

MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2014 AT 7:15 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410

Present

Tim Slocum, Chairman; Council Members Patti Flynn-Harris, Liz Linehan, Sylvia Nichols, Robert Oris, Thomas Ruocco, James Sima and Peter Talbot.

Staff: Town Manager Michael A. Milone

Guest: Joe Miller, President, Cheshire Youth Baseball

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. CHESHIRE YOUTH BASEBALL CONCESSION STAND ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT

MOTION by Mr. Sima; seconded by Ms. Flynn-Harris.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #042214-1

RESOLUTION #0422314-1

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves the Assignment and Assumption of Concession Stand Agreement between Cheshire Youth Baseball Inc. and Dennis Torello, pursuant to the terms of a Concession Stand Agreement dated November 16, 2009 by and between the Town of Cheshire and Cheshire Youth Baseball Inc. as recommended by the Planning Committee.

Discussion

The Council was informed by Mr. Sima that Cheshire Youth Baseball Inc. (CYB) President Joe Miller was present at the recent Planning Committee meeting to review the concession stand agreement. CYB opens the concession stand for games during the baseball season, and there will be no longer hours for the operation of the stand. If CYB receives a request from another organization to operate the stand, CYB must first approve the request. The request must then be submitted, in writing, to Mr. Ceccolini, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department for approval of use of the stand.

Ms. Flynn-Harris commented on CYB, a volunteer organization, having difficulty getting volunteers to operate the concession stand for games. She noted that proceeds from the stand are donated by CYB for the maintenance of parks and ball field improvements.

With regard to other groups using the concession stand, Mr. Oris asked if they would come to CYB, not Mr. Torello.

Mr. Miller replied that an outside group would come to either CYB or Mr. Torello.

Under the subject agreement, Mr. Oris stated that CYB is giving up all the rights to the concession stand, therefore, another group would have to go to Mr. Torello or the Town for approval to use the stand.

Mr. Sima clarified that another group would have to request use from the Town because the stand is open by CYB the baseball season. Use of the stand by another group requires permission from the Parks and Rec Department.

If another group wants to use the stand, Mr. Ruocco asked about a fee being charged for this use. He said that Mr. Torello collects money for his vendor services, and another group use could be over and above Mr. Torello's obligations.

An example was cited by Mr. Miller when the youth football group had a jamboree and used the concession stand with no money exchanged between the two groups.

Mr. Oris explained that Cheshire Junior Football used the concession stand. He stated that CYB is very generous to other organizations using the stand, and has even staffed the stand with their volunteers for an event outside CYB.

CYB built and paid for the concession stand structure, and Mr. Sima noted it is still a Town owned structure. CYB is willing to work with any of the groups in Town, and CYB does a great deal of work on the Town ball fields.

Town Manager Milone reported that at the start of the baseball season, the contractor (Torello) must meet with Director Ceccolini, and explain his plans for the season, including any changes to be made. The assignee (Torello) can permit another group to use the concession stand, with permission from the Parks and Rec Director.

Regarding the "cooking" in the stand, Mr. Milone pointed out that the Town does not want too many people cooking due to liability i.e. cuts, burns, fire etc. He said Mr. Torello would have to cook for organizations using the stand, and the Town wants tight controls when the stand is used by an outside group.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

4. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Sima; seconded by Ms. Flynn-Harris

MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:

Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk