

**MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2014 AT 7:15 P.M. IN ROOM 207, TOWN HALL,
84 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410**

Present

David Schrumm, Chairman; Thomas Ruocco, 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 \$120 from Operation Fuel to the Cheshire Fuel Bank.
4. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$50 donation from Linda Maggs to the Police Gift Account for general purposes.
5. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$1,500 donation from Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Monroe to the Police Gift Account for general purposes.
6. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$500 donation from Bill Maturo to the Library Gift Account for the purchase of books.
7. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$200 donation from Cheshire Lions Club To the Library Gift Account for library materials, furniture and computers.
8. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$25 do9nation in memory of Ruth Yager From Wendy Knap to the Library Gift Account for material, furniture and Computers.
9. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$550 donation from Cheshire Rotary Club To the Library Gift Account for materials, furniture and computers.
10. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$40 donation in memory of Lois Bernier From Ann Goodpasture to the Library Gift Account for material, furniture and Computers.
11. Acceptance and appropriation of an aggregate \$234 donation from The Friends Of the Library to the Library Gift Account for materials, furniture and computers.

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Talbot

MOVED that the Budget Committee approve agenda items #3 through #11, and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

12. Approval of FY 13-14 operating budget transfers.

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

MOVED to accept agenda item #12 and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion

Mr. Jaskot reviewed the budget transfers totaling \$310,100 for departments with overages and the funding sources.

Town Attorney – the overages are a result of key legal cases which were the drivers of increased legal expenses; the town attorney appoints legal counsel for some Town matters.

Town Manager's Office – the overage is \$7,512; the Town Manager's raise last year as \$3,300 and was never in the budget; \$2,200 is expenses for the national conference in Boston MA; \$1,400 is for payroll accrual; and \$700 is for overtime.

Employee Benefits – several people cashed out on their VEBA plan for a total of \$43,000; unemployment for police officer who left CPD, \$17,000 paid, and this is not usually budgeted.

At the request of Mr. Schrumm, the Council will receive a copy of the BOE transfers.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

13. Approval of supplemental appropriation to the WPCD FY 13-14 Operating Budget.

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

MOVED to accept agenda item #13 and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion

The WPCD budget must be increased with a supplemental appropriation of \$25,000. Mr. Milone reported the shortfall was about \$24,000, and is now down to about \$16,000, and could be lower. He advised that there will be more revenue accrued, but still recommends \$25,000 for the supplemental appropriation.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

14. Approval of an Inter-municipal Sewer Agreement with the Town of Wallingford.

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

MOVED to accept agenda item #14 and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion

There is only one house involved in this sewer agreement, and the house is about one mile from the Wallingford treatment plant. Mr. Milone explained that there must be an inter-municipal agreement, and the homeowner will pay sewer fees to the Town of Wallingford.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

15. Bartlem Park parking fees for Cheshire High School students.

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

MOVED to accept agenda item #15 and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion

There will be about 20 supplemental parking spaces at a fee of \$125 for the school year to be collected by the Parks and Rec Department, and put into the department's budget. Mr. Ceccolini is coordinating the process for the additional parking spaces.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

16. Authorization to bid the Pool Permanent Building Roof Replacement project.

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

MOVED to accept agenda item #16 and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion

Mr. Milone noted that this project is separate and apart from the pool structure project. The roof project will go out to bid; the Council sees the bids; and then awards the contract. The estimated cost for the roof over the eastern end of the building is \$110,000. This is the roof section over the boiler room and utility area and lifeguard station. The project will be merged with the Arizon project and handled concurrently.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

17. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$500,000 Small Town Assistant Program Grant for sidewalks in Town Center.

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

MOVED to accept agenda item #17 and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion

This STEAP grant funding will be used for the sidewalks up West Main Street to Maple Avenue. There is \$350,000 in the sidewalk account, and this \$500,000 STEAP grant will bring the total funding to \$850,000.

Mr. Schrumm commented on the slope up West Main street, and the need for the design to allow for snow storage.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

18. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:

Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk