

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2015, AT 7:00 P.M. IN ROOM 207, TOWN HALL, 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410.

Present

David Schrumm, Chairman; Committee Member Thomas Ruocco.

Staff: Michael A. Milone, Town Manager; 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 \$103 donation from the Cheshire Community Chorus to the Cheshire Fuel Bank.
4. Appropriation of \$2,000 from the Jitney Bus Fund for the Greater Waterbury Transit District Dues for Non-ADA Service for FY 15-16.
5. Acceptance and appropriation of an anonymous \$50 donation to the Human Service Gift Account for general purposes.
6. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$5 donation from Angela and Joseph Orsene To the Library Gift Account toward the purchase of a Children's Room sign.
7. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$17,004, 2015 Connecticut Reimbursement from the Connecticut State Library for purchase of Library Materials, services and equipment.
8. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$200 donation from the Cheshire Lions Club to the Library Gift Account for Library materials, furniture and computers.
9. Acceptance and appropriation of an aggregate of \$12,800 from the sale of used handguns to police officers/retirees to the Police Gift Account to be used toward the purchase of new handguns.
10. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$10,000 donation from Dr. Robert Giddings For the creation of a Police Department K-9 Unit.

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Schrumm.

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

Discussion

#7 - this is an annual reimbursement from the Library Consortium based on how much the Cheshire Library lends to the region. It looks into the import and export of library books.

#9 - the guns are sold to CPD officers for about \$300 to \$350 per gun; officers like and want to own their gun; the money is used to offset cost of the acquisition.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

11. Award of tax and sewer lien assignments.

12. Transfer of uncollectible taxes to the Suspense Tax List.

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Schrumm.

MOVED to accept agenda items #11 and 12 and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion

Mr. Jaskot advised that the suspense tax list this year is about \$48,000. The list is turned over to a collection agency; the Town can hold a lien for only 15 years; as soon as an item is in suspense it goes to the collection agency. The tax and sewer liens percentage has increased over the last 2 years, and 13.56% is the premium this year.

It was pointed out by Mr. Milone that the list was \$240,000, and has diminished to \$183,000. Tax Collector Donlin will be at the Council meeting to provide detailed information on the suspense list and lien assignments.

Mr. Jaskot stated that the companies bid high on the liens because it is a quality investment; the company collects on the interest; and the package is attractive to an investor.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

13. Authorization to proceed to bid for the Senior Center Renovation Project.

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Schrumm.

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

Discussion

There was a brief discussion on the 2nd floor of the center being structurally sound enough to handle the exercise program. This will be determined by PBC, and the Council will be informed.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

14. Allocation for building issues on Town Open Space.

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Schrumm.

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

Discussion

There was a brief discussion on the building issues at Boulder Knoll Farm -- the barn and the house. Mr. Milone advised the resolution has been amended; the barn has been removed from consideration; and the request is for approval to talk to Cheshire Housing Authority about the residential property on this site and Lock 12. The barn/shed at Boulder Knoll is being used by the farm per an agreement with the Town, and this building will be looked at to determine if it is structurally safe.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by ; seconded by

MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:

Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk