

MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2011 AT 7:00 P.M. IN ROOM 207, TOWN HALL, 84
SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410

Present

David Schrumm, Chairman; Michael Ecke and Thomas Ruocco.
Town Manager Michael A .Milone; Finance Director James Jaskot; Deputy PW Director
George Noewatne; Parks and Rec Director Robert Ceccolini; Pool Coordinator Sheila
Adams; Fire Chief Jack Casner; Supt. Of Schools Dr. Greg Florio; Vincent Masciana,
Director of Management Services, DOE

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 \$42 from Operation Fuel, Inc. to
The Cheshire Fuel Bank.

4. Acceptance and appropriation of \$380 from the Judicial Branch-Special
Services to the Park Gift Account for parks repairs and general services.

5. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$1,450 donation from Day Pitney LLP
To the Park Gift Account for a memorial bench.

6. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$500 donation from Arch Chemicals to
The Police Gift Account for general purposes.

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Schrumm.

MOVED to approve agenda items #3 through #6 and forward to the full Town Council
for approval.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

7. Appropriation of insurance reimbursement and award of contract for pool
Bubble.

Town Manager Milone submitted a summary of the Community Pool Insurance Claim to
the committee for review. The total replacement cost value for expenses related to the
pool repairs, equipment and bubble replacement is \$284,091.89. Highlights of the
report were discussed with the committee.

Item A – miscellaneous expenses paid -	(\$60,395.94)
Item B – expenses paid, not covered by insurance	\$21,661.89

Item C – pending expenses	(\$29,664.15)
Item D – proposed air support structure	(\$202,680.00)
Item E – proposed engineering consultant	(\$8,000.00)
TOTAL (A – E)	(\$279,078.20)
BALANCE	\$5,013.84

The repair/replacement of the secondary support system and pool deck repairs are estimate to cost \$23,178.07, and Roche and Great American Insurance Co. has notified the Town they would cover these expenses.

A memo was received from Mary Ann Rosa, Claim Administrator, H.D. Segur Insurance notifying the Town that the two checks from Great American Insurance can be cashed without prejudice or prohibiting payment of any additional funds due for open items.

Mr. Schrumm advised that the community pool insurance claim and bubble replacement will be discussed at a special meeting on August 17th.

The Budget Committee took no action on this agenda item.

8. Approval of FY 2010-11 operating budget transfers.

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Ecke.

MOVED to approve agenda item #8 and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion

Mr. Milone explained that the budget transfers were reduced by \$27,000 as a result of cancelled encumbrances in some departments.

Mr. Jaskot highlighted some of the changes – Public Property, \$28,000; Public Works, purchase orders cancelled, \$26,000; Snow and Ice account over budget by \$97,000, with only \$26,000 needed to cover this overage. There is \$115,000 from FEMA as revenue. Senior and Transportation Services, \$10,500 pay out to Director Pulisciano upon retirement.

Surplus, FY 10-11 is \$730,000; \$600,000 will be used in the FY 2011-12 operating budget; balance of \$130,000 will appropriated by Town Council.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

9. Champion Ambulance Service Inc. contract for emergency medical Services.

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Ecke.

MOVED to approve agenda item #9, and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion

Mr. Milone informed the committee that Chief Casner negotiated a new contract agreement with Campion Ambulance Company. For FY 11-12 the budget number was \$250,000 for ambulance service, and it has been reduced to \$167,953. At the end of the five year contract the annual cost will be \$213,000 for year #5. The service level will remain the same as the current level.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

10. Cheshire High School Turf and Track project appropriation.\

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Ecke.

MOVED to approve agenda item #10 and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion

There is an appropriation for \$188,890 before the Council for approval for the track project. Mr. Milone distributed a summary sheet for the main game field project reflecting revenues and costs totaling \$1,134,500, and a breakdown of the revenue. The Turf Committee funds total \$231,610, with \$39,000 previously accepted and appropriated.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Before adjournment, Mr. Milone and the Councilors present reviewed upcoming meetings of the Council. August 15th, Planning Committee, 7:30 p.m.; August 17th, Special Council meeting and Public Hearing on the CEP, 7:30 p.m.; Personnel Committee, August 22, 7:00 p.m.; Town Council August 23, 7:30 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Ecke.

MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:

Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk

