

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015, AT 7:00 P.M. IN ROOM 207, TOWN HALL, 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410.

Present

David Schrumm, Chairman; Committee Member 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 \$1,600 donation from Richard Uluski Cheshire Men's Softball to the Park and Rec Gift Account for replacement Of lights at Cheshire Park.
4. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$50 anonymous donation to the Human Services Gift Account.
5. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$10 donation from Mary Salvatore to the Police Gift Account for general purposes.
6. Authorization to apply for a 50% matching grant from the Connecticut Community Foundation for \$5,340 for the purchase of data collection and Management software for the Senior Center.
7. Authorization to apply for Connecticut Department of Transportation DUI Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$93,822.72.
8. Acceptance and appropriation of auction proceeds of \$9,504.00 for the Future purchase of Public Works vehicles and equipment.
9. Appropriation of \$28,130.00 from the Peck-Jones fund for the Board of Education to purchase Chromebooks and Google licenses.
10. Authorization to apply for Local Transportation Capital Improvement (LoTCIP) Grants totaling \$1.5 Million for the South Brooksvale Road Bridge Replacement Project and Mt. Sanford/South Brooksvale Road intersection Realignment project.

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

MOVED to accept agenda items #3 through #10 and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion

#7 - Mr. Milone explained this grant will fund additional visible road blocks and 36 additional two office patrol efforts. The aggregate amount was received, and Chief Dryfe decides how to use the funds. In his letter, Chief Dryfe outlines the breakdown of the funds, with \$49,542 for officer salaries.

Mr. Jaskot advised that fringe benefits are \$44,280 total; medical 29%; pension 40%; workers comp. 5%; social security 7.65%; and there is an allocation for sick and vacation time.

#9 - The amount stated for the distribution from Peck-Jones fund is in compliance with the policy of 4% appropriation.

#10 - Mr. Milone said this grant is in addition to the \$185,000 in the budget. The LoTICP is the local transportation capital improvement plan; the funds are distributed by the COG to 17 towns based on need; and COG is looking at major roadway projects.

The wording for the LoTICP grant application should read "South Brooksvale Road Project, Bethany Mountain Road to Mt. Sanford Road"; and the second project is the Mt. Sanford/South Brooksvale Road Intersection Alignment Project. The projects will be identified accordingly in agenda item 7C resolution.

Town Engineer Gancarz has met with the McKee family on this project. There is funding available, and opportunity to get both projects funded and done.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Derf Kleist, 251 Lancaster Way, commented on item #7 and violations last year being zero. He said this is a DUI program not a general violation program. People cannot be stopped for anything other than DUI, but there can be other violations in conjunction with a DUI stop.

Mr. Milone advised that there is a State report from Chief Dryfe on the results of the use of these funds. The program is a DUI program. The State is satisfied with the beneficial effects of the program in Cheshire and continues to fund the grant.

Mr. Talbot cited the CPD results from the last DUI program for the record.

11. Reallocation of \$8,600 in architect fees from the Cheshire High School (CHS) Concession Stand capital project fund to the Capital Planning Account.

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

MOVED to accept agenda item #11 and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion

This item was discussed during the CEP process; it is to pay a small amount to the first architect; and provides an encumbrance to Stein-Troost to be released back to the original \$350,000. Mr. Milone cited the memo from Supt. Florio which indicates the need for additional architectural guidance and advice. The funding will go through the capital planning account, with a request to allocated the money from the Town Council.

This is a reallocation of the expenses. Transferring \$8,600 into the project will put it over the \$350,000 limit, and this is taking the expenditure and charging it back to the capital planning account. This leaves \$350,000 in tact.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:

Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk