

**MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015, AT 7:00 P.M. IN ROOM 207, TOWN HALL,
84 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410**

Present

David Schrumm, Chairman; Thomas Ruocco and Peter Talbot.

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

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 \$2,000 donation from Cheshire Lights of Hope to the Human Services Gift Account for general purposes.
4. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$100 donation in the name of Christina Mason to the Cheshire Human Services Gift Account for the Adopt-A-Family Program.
5. Acceptance and appropriation of aggregate donations of \$100 from anonymous donors to the Human Services Gift Account for general purposes.
6. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$7,500 donation from the Cheshire High School PTO to the Parks & Recreation Gift Fund towards a new electronic sign board.
7. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$253.12 donation from the Cheshire Methodist Church to the Cheshire Human Services Gift Account for general purposes.
8. Authorization to apply for a \$4,000 Historic Document Preservation Grant.
9. Acceptance and appropriation of \$2,898.32 from the Library's Lost and Paid Account to the Library Gift Account for Library program materials.
10. Acceptance and appropriation of \$3,224.10 from the Julia Tompkins account to the Library Gift Account for library program materials.
11. Authorization to apply for a grant from the Community Foundation of Greater New Haven for story tellers, workshops, and performances for children at the Library.

12. Authorization to apply for a Department of Transportation Distracted Driving Program Grant.

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

MOVED to approve agenda items #3 through #12 and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion

#10 - the amount is 15% based on the prior year's balance. #8 - is for automated scanning of land records, with the grant helping with the costs. This will provide electronic access in the future to the land records, about 3 years of records have been indexed to date.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

13. Photovoltaic systems and Power Purchase Agreement.

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

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

Discussion

Mr. Milone informed the committee that this item came out of the Planning Committee. The Town is taking the next step going to ZREC auction for credits. The first site will be the landfill, and then there is an option for Cheshire High School or Dodd Middle School.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

14. Acquisition of Street Lights.

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

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

Discussion

Mr. Milone explained that the \$40,000 would be reimbursable under the contract if the Town decides to go forward and replace the street lights. CL&P charges for lights and poles. There are five choices of lights that can be used, and if this goes forward it would be implemented by January 2016.

Mr. Jaskot advised that the property tax revenue for the street lights is just under \$10,000. He said that the \$40,000 will come out of the Senior Center Elevator Project balance of funds, and \$28,000 in the Capital Planning Account.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

15. Amended Library Parking Agreement

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

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

Discussion

The committee discussed the agreement with Mr. Milone advising that the building next to the Library is up for sale, and the Town is getting information on the sale. Prior to this agreement the Town was unsuccessful in negotiating an agreement with the Church for the 50 to 60 parking spaces. The Church was unhappy with the hours characterized for Sunday; the agreement was renegotiated by the Town Attorney and Church attorney; and it is a 5 year, renewable, lease at \$3,500 per year. The parking times were modified, and the Town is responsible for the lighting, and will install LED lights when bulbs are changed. In the past Cheshire was paying about \$3,000 for snow plowing of the Church parking lot, and the new lease increases to \$3,500. If the Church costs go over \$3,500 the Town is not liable. Mr. Milone reported that the Town pays about \$5,000 for the Arisco parking area and \$6,500 for the Grange parking area.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

16. Award Asbestos remediation project to AAIS Corp.

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

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

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

17. Award installation of new flooring project to Spectrum Floors Inc.

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

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

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

18. Bid Waiver and award of hazardous materials testing and surveying to Chemscope.

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

MOVED to approve agenda items #16 to #18 and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion

These agenda items are a continuation of the floor replacement project in the schools. The same contractor(s) will be used in a package deal, and there is satisfaction with the contractors. Mr. Milone advised that this appropriation will be entirely used for the last part of the flooring work.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

19. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Talbot

MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:

Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk