

**MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCL BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017 AT 6:30 P.M. IN ROOM 207, TOWN HALL, 84
SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410**

Present

Timothy Slocum, Chairman; Michael Ecke. Absent: Sylvia Nichols

Council Member Paul A. Bowman

Staff: Michael A. Milone, Town Manager; Finance Director James Jaskot; Fire Chief Jack Casner; Deputy Chief Don Youngquist; Dan Ford.

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 \$20 cash donation from Brian Evans
To the Cheshire Police Gift Account.

4. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$200 donation from Kyum & Gail Pyun
To the Library Gift Account for the purchase of Library materials, furniture
And computers.

5. Acceptance and appropriation of \$18,682 from the 2016 Connecticut State
Library Connecticutcard Reimbursement to the Library Gift Account for the
Purchase of Library materials, services and equipment.

6. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$624 donation from the Cheshire United
Methodist Church to the Cheshire Fuel Bank.

7. Authorization to apply for a State of Connecticut "CLick It or Ticket" seatbelt
Enforcement initiative grant.

8. Appropriation of \$1,000 from the Jitney Bus Fund for the Greater Waterbury
Transit District Dues for Non-ADA services for FY 16-17.

9. Acceptance and appropriation of \$3,036.30 from Collette Tours to the
Human Services Gift Account for the Cheshire Senior Center.

10. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$75 donation from the ENP Lunch Group
To the Jitney Bus Fund in memory of Edward Fleming.

11. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$75 donation from the Widow and Widowers
Club to the Jitney Bus Fund in memory of Edward Fleming

12. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$12,500 donation from The Cheshire Lights Of Hope to the Human Service Gift Account.
13. Acceptance and appropriation of ARTSDAY donations in the amount of \$558.60 to the CPFA Gift Account for the Annual Scholarship Fund.

MOTION by Ms. Nichols; seconded by Mr. Ecke

MOVED to accept agenda items #3 to #13 and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

14. Police request for waiver of RFP for consultant for Public Safety Radio Communication System.
This matter will be taken up at the Council Meeting.
15. Appropriation of \$15,096 from the Jitney Bus Fund for the balance of the Senior and disabled minibus purchased with an 80% matching grant.

MOTION by Ms. Nichols; seconded by Mr. Ecke

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

Discussion

Mr. Milone advised that one jitney bus will be retired. After this appropriation, there will be a \$9,900 balance in the fund. The \$15,096 is 20% share of the cost of the new bus.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

16. Discussion of fire truck acquisition process.
Chief Casner, Deputy Chief Youngquist and Mr. Ford were present for this agenda item.

Chief Casner informed the committee that HGAC purchase option is similar to the State Administrative Services and COG. Because of the significant dollar amount and uniqueness of the purchase the matter goes to the Council for approval for purchase of heavy equipment. This is the first time CFD is using this organization. If the Budget Committee is in favor of this process, Chief Casner asked that the matter be on the agenda of the next Council meeting for approval. Final numbers will be negotiated and brought to the Council. The Chief said this is a standard piece of equipment; the manufacturer is Pierce; and many towns are doing purchases such as this one. CFD owes it to the taxpayers and Council to look at saving money. Under this process there

is savings on development of specs which is one month of work, and delivery of the new truck will be 9 to 12 months. There is savings of staff hours; the CFD gets a 20 year vehicle; and the same warranties apply.

Chief Casner met with the Willington CT Fire Chief who informed him that the HGAC process was the smoothest ever, and this is the town's 3rd vehicle from the company. East Hartford CFD purchased three pieces of apparatus from HGAC.

Mr. Slocum asked about the Public Works component, and CFD wanting to customize something on the truck.

The committee was informed by Mr. Milone that the town had trouble with one of the manufacturers, and there was discomfort with continuing to buy from them. It had nothing to do with the process.

Mr. Ford said there were three pages of issues with the ladder truck inspection, but everything was rectified within a week. With the HGAC process the turn around time is phenomenal.

This truck is replacing the current truck, and Chief Casner said the current truck is 27 years old. For air packs, HGAC has a different model, and the manufacturer is a stand-up group.

With the Pierce family, Chief Youngquist said the workmanship is good, and there are safety features and warranties.

The committee thanked the CFD representatives for the information presented.

Before adjournment, Mr. Milone informed the committee that the BOE wants to meet with the Council on May 23rd on the Facilities Plan.

Mr. Slocum asked Mr. Milone and Mr. Jaskot to prepare "taxpayer impact" on several levels of taxpayers...typical, average, top taxpayers, commercial.

Mr. Jaskot will get the numbers and information to the Council.

Regarding State reimbursement on school projects, Mr. Slocum asked for information about the percentage...33% to 27% cost benefit analysis.

Mr. Milone explained the State recognizes a facility up to 185,000 sq. ft. and after June 30th it will recognize 165,000 sq. ft. The State will carve out the auditorium, bleachers, gymnasium, because they can become "community centers".

17. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Ms. Nichols; seconded by Mr.Ecke.

MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

ATTEST:

MARILYN W. MILTON, CLERK