

**MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018, AT 6:30 P.M. IN ROOM 207, TOWN
HALL, 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410**

Present

Chairman Timothy Strollo and members Jeffrey Falk and Sylvia Nichols.

Staff: Michael A. Milone, Town Manager and 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 \$20 donation from Mary C. Salvatore To the Cheshire Police Department Gift Account to be used for general purposes.

4. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$50 donation from an anonymous donor To the Human Services Gift Account to be used for general purposes.

5. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$5,798 State of Connecticut Department Of Education Youth Service Bureau Enhancement Grant to be used for positive youth development and community awareness programs and clinical support groups for youth.

6. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$5,000 grant from the Housatonic Valley Coalition Against Substance Abuse Inc. for substance abuse prevention activities.

7. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$145.26 donation from the Committee to re-elect Patti Flynn-Harris to the Human Services Gift Account.

8. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$20 donation from Jessie Stoyak in Appreciation of the Senior Center Staff to the Human Services Gift Account for The Senior Center.

9. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$25 donation from Pamela Monahan in honor of Senior Center Staff member David Sheehan's birthday to the Human Services Gift Account for the Senior Center.

10. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$25 donation from Jane and Cheryl Miller in Memory of Richard "Mac" McHugh to the Cheshire Human Services Jitney Bus Fund.

11. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$25 donation from Cheshire Senior Travel Club in Memory of Richard "Mac" McHugh to the Cheshire Human Services Jitney Bus Fund.
12. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$35 donation from Severino Fasulo to the Cheshire Human Services Jitney Bus Fund.
13. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$30,000 Department of Energy Management And Homeland Security Grant for the purchase of a backup generator at the Youth Center.

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

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

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

14. Authorization to apply for a \$400,000 Small Cities Program Housing Rehabilitation Grant.

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

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

Discussion

Mr. Milone advised that Michelle Piccerillo, Director of Human Services, would be at the full Council meeting to present information on this successful program and grant application. The public hearing for this agenda item was noticed, and must be held by February 16th. The Cheshire Housing Authority will have the opportunity to apply for this grant funding.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

15. Waiver of bid and appointment of Camoin Associates to conduct consulting services for potential Tax Increment Financing District.

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

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

Discussion

The Council must approve a bid waiver and funding for the consultant out of the capital planning account. Mr. Milone said the funding must be specifically allocated for a project.

Ms. Nichols questioned whether a project could also receive tax incentive program benefits if the TIF moves forward.

An example was cited by Mr. Milone. A property has a \$100,000 tax base; with development the tax base would be \$200,000; there is \$100,000 for incentive financing; and the Council and developer determine how this money could be used for the project, i.e. infrastructure or project enhancement. Mr. Milone noted that the Town Council assigns the TIF district. At this time he is uncertain if a project in the TIF district could get financing and participate in the tax incentive program, and this is a Council decision.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

16. Acceptance and appropriation of a Bright Idea Grant.

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

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

Discussion

Mr. Milone explained this grant is for a heating system for the community pool, drawing hot air to heat the pool water. It is a combined heat and power system. The funding is for a feasibility analysis and other possible options.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

17. Approval of Lease Agreement for 487 North Brooksvale Road, Lock 12.

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

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

Discussion

The importance of having the presence of a qualified Town employee leasing and living in the Lock 12 house was cited by Mr. Milone. There is protection of the property and maintenance of the house and land by the lessee. The rent has been increased to \$800 per month (from \$700). There is a list of interested employees who want to rent the Lock 12 house.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

18. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

ATTEST:

MARILYN W. MILTON, CLERK