

**MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2018 AT 6:30 P.M. IN ROOM 207-209 TOWN HALL,
84 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410**

Present

Chairman Timothy Slocum, Jeffrey Falk, Sylvia Nichols
Staff: Sean Kimball, Town Manager; James Jaskot, Finance Director; Arnett Talbot,
Asst. 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 vehicle and equipment auction
Proceeds to the Capital Assets Proceeds Account for fleet
Maintenance and purchases.**

MOTION by Ms. Nichols; seconded by Mr. Falk.

MOVED to accept and approve item #3 and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion

Ms. Nichols cited the amount of the proceeds - \$12,982.06, and Resolution #062618-4 on the Council agenda.

This is a policy instituted a few years ago; it has worked out well; and the proceeds to into the account for fleet maintenance and purchases.

Town Manager Kimball stated the funds are used for ongoing fleet maintenance, which extends the life of the equipment. It is a good investment and nice return to the Town. The proceeds used to go into the General Fund, and now go into a separate account for when it is needed by Public Works.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

4. Amendment to the Community Pool FY 17-18 Budget.

MOTION by Ms. Nichols; seconded by Mr. Falk.

MOVED that the Budget Committee accepts and approves item #4, which amends the total appropriation for FY 17-18 operating budget from \$901,896 to \$923,896, an increase of \$22,000; and forwards the matter to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion

Mr. Jaskot reported that pool fee revenues have been short, and to compensate for this there is a recommended increase in the subsidy from the General Fund to the Community Pool operating budget. There were also some expenditure overages (i.e. building materials, supplies, and electricity accounts) of \$22,000. To curtail this situation, the new bleachers and starting blocks are expected to generate more revenue with more swim meets and other events. Other enhancements are planned for the pool site with some amenities for outdoor activities. Mr. Jaskot noted that the Town is locked into lower electrical costs for the last few years, but there has been an increase in transmission fees.

In the resolution, #062618-2, Mr. Kimball noted a correction under item #30375-5302 Electricity, Amended Appropriation to **\$72,000**.

According to Mr. Jaskot, it is possible pool fees will fall even more, which would require further subsidization.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

**5. Amendment to the Water Pollution Control Department
FY 17-18 Budget.**

MOTION by Ms. Nichols; seconded by Mr. Falk.

MOVED that the Budget Committee accepts and approves item #5, which amends the WPCD operating budget from \$4,021,971 to \$4,221,971, an increase of \$200,000, and forwards this matter to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion

Town Manager Kimball advised there are three pressures on the expenditure side of this budget – debt service oversight of \$80,000 on the planning portion of the upgrade; \$70,000 overage in electricity costs, which is anticipated to come back; and credits being lower than expected, but accruing.

Mr. Jaskot stated the credit agreement has been in effect since April, but no credits have been received. There is no history on how much will be received each month.

Mr. Kimball cited the “Other” amended account regarding the contractual service due to the sludge truck. This is a FY 2018 item.

The fund balance can absorb the \$200,000, and Mr. Jaskot said it is possible to use only half of this funding.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Ms. Nichols; seconded by Mr. Falk.

MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:

Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk