

**MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2020 AT 6:50 P.M. IN ROOM 207, TOWN
HALL, 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410**

Present

Timothy Slocum, Chairman; David Borowy and James Jinks

Staff: Sean M. Kimball, Town Manager; James Jaskot, Finance Director

1. ROLL CALL

Chairman Slocum called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

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 \$19.40 donation from CAF America to The Parks and Recreation gift account to be used for the dog park.
4. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$200 donation from Kyum and Gail Pyun To the Library Gift Account to be used for general purposes.
5. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$300 donation from Jim and Jayne O'Brien To the Library Gift Account to be used for general purposes.
6. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$36 donation from Bernice and Fred Gillman To the Library Gift Account to be used for general purposes.
7. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$30 donation from Martin Cobern to the Library Gift Account to be used for general purposes.
8. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$150 donation from Cathleen Devlin in Honor of Joan Devlin to the Library Gift Account to be used for general purposes.
9. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$75 donation from Alisia Ceddia in honor Of the amazing teachers at Jack & Jill Child Care Center to the Library Gift Account to be used for general purposes.
10. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$30 donation from William and Jane Tubbs In honor of Bruce Richardson to the Library Gift Account to be used for general Purposes.
11. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$25 donation from Elizabeth Dugan In honor of Bruce Richardson to the Library Gift Account to be used for general Purposes.
12. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$25 donation from Frank and Mary Blazek

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13. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$50 donation from Corryne and James Hamilton in honor of Bruce Richardson to the Library Gift Account to be used for general purposes.
14. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$25 donation from Sherry Stekloff in honor of Bruce Richardson to the Library Gift Account to be used for general purposes.
15. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$25 donation from Judith and William Brain In honor of Bruce Richardson to the Library Gift Account to be used for general purposes.
16. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$100 donation from Bradley and Erin Lindquist in honor of Bruce Richardson to the Library Gift Account to be used for general purposes.
17. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$25 donation from Theresa LaBrun in honor of Bruce Richardson to the Library Gift Account to be used for general purposes.
18. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$20 donation from Roger and Faith Quint in honor of Bruce Richardson to the Library Gift Account to be used for general purposes.
19. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$50 donation from Pam Guedry in honor of Bruce Richardson to the Library Gift Account to be used for general purposes.
20. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$25 donation from Bruce Saulnier in honor of Bruce Richardson to the Library Gift Account to be used for general purposes.
21. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$50 donation from Bill and Joan Benedetto in honor of Bruce Richardson to the Library Gift Account to be used for general purposes.
22. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$50 donation from Libby Richardson in honor of Bruce Richardson to the Library Gift Account to be used for general purposes.
23. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$63 donation from the Yellow House Trivia Night to the Cheshire Fuel Bank.

24. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$222 donation from the Town Hall Dress Down Days to the Cheshire Fuel Bank.
25. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$50 donation from an anonymous donor To the Human Services Gift Account for general purposes.
26. Authorization to apply for a \$20,000 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Distracted Driving-High Visibility Enforcement Grant.
27. Authorization to apply for a \$1,500 Connecticut Community Foundation Grant To fund Mental Health First Aid Training for Older Adults.

MOTION by Mr. Jinks; seconded by Mr. Borowy

MOVED that the Budget Committee accept and approve agenda items #3 through #27 and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

28. Discussion and possible action regarding LED Lighting Upgrade capital Project funding.

Town Manager Kimball explained that a \$175,000 capital appropriation was funded for LED lighting in FY 2020 for 13 Town properties. The scope has been increased by four (4) locations; Cheshire Park Fields lighting upgrade cost is \$44,000; \$80,000 is the estimated cost for parks properties; estimated payback period is less than five (5) years. The original plan was to bond the cost, and now there is an option for zero (0%) percent financing through Eversource. Over five (5) years the town would be paying the same amount on a bill as with bonding. After the payment period with Eversource, the electric bills should drop by about \$51,000 based on current costs. If this option is approved, no capital funding is required and the original appropriation can be de-funded.

The Committee agreed to move forward with the pay as you go plan, and to forward this item to the full Council.

MOTION by Mr. Borowy; seconded by Mr. Jinks.

MOVED that the Budget Committee accept and approve agenda item #28 and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

29. Authorization to lock in natural gas rate.
Mr. Jaskot advised there were two recommendations from the consultant. Rates are fluctuating in the daily market, and the cap should be \$5.01 for 21 months fixed

contract. Looking at the historical low prices, Mr. Jaskot said this should be done. If this window evaporates, the town will not go through until rates are better.

MOTION by Mr. Borowy; seconded by Mr. Jinks.

MOVED that the Budget Committee accept and approve agenda item #29 and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

30. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Jinks; seconded by Mr. Borowy

MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:

Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk