

**MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M. IN ROOM 207, TOWN HALL,
84 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410**

Present

David Schrumm, Chairman; Michael Ecke, Thomas Ruocco.

Staff: Town Manager Michael A. Milone; Finance Director James Jaskot

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 an anonymous \$50 Donation to the Human Services Gift Account for residents in need.
4. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$500 donation from Adoria and Gerald Corcoran to the Cheshire Fuel Bank.
5. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$20 donation from the Back to School Bash To the Youth Services Gift Account for general purposes.
6. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$900 donation from the Archdiocese of Hartford to the Cheshire Fuel Bank.

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Ecke

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

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

7. Authorization to execute an indemnification agreement with the New Haven Fire Department for use of facilities for training.

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Ecke

MOVED to accept agenda item #7 and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion

Mr. Milone advised that this is a typical indemnification clause, has been approved in the past, and New Haven Fire Training Academy will not permit use of their facility without this agreement.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

8. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$150,000 donation from Elim Park for Repairs to the Cook Hill Road Pump Station.

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Ecke

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

Discussion

Mr. Milone informed the committee this was a timely gift from Elim Park to help with repairs to the Cook Hill Pump Station. This station is failing, is dangerous to get into, and getting this repair work done will carry the station a little further and push the project out a little into the future. Elim Park realized that much of the material from their facility is causing the problems with the pump station and at their facility. The situation was discussed by Elim Park staff, Supt. Dievert, and Mr. Gancarz. The project will go out to bid, and remaining funds from the \$150,000 will go to the project.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

9. Authorization to apply for a Certified Local Government designation from the State Historic Preservation Office.

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Ecke

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

Discussion

With this designation there is opportunity for the Historic District Commission to get more grants. Ms. Fox, Chair of the HDC, and Mr. Sitko will be at the Council meeting to provide more information on this item.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

10. Approval of WorldPay credit card processing contract extension.

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Ecke

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

Discussion

Mr. Jaskot explained that the Town has used WorldPay since 2005 with the Parks and Rec Department payments, and the payment method has been expanded to the Pool and Library. When taxpayers pay taxes they pay the 2.5% credit card fee; when people make payments through WorldPay the Town pays the fee. Last year the fees were about \$15,000, and Parks and Pool revenue was about \$350,000 with credit card

payments. A comparison has been made with other towns, and Mr. Jaskot reported that WorldPay is comparable, and their fee even a little better than other vendors.

With this program, Mr. Milone stated that people can pay fees from home. He hopes this program can be expanded to other departments such as Fine Arts and Building.

The committee was told by Mr. Jaskot that Town departments using WorldPay are very satisfied with the vendor, its service, and ask that no changes be made.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

11. Approval of Clean Water Fund Project Loan and Grant Agreement.

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Ecke

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

Discussion

This the agreement for the Clean Water Fund money, and Mr. Jaskot said this is a subset of that agreement authorizing Town Manager Milone and Mr. Jaskot to execute monthly funding payments and finalized loan payment. According to the Mr. Jaskot the timing of the project has changed, which is more favorable to the Town, with the first balloon payment being a little later. The permanent financing is at 2% and must be paid in 20 years.

Mr. Schrumm commented on the CWF funding, noting that 6 months after completion of the project, the payments of principle and accrued interest start.

Mr. Milone said the phosphorous portion is now funded at 30% and could be 50%, with the Town still fighting for the 25% cost of the project from the State. The contract will be signed next week, and with this approval from the Council the project can start.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

12. 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

