MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2010 AT 6:30 P.M. IN ROOM 207, TOWN HALL, 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410.

Present
Budget Committee Members David Schrumm, Chairman, Michael Ecke and James Sima.
Staff: Michael A. Milone, Town Manager; James Jaskot, Deputy Finance Director; Dr. Greg Florio, Superintendent of Schools; Vincent Masciano, Business Manager, 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. DISCUSSION RE: PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 FIVE YEAR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PLAN AND ANNUAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Mr. Milone distributed the FY 2011 CEP Analysis (white document) which outlined the original CEP requests and the revised CEP budget from the Budget Committee on 8/24/10

- The GIS System is moved from bonds to C.N.R. ($135,000).
- The Senior Center Elevator Project is moved from bonds to C.N.R. ($110,000).

These two appropriations total $235,000, and can they are put into C.N.R. because the 21st Century Classroom ($250,000) was removed from the CEP and this was in C.N.R.

- Capital Planning Account, increased by $25,000.

This extra appropriation is coming from year #2 Technology Reserve Account which is reduced to $125,000 from $150,000.

- Land Acquisition was zeroed out; there is $1 million in year #3 (moved up from year #4).

- Vehicle Equipment Replacement Account was established at $150,000.

Money was moved out of the Parks and Recreation, Public Works and Police Department budgets for vehicles. The Account will fund two unmarked police
cars, 2 marked police cars ($80,000); one Parks and Rec tractor at $40,000; and a PW truck at $30,000.

- Two dump trucks were requested by PW Department - $145,000 ($90,000 each)

- #16 Blacks Road Bridge Design moved to year #2 of the CEP.

- #17 Road Repavement Program increased to $1.5 million (from $1.3 million)

- #20 Library, $160,000 in year #1 of the CEP for reconfiguration and furniture; and $130,000 in year #2 for RFID.

- #26 21st Century Classroom was zeroed out.

- #27 Dodd Middle School appropriation was increased to $250,000 in year #1 of the CEP.

In year #4 there was an appropriation request of $475,000, and $100,000 was for Dodd and $375,000 for the high school. The recommendation was to take the Dodd money, $100,000, and move it up to year #1 so the totality of the project is on referendum for approval. In year #4 the appropriation for the high school will be $375,000.

- CHS Track, $136,000 in year #1; $176,000 in year #3; the year #3 money was zeroed out, and the $176,000 was moved to year #1, rounded to $325,000.

Mr. Milone informed the committee members that this information represents the changes made as of August 24th meeting. In the back of the handout is the five year plan, with corresponding changes, and there is a summary of all the appropriations and resolutions with back-up project details.

Budget Committee Chairman Schrumm referred to CEP item #26 - 21st Century Classrooms, changing this appropriation to $125,000; and item #25 – Flooring Replacement to $300,000. The Smart Boards will be paid out of C.N.R., and this frees up money for the GIS $135,000 appropriation to be bonded.

MOTION by Mr. Sima; seconded by Mr. Ecke.

MOVED that the Budget Committee accept the changes to year #1 of the Capital Expenditure Plan.

Discussion
Dr. Florio requested that the appropriation for Smart Boards be $250,000.
VOTE  The motion passed 2-1; Ecke opposed.

In Resolution item #21, Mr. Masciano asked that Section 1 be changed to read:

“The sum of $300,000 is appropriated for district wide indoor flooring replacement….”

Mr. Masciano advised that the reason for the language change is for the carpeting in the worst condition to be replaced, district wide, and not just by school.

The committee approved this change in the wording of this section.

CEP RESOLUTIONS (Green sheets)
The changes to year #1 of the CEP, as of August 31, 2010, were noted by Mr. Milone.

#1 GIS System, $135,000; from C.N.R. to bond funding.

#21 Park Improvements, $300,000 (reduced from $325,000).

#25 District Wide 21st Century Classrooms Educational Technology Investment added with appropriation of $125,000.

MOTION by Mr. Sima; seconded by Mr. Ecke.

MOVED to forward the resolutions, as amended by the Budget Committee, to the full Town Council for action.

VOTE  The motion passed 2-1; Ecke opposed.

4. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Sima; seconded by Mr. Ecke.

MOVED to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.

VOTE  The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:

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Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk