MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2010 IN ROOM 207, AT 7:00 P.M. TOWN HALL, 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410

Present
David Schrumm, Chairman; Michael Ecke and Thomas Ruocco.
Councilor Anne Giddings.
Staff: Michael A. Milone, Town Manager

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 aggregate of $1,024 donations for The Cheshire Fuel Bank.

4. Acceptance and appropriation of the State of Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services Local Prevention Council Grant in the amount of $4,245.

5. Acceptance and appropriation of a $300 donation from William Hammond to the Police Gift Account.

6. Authorization to apply for a Coca Cola/Keep American Beautiful Bin Grant Program.

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

MOVED to accept agenda items #3 through #6 and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion
The committee discussed item #6 and whether these bins would have Coca Cola advertising on them. Mr. Milone was not sure, but in looking at the photographs of the bins, he does not believe there will be ads on the bins. This will be check with Mr. Michaelangelo and the Council informed. Mr. Milone explained that these are temporary bins to be used only for large events, and the Town is getting metal permanent bins in the near future.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

7. Acceptance and appropriation of $165,000 donation from Elim Park to the Police Department Gift Account.
MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Ecke.

MOVED that agenda item #7 be forwarded to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion
Mr. Schrumm stated that the report from Chief Cruess on the use of the gift funds is detailed and straightforward.

Chief Cruess informed the committee that the report is basically laid out as it is each year, and the funds are used prudently by the department and they help supplement the operating budget. The $15,000 upgrade for building maintenance is the annual maintenance for the Police Department building.

In both the Police and Fire Departments, Mr. Milone noted that they will have equipment purchases out of the gift fund. The departments have never purchased vehicles out of the gift account.

Chief Cruess stated there is some money left over in the account and he has plans for use of this $60,000.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

8. Acceptance and appropriation of $165,000 donation from Elim Park to the Fire Department Gift Account.

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

MOVED that agenda item #8 be forwarded to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion
Mr. Ruocco expressed appreciation to Elim Park for their voluntary donation and generosity with these grants to the Fire and Police Departments. He said the funds are used for things integral to the operation of the departments.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.


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

MOVED that agenda item #9 be forwarded to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion
Mr. Schrumm commented on this AFIS system as being the fastest way to fingerprint people and get into the FBI system.
Chief Cruess explained that this is an automated system which as been in use for about 10 years. There was consideration to go into the system a few years ago but the cost was high. Now, the State wants every department to have this system and funds are being provided to purchase the machine with a one year warranty, maintenance paid for 2 or 3 years, with the department picking up the maintenance in the 4th year at a cost of $3,340. The system should be good for about 10 years, and set up and training are provided with this grant at no charge to the Town. With this system there is a response within 20 minutes from the FBI on the fingerprints of the person.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:

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Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk