \$952,110.

Fund Equity – use of additional \$200,000 to \$1M.

Town Clerk's Office – budget includes funding of a part-time 15 hour per week employee at \$17 per hour.

4. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Ms. Nichols; seconded by Mr. Falk.

MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:

Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk