

**MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCL BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2017 AT 6:30 P.M. IN ROOM 207, TOWN
HALL, 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410**

Present

Michael Ecke and Sylvia Nichols Absent: Timothy Slocum.

Staff: Michael A. Milone, Town Manager; Finance Director James Jaskot

Town Council Vice Chairman Paul Bowman.

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 \$50 donation from the Senior Center Membership Association to the Cheshire Police Explorers.
4. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$120 donation from the Town Employees Dress Down Fund to the Human Services Gift Account for general purposes.
5. Acceptance and appropriation of an anonymous donation to the Human Services Gift Account for general purposes.
6. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$200 donation from Kyum and Gail Pyun To the Library Gift Account for the purchase of Library materials, furniture and computers.
7. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$250 donation from Cathy Devlin in Honor of Joan Devlin to the Library Gift Account for the purchase of Library materials, furniture and computers.
8. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$100 donation from James and Jayne O'Brien to the Library Gift Account for the purchase of Library materials, furniture and computers.
9. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$183 donation from the Cheshire Regional Rehabilitation Center Wreath Walk event to the Library Gift Account for the purchase of Library materials, furniture and computers.
10. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$22.50 donation from James Freer to The Library Gift Account for purchase of Library materials, furniture and
11. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$4,000 donation from Richard and Mary Schena for the purchase of the portable ice rink.

12. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$1,500 donation from the Lion's Club
For the purchase of the portable ice rink.
13. Acceptance and appropriation of an anonymous \$900 donation to the Parks Gift
Account for general purposes.
14. Acceptance and appropriation of an anonymous \$40 donation for the
Lock 12 museum.
15. Authorization to apply, and acceptance and appropriation of a \$2,000 Quick
Grant for the Library Community Connections program.
16. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$105 donation from a Yellow House event
To the Cheshire Fuel Bank.
17. Acceptance and appropriation of \$21 in proceeds from Plarn Barn Bag and
Cro-Knit sales to the Human Services Gift Account for Senior Center programs.
18. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$100 donation from Alan and Lorraine
Gurz to the Human Services Gift Account for Senior Center programs.
19. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$25 donation from The Cheshire Senior
Center Widows and Widowers Club to the Human Services Gift Account for
Senior Center programs.
20. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$20 donation from Linda Wallinger
to the Human Services Gift Account for Senior Center programs.
21. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$60 donation from the winners of the
Silent Auction at the Holiday Bazaar to the Human Services Gift Account
For Senior Center Programs.
22. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$100 donation from Cathleen Devlin
To the Jitney Bus Fund.

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

MOVED to accept agenda items #3 through #22 and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

23. Approval of amendments to the elder tax relief ordinance Section 17-6.
24. Approval of amendments to the elderly tax freeze ordinance Section 17-15.

25. Consideration of tax credits for the 2015 Local Elderly Property Tax Credit Program.

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

MOVED to accept agenda items #23, 24 and 25, and forward them to the full Town Council for approval.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

26. Authorization to execute police accident reconstruction team regional agreement.

MOTION by Mr. Ecke; seconded by Ms. Nichols

MOVED to accept agenda item #26 and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion

Chief Dryfe will be present at the Council meeting to explain, in detail, the team regional agreement. Attorney Smith has looked at the agreement and approves it. Mr. Milone stated that Chief Dryfe thought it is beneficial to have resources of other towns, if needed. The cost to the Town is the salaries of the two trained Cheshire police officers who would be part of the team for investigations in other towns. The lead investigator for the team is, usually, the officer/detective in the town in which the incident took place.

Ms. Nichols commented on "regionalization" of other services such as the health district which will cost Cheshire a lot of money. She asked if the subject program will lead to further police department regionalization.

It was explained by Mr. Milone that Cheshire is not being forced to participate in this program. The police department can get out of the team at any time. He also informed the committee that the fire and police departments already use "mutual aid" with Southington and Wallingford. If the program gets costly, Cheshire can withdraw from participation.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

27. Approval of a capital appropriation and authorization to purchase body-worn cameras as pursuant to a full reimbursement grant.

MOTION by Mr. Ecke; seconded by Ms. Nichols

MOVED to accept agenda item #27 and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion

Mr. Jaskot explained that there is 100% reimbursement for the purchase of the body-worn cameras.

Mr. Milone informed the committee that Chief Dryfe has a policy in place regarding body-worn cameras. The Council's questions were answered at the December meeting following extensive discussion. Chief Dryfe will apply for the full 100% grant reimbursement. The State will not pay the reimbursement until the Town expends the funds, and there must be an appropriation from which to pay for the cameras. If the cameras are purchased prior to June 30, 2017 there is 100% reimbursement; after that date it is 50% reimbursement; and the reimbursement could be paid after the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Milone advised that the body-worn cameras were in year #3 of the capital budget (FY 17-18) and he is requesting appropriation of this money now in order to get the full reimbursement. This is a pass through arrangement.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

28. Approval of a successor lease for the former Casertano property.

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

MOVED to accept agenda item #28 and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion

There was a 10% increase in rent for the property two years ago, and Mr. Milone noted that current annual rent under the lease is \$2,640.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

29. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:

Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk

