

**MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2019 AT 6:30 P.M. IN ROOM 207-209 TOWN
HALL, 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410**

Present

Chairman Timothy Slocum, Jeffrey Falk and Sylvia Nichols

Staff: Sean Kimball, Town Manager; James Jaskot, Finance Director;

1. ROLL CALL

Chairman Slocum called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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 \$3,471.69 from the Cheshire Rotary Club to the Cheshire Fuel Bank.
4. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$250 donation from YourCause.com to The Parks and Recreation Gift Account to be used for general purposes at the Dog Park.
5. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$40 donation from Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Verner to the Human Services Gift Account to be used for the Senior Center.
6. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$30 donation from Nicoletta Fasulo to the Jitney Bus Fund.
7. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$121 donation from Tours of Distinction to the Human Services Gift Account to be used for the Senior Center.
8. Acceptance and appropriation of \$100 donation from the Cheshire Garden Club to the Human Services Gift Account to be used for the Senior Center.
9. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$1,097.16 donation from Cheshire United Methodist Church to the Cheshire Fuel Bank.
10. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$5,342 grant from the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services for the Local Prevention Council Grant to be used to fund substance abuse prevention activities.
11. Acceptance and appropriation of an Emergency Management Performance Grant sub-grant award of \$29,262 with a \$14,631 Town match for the local emergency management program.

12. Acceptance and appropriation of an aggregate of \$70 in anonymous donations To the Human Services Gift Account for general purposes.

MOTION by Ms. Nichols; seconded by Mr. Falk

MOVED to accept and approve agenda items #3 through #12 and forward them to the full Town Council for approval.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

13. Discussion and possible action re: \$290,000 special appropriation for bulky waste collection.

MOTION by Ms. Nichols; seconded by Mr. Falk

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

Discussion

Mr. Slocum commented on the contingency funding being increased due to possible higher costs for the bulky waste collection.

The committee was informed by Mr. Kimball that five (5) years ago the cost was \$260,000. The cost was increased to \$290,000; tonnage cost is \$99 per ton; A.J. Waste has held its fees; and the State revenue to Cheshire is holding at +\$800,000 as the town goes into the budget process. Rollout of the trash collection carts will go into early April. Mr. Kimball talked about the 2014 bulky waste collection in April 2014, its success and completion, and the 2019 collection completed by Memorial Day.

The appropriation can be approved, and Mr. Slocum said it can be based on contingency pending the budget situation.

The new trash carts will be delivered in April, and Mr. Kimball explained there will be 8x11 paper information cards outlining the various town collections. It is hoped to include information on the bulky waste collection at that time.

Mr. Slocum stated the bulky waste collection can be approved by the Council with collection dates to be determined.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

14. Discussion and possible approval of bid waiver for Police Department Taser Devices and accessories and authorization to purchase.

MOTION by Ms. Nichols; seconded by Mr. Falk

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

Discussion

The purchase of an additional 20 tasers is for replacement and insurance every uniformed officer has a taser.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

15. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$386,100 Community Connectivity Grant Program (CCGP) for sidewalks along Jarvis Street from Lancaster Way to Linear Trail.

MOTION by Ms. Nichols; seconded by Mr. Falk

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

Discussion

Mr. Kimball reported that the town applied for this grant in 2016, and it took three (3) years to receive the grant. If there is a shortage of funds to complete this sidewalk project, the town can supplement funding from the sidewalk project funds. Mr. Kimball believes the funding will enable completion of this sidewalk project.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

16. Discussion and possible approval of bid waiver for design, bidding and construction administration for the Doolittle School underground storage tank replacement, and authorization to hire Silver/Petrucci for \$8,640 for said work.

MOTION by Ms. Nichols; seconded by Mr. Falk

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

Discussion

Mr. Kimball noted that agenda items #16 and #17 are identical projects, but for two separate schools. They come to the Council by recommendation of the Public Building Commission (PBC) for a bid waiver approval.

With regard to these projects, Mr. Slocum questioned whether an architect must sign-off on underground tank removal projects.

Mr. Kimball advised that the Silver/Petrucci firm is an architectural and full design firm. There is a requirement to insure compacting and fill around the tank, and they must be

bolted to the ground. A particular type of engineering is required, and the approval is also for bidding and construction.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

17. Discussion and possible approval of bid waiver for design, bidding and construction administration for the Darcey School underground storage tank replacement, and authorization to hire Silver/Petrucci for \$8,150 for said work.

MOTION by Ms. Nichols; seconded by Mr. Falk

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

Discussion

Mr. Kimball stated the Darcey project is a lower cost than the Doolittle project, because the work is not as complex.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

18. Discussion and possible allocation of \$160,000 for the purchase of 55 Railroad Avenue.

MOTION by Ms. Nichols; seconded by Mr. Falk

MOVED to accept and approve agenda item #18 and forward to the full Town Council.

Discussion

This agenda item, to purchase the 55 Railroad Avenue property, was recommended by Mr. Kimball to move forward to the Council. It will be discussed in executive session. There was authorization for the Town Manager to enter a sales agreement to negotiate the purchase. Funds would be allocated from the Land Acquisition Account. Mr. Kimball wants it on the record that the Council approves moving all the funds for this allocation.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

19. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Ms. Nichols; seconded by Mr. Falk

MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:

Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk