

**MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M. IN ROOM 207, TOWN HALL,  
84 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410**

Present

David Schrumm, Chairman; Michael Ecke, Thomas Ruocco.

Staff: Town Manager Michael A. Milone; Finance Director James Jaskot

**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 \$10 donation from Dalia and Lawrence Medin To the Police Gift Account for the car seat inspection program.
4. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$500 donation from the Cheshire Lion's Foundation Inc. for the Therapeutic Recreation Camp.
5. Authorization to apply for a Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee Right Response CT Network School-Police Community Collaboration Grant.
6. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$6,500 Historic Documents Preservation Grant.
7. Acceptance and appropriation of an anonymous \$50 donation to the Human Services Gift Account for general purposes.
8. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$1,450 donation from John Oddie for a Memorial bench.
9. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$3,050 grant from the Connecticut Community Foundation for the Therapeutic Recreation Summer Camps.
10. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$500 donation from the Cheshire Lion's Foundation, Inc. for the Therapeutic Recreation programs.

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Ecke.

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

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

11. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$27,021.86 Clean Water Fund Grant to the Debt Service Reserve Account.

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Ecke.

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

Discussion

Mr. Milone explained that the Town received \$243,000 more than expected; \$100,000 was transferred to the WPCD fund to accommodate additional capital expenses; and \$143,000 was put into the debt service reserve fund which will be used to pay the consultant because expenses were higher than budgeted. The funds were for Phase I of the original design, which was never built into the budget.

This project is fully bonded, and Mr. Jaskot said the debt service reserve fund has a balance of \$5.4.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

12. Acceptance and appropriation of \$89,026.98 insurance proceeds for the Cheshire High School West Gym Roof Project to the Board of Education Capital Non-Recurring Maintenance Fund.

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Ecke.

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

Discussion

There is an amendment to this agenda item in the Council packets due to an additional \$14,708.62 insurance payment. The total settlement is \$103,735.62. Mr. Jaskot noted there is the potential to get more FEMA money for this project.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

13. Approval of multi-year Fibertech Agreement for the Public Works Garage and Artsplace.

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Ecke.

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

Discussion

Mr. Milone stated that this is approval for the new hookup for the Public Works Garage and Artsplace. The maintenance lines in the I.T. budget increased. This is a continuation of adding fiber optic cables, and will put Artsplace into automated operation, and locked into the Parks and Rec Department system for on-line registration

and other services. Each time a new fiber optic is installed the Town must sign another agreement.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

14. Approval of State of Connecticut Department of Transportation Agreement For the Development of Contract Plans, Specifications and Estimates for the Farmington Canal Heritage Greenway.

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Ecke.

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

Discussion

This is the next step to go forward with money spent on the design work locking in the grant with the State. DOT has master agreements for all its projects. Town Attorney Al Smith will explain the agreements to the Council at its meeting. There are two agreements – one for the Trail and one universal agreement for all DOT projects. DOT wants to move this project along and cannot do anything until this agreement is signed. This locks in the 80%/10% and 10%.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

15. Approval of State of Connecticut Department of Transportation Master Municipal Agreement for Construction Projects.

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Ecke.

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

Discussion

The master agreement will be reviewed by Attorney Smith with the Council.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

16. Approval of Senior Dollar Days at the Community Pool.

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Ecke.

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

Discussion

This is a promotion through the pool committee to increase senior usage of the community pool. It is a temporary reduced fee of \$1.00 for senior citizens, and takes place August 26<sup>th</sup> to August 30<sup>th</sup>.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

17. Approval of assignment of tax liens.

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Ecke.

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

Discussion

This is the final group of tax liens. The holder of the liens is moving them from one company to another, and this transfer cannot take place without Town approval.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

18. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Ecke

MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:

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Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk