

**MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 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.

Council Member Robert J. Oris.

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 \$4,245 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services for the Local Prevention Council Grant for substance Abuse activities.
4. Acceptance and appropriation of an anonymous \$50 donation to the Human Services Gift Account for general purposes.
5. Acceptance and appropriation of \$4,051.87 in Asset Forfeiture Funds.
6. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$15 donation from Mary Salvatore to The Police Gift Account for general purposes.
7. Acceptance and appropriation of \$500.77 in ArtsDay donations to the CPFA Gift Account for scholarships.
8. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$1,020 donation from the Cheshire Rotary Club to the Library Gift Account for purchase of Ipads.
9. Acceptance and appropriation of \$1,158 for the Connecticut Library State Aid Grant for Library materials.
10. Authorization to apply for a Connecticut Department of Transportation Capital Assistance Grant for \$96,000 for the purchase of two mini-buses.
11. Authorization to apply for, and acceptance and appropriation of, the 2015 JAG Violence Crime Prevention Grant for Crisis Intervention Training Grant.

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

MOVED to accept agenda items #3 through #11, and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion

Item #10 is the opportunity to purchase another mini-bus, and the process is done every two years for acquisition of a new bus. The Senior Center has 4 buses; the oldest 2 buses are auctioned; the 2 other buses are held in the fleet along with the new buses. Each bus costs \$60,000, and the Town pays for the balance of the purchase cost of each bus.

Item #5 is funds or assets given to the Town after being held for a period of time. Mr. Milone cited the DARE vehicle which was acquired as the result of a drug bust.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

12.   Adoption of the FY 2015-2016 General Fund Operating Budget.

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

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

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

13.   Adoption of the FY 2015-2016 Water Pollution Control Department Fund 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.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

14.   Adoption of the FY 2015-2016 Community Pool Fund Operating Budget.

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

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

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

15.   Award of bid for the Exterior Masonry Wall Repairs at Highland, Dodd and Cheshire High Schools.

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

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

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

16. Supplemental appropriation for Special Education Expenses.

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

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

Discussion

This is reimbursement from the State for additional money spent by the BOE in the current operating budget. The BOE budget is increased by the amount of money and the revenue is increased by the same amount.

Mr. Milone said it is about \$52,000 coming in ECS; the BOE is requesting \$200,000 increase in their budget; and this action requires a resolution of the Council.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

17. Update of designation of bank depositories.

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 agenda item shows the listing of local banks in which the Town of Cheshire could deposit funds.

Mr. Jaskot stated that the goal is to entertain the use of local banks for Town funds. In order to do this there must be a listing of bank depositories approved by the Council in order for a bank to get a bid.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

18. Approval of tax appeal settlement for Macy's v. Town of Cheshire  
Possible executive session.

This agenda item will be discussed at the full Town Council Meeting, and the Council will determine whether it is an executive session item.

19. 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:

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Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk