

**MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2014, AT 7:00 P.M. IN ROOM 207, TOWN
HALL, 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410**

Present

David Schrumm, Chairman; Thomas Ruocco, Peter Talbot
Staff: Town Manager Michael A. Milone; Finance Director James Jaskot;
Vincent Masciana, Director of Management Services, Dept. of Education

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 an anonymous \$50 donation to the Human Services Gift Account for general purposes.
4. Acceptance and appropriation of aggregate donations totaling \$400 to the Parks Gift Account for a players' bench at McNamara Field.
5. Acceptance and appropriation of aggregate donations totaling \$403 to the Parks Gift account for the Oberst bench.
6. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$68 donation from the Yellow House Family Game Night program to the Cheshire Fuel Bank.
7. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$72 donation from Bovanofest to the Performing and Fine Arts Gift Account for scholarships.

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Talbot.

MOVED to accept items #3 through #7 and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

8. Bid Waiver for apportion of Public Works dump truck.

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Talbot.

MOVED to accept item #8 and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion

Mr. Milone explained that the recommendation from PW Director Noewatne and Richard Kaczer (Fleet Manager) is to go with the next truck on the State bid list. The waiver is

for the cab and chassis only; the truck body comes off the State list at \$77,218; the Freightliner truck is \$58,000 more than the International Truck.

Mr. Noewatne and Mr. Kaczer have had many unresolved problems with the International trucks and there is a low level of confidence with this vendor. Therefore, the Council is requested to repeat what was done two years ago with a truck purchase.

Mr. Milone noted that the State must come to the realization that there is a bad piece of equipment on their bid documents, and should not encourage purchase of these International trucks.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

9. Award of contract for construction of the permanent building roof at the pool.

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Talbot.

MOVED to accept item #9 and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion

Mr. Milone stated that this is the small barrel roof over the mechanical area of the facility at the eastern end of the building. \$110,000 is appropriated; total roof replacement estimate cost is \$90,000; \$49,000 to repair the roof and an extra \$41,000 to replace the roof. The consultant does not believe the extra funding is needed for the entire roof.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

10. Cheshire High School Roof Replacement Project grant resolution.

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Talbot.

MOVED to accept item #10 and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion

Mr. Masciana informed the committee that the State needs the Council resolution in the exact language stated for the grant. This is a retroactive action in order to get the grant; reimbursement is about 40% of the eligible costs.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

11. Approval of contract for temporary use of Elim Park Pool for swim lessons.

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Talbot.

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

Discussion

The committee was told by Mr. Milone that the Town only pays for the time used at this pool; rental is in the \$3,500 range with another \$850 for an instructor; and revenue could be about \$10,000. Ms. Adams will insure swim classes are filled before renting time at the Elim Park pool. The contract is for fees, on an hourly basis, with penalties.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

12. Pool staffing extension.

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Talbot.

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

Discussion

The Community Pool closed on October 13th; the assistant aquatic director and head lifeguard will be furloughed in two weeks.

Ms. Adams has put together a list of things to be done in the interior pool building during the time the facility is closed. The list was in the Council packets.

Mr. Milone pointed out that the pool opened in 2003 and the permanent building needs attention, and this is the last and best time to get interior work done. He said Public Works and Parks and Rec crews will be re-deployed during the winter season to do some of the work. In the interim two pool staff can work for 6+ weeks to get some of the work done. It is expected the revenue generated from the swim lessons will cover the cost of the staffing extension, which will be about \$10,000.

Mr. Schrumm said he has looked at the list of things to be done for the interior of the pool building, and believes PW and Parks and Rec crews can do this work. He also questioned the skills of the pool staff to do the work and do it well.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

13. Settlement of Tax assessment appeal (possible executive session)
This matter is cancelled.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Talbot.

MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:

Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk