

**MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2018 AT 6:30 P.M. IN ROOM 207-209 TOWN  
HALL, 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410**

Present

Chairman Timothy Slocum, Jeffrey Falk. Absent: Sylvia Nichols.  
Staff: Sean Kimball, Town Manager; James Jaskot, Finance Director  
Councilors Robert J. Oris Jr. and Paul Bowman

**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 \$200 donation from the Cheshire Lion's Club to the Library Gift Account to be used for general purposes.
4. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$20 donation from Martin Cobern to the Library Gift Account to be used for general purposes.
5. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$50 donation from Cheshirepedia Inc. to the Library Gift Account to be used for general purposes.
6. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$237.50 donation from the lobby donation Container to the Library Gift Account to be used for general purposes.
7. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$274.95 donation from the Cheshire Senior Center Membership Association to the Human Services Gift Account for the Senior Center for reimbursement of additional My Senior Center Keytabs.
8. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$25 donation from Consuelo Hill to the Human Services Gift Account for the Senior Center to be used for general purposes.
9. Acceptance and appropriation of a vector truck auction proceeds in the amount Of \$34,200 to the Capital Asset account for maintenance and purchases of the Public Works fleet.
10. Authorization to apply for a \$5,000 Connecticut State Targeted Response To the Opioid Crisis Community Mini Grant for local opioid prevention Programs.
11. Acceptance and appropriation of an anonymous donation of \$50 to the Human Services Gift Account for general purposes.

MOTION by Mr. Falk; seconded by Mr. Slocum.

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

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

12.   Discussion and possible approval of a reallocation of a \$100,000 appropriation For sidewalks for Lanyon Drive and Westland Avenue to the general sidewalk repairs and replacement capital project.

MOTION by Mr. Falk; seconded by Mr. Slocum.

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

Discussion

Mr. Slocum stated he thinks this area of town could use sidewalks. He commented on the level of consternation from area residents, and using the money for other more important things at this time.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

13.   Approval of the de-authorization of capital projects.

MOTION by Mr. Falk; seconded by Mr. Slocum.

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

Discussion

Mr. Jaskot reported there are bonded projects with \$1.4M of funds which are not needed, and additional projects with too much bonding, about \$273,000. This money can be reallocated to projects in progress. He explained the bonding of the project listed, and said some cleanup is needed. For school projects the excess bonding must be used on other school projects, and this is the same with sewer projects. Mr. Jaskot said negative amounts of excess dollars can be applied to other projects.

Town Manager Kimball stated this an additional de-authorization over and above what was needed in the capital budget (\$526,000). The equates to less future debt service. Some of the projects are 10 to 12 years old.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

14. Approval of bid waiver and supplemental appropriation from the Capital Non-Recurring Account for the purchase of long guns and storage for the Cheshire Police Department.

MOTION by Mr. Falk; seconded by Mr. Slocum.

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

Discussion

Mr. Slocum noted the backup information shows the Cheshire Police Department (CPD) checking on three (3) vendors. Chief Dryfe made the decision to go with a different vendor than originally proposed at an additional cost of \$8,000.

Mr. Kimball stated the source of funds is \$185,000 available in C.N.R.

According to Mr. Jaskot these money is reserve funds. There is a short list of other projects to be closed out and moved into unallocated funds.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

15. Approval of Local-Option Subsection (c) of 12-81 (21) Veteran's Exemption For 1137 Fox Hill Road.

MOTION by Mr. Falk; seconded by Mr. Slocum.

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

Discussion

Mr. Kimball informed the Council members that this is similar to a prior approval for special equipment in a home to accommodate the needs of a disabled veteran. The application has been vetted and is confirmed by the Tax Assessor.

With regard to the veteran's exemption approval, Mr. Slocum asked what happens when the home is transitioned to another person, and if another application would be required.

Mr. Kimball explained the exemption would go to the surviving spouse.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Mr. Falk; seconded by Mr. Slocum.

MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:

---

Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk