

**MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2014 AT 7:15 P.M. IN ROOM 207, TOWN
HALL, 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410**

Present

David Schrumm, Chairman; Thomas Ruocco and Peter Talbot.

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 a \$25 donation from Ray Voelker to the Parks and Recreation Gift Account for general purposes.
4. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$50 anonymous donation to the Human Services Gift Account for residents in need.
5. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$120 donation from Town Employees Dress Down to the Human Services Gift Account for residents in need.
6. Acceptance and appropriation of \$45 in proceeds from the Yellow House Program to the Cheshire Fuel Bank.,
7. Authorization to apply for a \$700 Sponsorship Grant from the Connecticut Community Foundation to fund a Senior Center Program.
8. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$10,000 donation from Yankee Gas to the Parks Gift Account to restore damages to the Main Street Parklet and for General Parks improvements.

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

MOVED that the Budget Committee approve agenda items #3 through #8 and forward them to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion

For item #8, Mr. Milone explained that the donation is to repair and replant the parklet at St. Peters Church following completion of work done by the gas company. The Town will do its portion of the work in the spring.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

9. Approval of commitment to participate in the South Central Regional Water Authority's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center.

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

MOVED that the Budget Committee approve agenda item #9 and forward it to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion

Mr. Milone explained that this contract commitment is done every three years. There is no set amount, but it averages \$15,500 spent, and it is budgeted for \$20,000.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

10. Approval of award of contracts for Districtwide Flooring Replacement Project.

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

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

Discussion

Mr. Milone stated that the flooring project is its 3rd year, and the Dept. of Education is using the same contractor.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

11. Approval of bid waiver and authorization to hire BL Companies for the design Upgrade for the Cheshire High School Sports Locker Project.

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

MOVED that the Budget Committee approve agenda item #11 and forward it to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion

Mr. Milone reported that this item was passed at the PBC meeting, to upgrade the plan which BL Companies put together two years ago.

Mr. Talbot noted that BL Companies did the design in 2011 for the Dept. of Education, and this approval is to update the design to what the PBC wants changed. The question is whether the design meets code per Building Inspector Burt Schiaroli.

The committee was told by Mr. Milone that the Council must waive the bid under PBC regulations, with hiring a company without an RFP/bid. The maximum amount for the design upgrade is \$5,800.

Mr. Schrumm stated that this approval puts the project back on track.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

12. Call for public hearing for the FY 2014-2015 General Operating Budget, Water Pollution Control Department Fund Operating Budget, and Community Pool Fund Operating Budget.

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Talbot.

MOVED that the Budget Committee approve agenda item #12 and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Talbot

MOVED that the Budget Committee meeting be adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:

Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk