

MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2019, AT 7:00 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410

Present

Chairman Robert J. Oris, Jr.; Vice-Chairman Paul A. Bowman; Councilors Jeffrey Falk, Patti-Flynn Harris, Sylvia Nichols, Timothy Slocum.

Absent: Thomas Ruocco, Peter Talbot, David Veleber.

Staff: Sean Kimball, Town Manager; Arnett Talbot, Deputy Town Manager, Town Attorney Al Smith; Economic Development Coordinator Gerald Sitko; Tax Assessor Teresa Geremski.

Guests: William Campion, CEO Campion Ambulance; Dr. Steven Schneider, St. Mary's Hospital; Robert Dionne, Trinity Health Care.

Public Hearing Subject Matter

**Consideration of a proposed amendment
To the Code of Ordinances, Section 10-10
Regarding bazaars, raffles, and games
Of chance.**

1. ROLL CALL

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

2. EXPLANATION OF HEARING PROCEDURE AND AGENDA

3. READING OF LEGAL NOTICE

The clerk read the legal notice into the record.

4. PRESENTATION ON HEARING SUBJECT

Ms. Flynn-Harris reported that in January 2018 the State of Connecticut turned over responsibility for management, licensing and permitting of bazaars, raffles and games to municipalities. In the past, local permitting was done through the Police Chief's office with the fee revenue to the State. The change in the State regulations has the Town doing the permitting and keeping the fees. The proposed amendment to the local ordinance was to insure it was consistent with the State ordinance, and incorporating all that the State has done with phrasing, definitions, etc. into the local ordinance. The Ordinance Review Committee worked on cleaning up some of the ordinance language; looked at the fee schedule for permits based on the class of games; removed a maximum fee, and included a minimum fee (bingo, raffles, etc.). The public hearing is being held to give people participating in these fundraising activities to be heard.

5. QUESTIONS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR.

None.

6. PROPONENTS AND OPPONENTS STATEMENTS ALTERNATELY EXPRESSED.

None.

7. REBUTTAL AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR.

None.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Oris adjourned the public hearing at 7:41 p.m.

Attest:

Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk