

**MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019, HELD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 7:00 P.M. PUBLIC HEARINGS, IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410**

Present

Robert J. Oris, Jr. Council Chairman; Paul A. Bowman, Vice Chairman; Jeffrey Falk, Patti Flynn-Harris, Sylvia Nichols, Timothy Slocum, David Veleber, Peter Talbot.

Absent: Thomas Ruocco.

Staff: Sean Kimball, Town Manager; Arnett Talbot, Assistant Town Manager; James Jaskot, Finance Director; William Donlin, Collector of Revenue; Gerald Sitko, Economic Development Coordinator.

Chairman Oris called the meeting to order at 8:50 p.m.

**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. ITEMS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A. Economic Incentives**

**B. Contract Negotiations**

**(Executive Session moved to later in the agenda)**

**4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. Recognition of Eagle Scout Robert Beloin**

Chairman Oris presented the Town Council Recognition to Eagle Scout Robert Beloin on his outstanding achievement of Eagle Scout. Mr. Oris commended Scout Beloin for his project in which he constructed a display kiosk on the Linear Trail. Council members personally congratulated Scout Beloin on his recognition and project to the Town of Cheshire.

**B. Recognition of Flag Day**

Chairman Oris read the proclamation for Recognition of Flag Day June 14<sup>th</sup> in Cheshire CT into the record of the meeting.

**C. Public Comments**

Heather Fitzgerald, 168 Nob Hill Road, addressed the Council on the CHS turf field which was installed in 2011 which is a great success for the town. She stated there is a need for additional turf fields for more community activities, and asked the Council to

support and address this important project for residents during the capital budget process.

Chairman Oris commented on his involvement with construction of the CHS turf field, at no cost to taxpayers, through a \$500,000 grant and privately raised funds. It was a collaborative effort, and successful project, with the field used by many town organizations. There are many needs to be addressed, and the Council does so in a strategic and fiscally prudent manner. Mr. Oris noted the State problems funneling down to Cheshire. He will work to explore collaboration of a new turf field, with no guarantees, and commented on the school modernization plan with the Council working with the BOE.

Mr. Talbot stated the timing of the request is good as the Council goes into the CEP process and will look at the request for more turf fields.

This is something to be looked at and Mr. Veleber commented on the Parks and Rec Department looking at expansion of fields.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting, May 14, 2019 and Special Meeting of May 23, 2019.**

MOTION by Mr. Slocum; seconded by Mr. Talbot

MOVED to approve the minutes May 14, 2019 and May 23, 2019, of subject to corrections, additions, deletions.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

MOTION by Mr. Slocum; seconded by Ms. Nichols

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #061119-1

**RESOLUTION #061119-1**  
**CONSENT CALENDAR FOR JUNE 11, 2019**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves the Consent Calendar for June 11, 2019 as follows:

- A. Acceptance of kiosk on Linear Trail constructed by Eagle Scout Robert Beloin.
- B. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$2,000 donation from Stephan Nigro to the Recreation Gift Account for a memorial bench in honor of Frank and Lucy Nigro.

- C. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$70 donation to the Youth Services Gift Account from the Yellow House Glow in the Dark, Capture the Flag event, to be Used for Youth Services programming.
- D. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$500 donation from Mary Hyson in honor of Staff to the Human Services Gift Account to be used for purchase of a TV display In the Senior Center Lobby.
- E. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$900 donation from the Cheshire Senior Center Membership Association to the Human Services Gift Account for reimbursement of the Association's portion of the My Senior Center annual maintenance fee.
- F. Authorization for application, acceptance and appropriation of a \$750 Communities Talk Town Hall Meetings to Prevent Underage Drinking grant For an underage drinking prevention event.
- G. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$50 donation from an anonymous donor To the Human Services Gift Account to be used for general purposes.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Mr. Veleber noted the Consent Calendar includes approval of the kiosk on the Linear Trail by Scout Beloin.

### **3.    ITEMS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### **A.    Economic Incentives**

#### **B.    Contract Negotiations**

MOTION by Mr. Talbot; seconded by Mr. Veleber.

MOVED that the Town Council enter Executive Session at 9:05 p.m. to include Town Manager Kimball, Asst. Town Manager Talbot, Fire Chief Casner and Mr. Sitko.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

MOTION by Ms. Flynn-Harris; seconded by Mr. Veleber.

MOVED that the Town Council exit Executive Session at 9:30 p.m.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

7. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR**
8. **OLD BUSINESS**
9. **NEW BUSINESS**
- A. **Approval of 2019 Neighborhood Assistance Act Program Submissions.**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #061119-2

**RESOLUTION #061119-2**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves the following applications for the 2019 Neighborhood Assistance Act Program for submission to the State of Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program:

- Cheshire Academy Installation of new and/or retrofit ED lighting fixtures
- The Hometown Foundation Police K-9 Awareness.

**Discussion**

Ms. Nichols said this is an application to apply for grants, and Council must approve this submission.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

- B. **Approval of amendments to Code of Ordinances to update ordinances to reflect current Charter and Regulations.**

MOTION by Ms. Flynn-Harris; seconded by Mr. Talbot.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #061119-3

**RESOLUTION #061119-3**

BE IT RESOLVED, that, per the recommendations of the Ordinance Review Committee, the Town Council approves the proposed amendments to the Code of Ordinances, as follows, to ensure consistency with the Charter, as revised and to update the language. Said amendments are effective July 12, 2019.

(a copy of the ordinance amendments is attached to these minutes).

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

**C.     Approval of ordinance amendments for waiver of building permit fees  
For handicapped accessibility projects.**

MOTION by Ms. Flynn-Harris; seconded by Mr. Talbot.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #061119-4

**RESOLUTION #061119-4**

BE IT RESOLVED, that, per the recommendations of the Ordinance Review Committee, the Town Council approves the proposed amendments to the Code of Ordinances Section 3-3 as follows: (copy of the amendment is attached to these minutes).

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

**D.     Approval of amendments to the Youth and Human Services Committees  
Ordinance.**

MOTION by Ms. Flynn-Harris; seconded by Mr. Talbot.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #061119-5

**RESOLUTION #061119-5**

BE IT RESOLVED, that, per the recommendations of the Ordinance Review Committee, the Town Council approves the proposed amendments to the Code of Ordinances Sections 2-85 and 2-121, merging the Youth Services Committee and Human Services Committee, as follows: (copy of the amendment is attached to these minutes)

Discussion

Ms. Flynn-Harris has no problem tabling this agenda item for further discussion with Director Piccerillo.

MOTION by Ms. Flynn-Harris; seconded by Mr. Veleber.

MOVED that the Town Council table Agenda Item D - Approval of amendments to the Youth and Human Services Committees Ordinance.

Discussion

Mr. Veleber stated the agenda item should be tabled for further discussion.

Ms. Nichols cited two separate issues - #1 membership of committees/commissions; and #2 combining the two committees. She said it is up to the Council to develop something more definitive about serving and explain the responsibilities involved.

Mr. Slocum believes the big problem is lack of a clear mission for both committees, and said the missions should be looked at along with the scope of work.

Chairman Oris supported tabling the matter with more dialogue being beneficial.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Councilor Bowman recused himself from Agenda Item E due to possible conflict of interest.

**E.     Discussion and possible approval of Interchange Zone Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District Master Plan.**

MOTION by Mr. Slocum; seconded by Mr. Talbot.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #061119-6

**RESOLUTION #061119-6**

WHEREAS, The Town Council wishes to contribute to the economic growth and well-being of the Town of Cheshire with the establishment of a Tax Increment District,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Chapter 105b, Sections 7-339cc through 7-339kk, the Town Council establishes and Interchange Zone Tax Increment District consisting of approximately 329 acres in the highway interchange area of Cheshire, bounded by residential properties having frontage and access off Birch Drive on the northeast, industrial properties having access and frontage off East Johnson Avenue on the southeast, West Johnson Avenue on the southwest, Dickerman Road on the west, and Town of Southington on the north. The district also includes three properties south of East Johnson Avenue, one of which is zoned industrial, with frontage along Highland Avenue, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves the Tax Increment Financing Interchange Zone TIF District Master Plan as presented and attached, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes that 75% of the future increased assessed property values within the District shall be retained as captured assessed value and up to 100% of the real property tax revenues generated from such captured assessed value may be used to fund the cost and improvements set forth in the District Master Plan, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes the Town Manager of the Town of Cheshire to execute credit enhancement agreements which fall within the scope and policies of the District Master Plan and are approved by the Town Council.

Said District Master Plan may be amended or modified by resolution of the Town Council as the Town's legislative body.

Mr. Slocum said this matter was the subject of a long public hearing, and Council and EDC had presentations on the TIF proposal.

Mr. Slocum has concerns that there is nothing in the documents which indicates whether the town is bound by the Town Charter as far as funding sources for capital projects. Large projects such as a fire house must go to referendum due to the cost above referendum limit, and Mr. Slocum asked about identifying projects of this scope that TIF revenue would pay for it. He proposed there be an amendment to the motion to this effect.

Attorney Smith does not believe this is necessary, as all the actions of the Council and Boards are subject to the Town Charter. He said there is no harm with inclusion of the statement about the Town Charter in the document...i.e. "subject to both the Town Charter and enabling State Statute".

The Council held a discussion on town funds, i.e. to build a fire house in the north end, spending TIF funds on town projects, identifying projects with TIF dollars, and going to referendum for projects.

Town Attorney Smith explained that, under State Statute, money goes into a dedicated fund; money can be used to reimburse funds spent by a developer; reimburse the developer under the CEA without the need for referendum. Stating that all the money is subject to referendum is not correct.

The town amasses funds from the TIF in the north end into the account, and Ms. Nichols said a firehouse is needed to support the development, and the cost could be fair use of the TIF money.

Mr. Oris talked about a firehouse being needed in the community, with zero dollars in the TIF...and with the net amount above referendum limits the project must go to referendum. There is no need to add language, and the Town Attorney has stated everything is subject to the Town Charter.

Attorney Smith stated an additional provision would have to be added to the documents. He advised there would be circumstances where TIF statute requires handling of funds different than the Town Charter.

This is a confusing process and Mr. Oris stated the importance of the community understanding what is being done with TIF. He is comfortable with voting to support the TIF.

VOTE           The motion passed 7-0-1; Mr. Bowman abstained.

**F.     Set public hearing for amendments to Bazaar and Raffle Permits Ordinance.**

MOTION by Mr. Oris; seconded by Ms. Flynn-Harris.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #061119-7

**RESOLUTION #061119-7**

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Council shall hold a public hearing to consider an amendment to the bazaars, raffles and games of chance ordinance, Section 10-10, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Manager shall cause a notice of said public hearing to be posted and published according to law, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the date, time, and place or any postponements thereof shall be determined by the Town Manager with the approval of the Chairman of the Council.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

**G.     Approval of salary for Town Clerk for term January 2020 through December 2021.**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #061119-8

**RESOLUTION #061119-8**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby adjusts the salary of the Town Clerk by 2%, from the current salary of \$82,897.46 per year to \$84,555 per year, effective January 1, 2020, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council adjusts the salary of the Town Clerk by 2% from the salary of \$84,555 established as of January 1, 2020, to \$86,247 effective January 1, 2021.

Discussion



Ms. Nichols reported this matter was discussed by the Personnel Committee. Town Clerk Brennan is requesting a higher wage increase. The position of Town Clerk is not subject to any town governance or oversight, and the Council sets the salary for the position of Town Clerk not the person serving in the position. The committee looked at the survey of salaries for Town Clerks in communities similar to Cheshire, and is presenting the 2% salary increase in each of the tow years to the Council for approval.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

**H.     Discussion and possible approval of Friends of Boulder Knoll Lease Extension for Boulder Knoll Property.**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #061119-9

**RESOLUTION #061119-9**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves a Third Amendment to Amended Lease Agreement by and between the Town of Cheshire and Friends of Boulder Knoll, all of Cheshire, Connecticut, for two parcels at 660 Boulder Road, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Manager is authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the Town said Agreement in the form and upon the terms and conditions as presented at this meeting.

Discussion

Mr. Slocum explained there was an issue with water access to the property due to tenant house rental through Cheshire Housing Authority (CHA), and the tenant paying the electricity costs. There is a dispute over this issue, and the town is looking at a solution. The recommendation is to extend the lease for six (6) months (to October 11, 2019) rather than a five (5) year lease. The Friends group is making alternate water arrangements for the farm property.

Discussion

Harold Jordan, Member of Friends of Boulder Knoll, stated the organization has had a five year rolling lease with the Town, but the amendment has no provision for a roll over. He encouraged the Council to renew the lease for the period indicated because the Friends group has plants in the ground already. He commented on the rough water issues and advised the group is hand-watering the plans thanks to a generous neighbor.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

**I.     Approval of assignment of Tax Liens.**

MOTION by Mr. Slocum; seconded by Ms. Flynn-Harris

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #061119-10

**RESOLUTION #061119-10**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council, pursuant to Sections 12-195h, 7-254 and 7-258 of the Connecticut General Statutes, authorizes the Tax Collector to assign for consideration such tax and sewer liens as deemed appropriate by the Tax Collector, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The consideration for such assignments be negotiated between the Town, acting through its Tax Collector and the assignee(s), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council awards the assignments as presented to the FIG Capital Investments LLC, at the bid amount of 111.03%, which includes 11.03% premium over the total lien amount.

Discussion

Mr. Slocum said that the statute requires turning over liens, and FIG Capital Investments LLC, was the firm selected to purchase the tax and sewer liens.

Tax Collector, Mr. Donlin, explained that there was an RFP to select the firm for the tax lien assignment, and there were two (2) respondents. One bidder, RAM Financial Group is new to lien assignment, and has no Connecticut experience. The second bidder, FIG Capital Investments, LLC has been serving Cheshire for two (2) years, and reference checks received favorable responses. The Marcus Firm is legal counsel for FIG, and will support and advise the Cheshire office during the process. The lien list has 22 properties, and it will be over \$500,000 at the end of the process. Mr. Donlin stated this is an annual real property collection effort.

With regard to the property owners, Mr. Bowman asked for the process for delinquency and how the town reaches out to them, i.e. for extreme hardships, inability to pay the taxes, etc.

The process was explained by Mr. Donlin, who informed the Council that the list is looked at in February. This year there were 52 properties, \$360,000 was the starting point. Letters are sent to the taxpayer that their account is in danger of collection activity, and they are asked to contact the tax office. Out of the 52 letters, no one responded. In April, certified letters about the process were sent out without response. A conscious effort is made to keep in contact with the property owners. Following these attempts, the delinquent tax list is turned over to the outside collection agency. When people do call him, they are often told they are eligible for tax credits and/or other social services through the town, and paperwork is processed. It was pointed out by Mr. Donlin that the notifications are not required, but he feels the responsibility to inform

taxpayers of their situation. As of now, there are 22 properties, and delinquent taxes of \$194,000. People have been making payments.

The situations of a person unable to pay and staying in a nursing home not getting mail, or someone in the military, was raised by Mr. Bowman. He has concerns about this type of situation and has heard about people losing their property to these types of companies, over 12 months.

This is not a tax sale and Mr. Donlin said the town is assigning its position to a third party. The third party is making an investment, is looking for interest on the lien accounts and long term relationship, and this vendor does a good job handling the accounts. In the contract, there is no enforcement collection for one year; the vendor waits 4 or 5 years for looking on a return on investment; and for the assigned liens there have been few foreclosures; and in some cases people sold their property to cash out and move on. In Cheshire there have been no disgruntled taxpayers coming before the Council due to the collection process being heavy handed.

There are three options for the Tax Collector – line assignment, tax sale, or go to auction. With auction there is a six month redemption period of payment; if there is no payment the owner loses the property; all encumbrances are gone; and foreclosure begins.

Mr. Donlin pointed out that the biggest part of the town's revenue is tax collection...\$80M. His department does a good job; is courteous, treats everyone fairly; and with the lien assignment the town is getting +\$500,000 in tax payments. The process starts in March through end of May with notifications on where people are in the process. He and his staff help people with social service needs, work on tax credits through the Assessor's office, and work with people through the tax process.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

**J.     Approval of transfer of uncollectible property taxes to the Suspense List.**

MOTION by Mr. Slocum; seconded by Ms. Nichols

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #061119-11

**RESOLUTION #061119-11**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves the transfer of uncollectable taxes, as presented and attached, to the Suspense Tax Book.

(copy of the suspense list is attached to these minutes).

Discussion

Mr. Donlin stated the Suspense List is undertaken in accordance with CGS Section 12-165, with submission of the list to the Town Council for approval to transfer to the Suspense Tax Book. The taxes are unpaid; they are turned over to a collection agency; the property owner will have a 15% charge from the agency; and a payment plan can be worked out. Mr. Donlin explained that property owners receive a delinquent notice and demand notice on a monthly basis about uncollected taxes. There is always the option for a payment plan with the Tax Collector's office.

The committee was informed by Mr. Donlin that the responsibilities of the Tax Collector are defined by State statute and Town Charter and he is bound by these requirements.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

**K.     Approval of successor emergency medical services contract.**

MOTION by Mr. Veleber; seconded by Mr. Talbot

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #061119-12

**RESOLUTION #061119-12**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves the Contract for EMS services between the Town of Cheshire and Campion Ambulance Service, Inc. for July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024, pursuant to the terms and conditions as presented, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes the Town Manager to execute said Contract.

Discussion

Mr. Veleber stated the contract extension is for EMS services, and he commended the hard work of the Town Manager and Chief Casner and the consultant in this matter.

Town Manager Kimball commented on the significant changes – this is a five (5) year contract; there is the town's ability to control its destiny with PSA; it is a strong contract; and puts Campion in the position to conform to the contract; there are reporting improvements that were requested (vehicles be kept in newer condition, financial terms of 0% in the first year and 1.5% the next four years).

Chairman Oris thanked staff, Town Manager Kimball and Chief Casner, for the hard work on the contract with more improved services.

Mr. Kimball reported on a hearing with Dept. of Emergency last week, and there is 30 days to make the determination to approve transfer of the sale from Campion to Trinity Health.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

**L.     Discussion and possible action re: bid waiver and approval of contract  
With New England Masonry and Roofing for roof replacements at  
Cheshire High School, Chapman and Norton Schools.**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #061119-13

**RESOLUTION #061119-13**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves a waiver of bid for the roof replacements at Cheshire High, Chapman and Norton Schools, per the recommendation of the Public Building Commission, and further approves awarding the contract for said work to New England Masonry and Roofing Company for \$150,848.

Discussion

Mr. Bowman reported that the PBC at is June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting sent this matter to the Council for approval. He will support the resolution, but has concerns. Going forward, he would like resolutions as separate buildings, not lumped together. On some buildings money will be spent on buildings that could be part of the consolidation process through the BOE...i.e. Chapman School closing. The resolution should say "not complete roof replacements"...as these are not total roof replacements.

Stating his support of these comments, Mr. Veleber pointed out these projects coming out of PBC with bid waivers, time constraints, and having to go with the cited vendor within a certain amount of time.

There are many bid waivers, and Mr. Oris agreed with the comments made. He has concerns about the bid waivers for projects to be done when students are not in school. There are questions about being close to a competitive bid, and it is important to know we are dealing with reputable companies. Council must spend money wisely, and know bids are competitive.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

**M.     Discussion and possible action re: bid waiver and approval of contract  
With New England Masonry and Roofing for masonry repairs at  
Humiston, Dodd, Chapman, Cheshire High and Norton Schools.**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #061119-14

**RESOLUTION #061119-14**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves a waiver of bid for the masonry repairs at Humiston, Dodd, Chapman, Cheshire High and Norton Schools, per the recommendation of the Public Building Commission, and further approves awarding the contract for said work to New England Masonry and Roofing Company for \$110,000.

**Discussion**

Mr. Bowman stated this project came out of the June 5<sup>th</sup> PBC meeting for the Council to approve a bid waiver request for the work at the schools. He reiterated that he does not support putting money into schools which may not be viable in a few years, and has concerns about bid waivers.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

**N.     Approval of Covanta/Country Disposal Wallingford Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Agreement intent to extend contract.**

MOTION by Mr. Veleber; seconded by Ms. Flynn-Harris.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #061119-15

**RESOLUTION #061119-15**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes the Town Manager to notify Covanta, as required by the Agreement, that at this time the Town of Cheshire intends to exercise the Town's option to extend the term of the Municipal Solid Waste and Disposal Agreement that expires on June 30, 2020.

**Discussion**

There are five (5) towns in the agreement with Covanta which expires June 30, 2020, and Mr. Veleber advised that Covanta must be informed about the option 12 months before the expiration date.

Mr. Kimball said there is a meeting of the Policy Board on June 12<sup>th</sup> and he believes the other towns will be taking the same action.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

**O.     Amendment to FY18-19 Community Pool Operating Budget and Subsidy.**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #061119-16

**RESOLUTION #061119-16**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council amends the total appropriation for the FY 18-19 Community Pool Operating Budget from \$931,484 to \$981,484, an increase of \$50,000. The line item changes that support this amended budget are detailed below.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council allocates an additional \$100,000 from the Recreation Department Swimming Pool Account 10365-5710 line item to the FY 18-19 Community Pool Operating Budget General Fund Subsidy.

(Revenue and Expenditure details are attached to these minutes).

Discussion

Mr. Slocum noted this is the second full year of the new pool, and there were increases in utilities and water costs.

Mr. Jaskot said the town was aggressive on the revenues for the last two years, with \$673,000+ budgeted for pool fees. The last two years the fee revenue has been \$575,000, and he hopes to hit \$600,000 this year, but would be okay with \$580,000. He is requesting this appropriation from the Council to cover the revenue shortfall and expenditure overages.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

**10. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Monthly Status Report - in Council packets**
- B. Department Status Reports: Police, Fire, Fire Marshal.  
In Council packets**
- C. Other Reports**

State Budget – revenues to Cheshire are +\$82,582 more than planned; the proposal to shift the teacher's retirement costs to towns was not included in the budget; net impact for Cheshire is \$366,643.

Business Appreciation Day – June 19<sup>th</sup>, at Elim Park, 7:30 a.m.; featured speaker is Jim Smith, former CEO Webster Bank and Gov. Lamont's economic advisor.

Chapman Master Plan RFP Status – there are three (3) finalists; they will go through interviews based on the RFP terms, specifications, and original proposals submitted. The panel's recommendation will be forwarded to the Council at the July meeting.

Farmer's Market – starts July 11<sup>th</sup> through September 12<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Center Parking Lot.

Summer Concert Series – starts July 19<sup>th</sup>; concerts on July 26<sup>th</sup>, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, August 9<sup>th</sup>; 7:00 p.m. at Bartlem Park.

325<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – plans move forward for the celebration with meetings and event planning; meeting June 25<sup>th</sup> for coordination and calendar of events.

Bulky Waste Collection – this is returning in the Fall starting in mid-September; collection will take place over a six week period; one week scheduled for each collection day area of town, and a make-up week if there are weather delays.

Road Paving Schedule – the paving and maintenance program is underway, and the list of roads was given to Council.

## **11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL.**

### **A. Chairman's Report**

- i. Referral of Town Manager's Goals and Objectives to the Personnel Committee.**
- ii. Referral of Town Manager's performance review to the Personnel Committee.**
- iii. Referral of amendment to Hawkers and Peddlers Ordinance to the Ordinance Review Committee.**

Solid Waste Committee – Mr. Veleber reported that the committee gave approval and authorization for the Town Manager and town staff to handle the container swap program.

Mr. Veleber commented on problems with the trash and recycling containers being too close together for pickup. The recommendation from the hauler is to keep the containers three feet apart for automatic pickup.

### **B. Miscellaneous**

## **12. MISCELLANEOUS AND APPOINTMENTS**

### **A. Liaison Reports**

### **B. Appointments to Boards and Commissions**



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

MOVED that the following appointments and reappointments be approved by the Town Council.

Environment Committee – Michael J. Ceccoruli (R), to fill the vacancy of William Sherman, term of office 6/11/19 to 1/31/2022.

Library Board – Jodee Heritage (R), to fill the vacancy of James Conroy, term of office 6/11/19 to 1/31/2020.

Historic District Commission – Gayle Nidoh (R) to fill the vacancy of Al Ryducha, term of office 6/11/19 to 1/31/2022; reappointment of John Torello (I), term of office 6/11/19 to 1/31/2022.

Cheshire Housing Authority – reappointment of Louis M. Nero Sr. (R), term of office 6/1/2019 to 5/31/2024.

Prison Advisory Committee – reappointment of Joseph Holstein (R), term of office 6/11/19 to 1/31/2021, term of office 6/11/19 to 1/31/2021.

Water Pollution Control Authority – Jason Beach (R) to fill the vacancy of James Sima, term of office 6/11/19 to 1/31/2022.

Zoning Board of Appeals – John J. Hilzinger (R) to fill the vacancy of John Pepper, term of office 6/11/19 to 12/2/2019.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

**13. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS - None**

**14. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. Letters to Council.**

**B. Miscellaneous**

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Mr. Veleber; seconded by Ms. Flynn-Harris

MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 p.m.

VOTE        The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:

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Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk