

**VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY
MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2012**

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, A Michigan City was held on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 in the Council Chambers of the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m, by Chairman Bisballe.

Present: Council Member Bisballe, Chair
Council Member Gesell,

Excused: Council Member, Kay Felt

Also Present: City Manager Mark Wollenweber
Public Works Director, Brett Smith
Finance Officer, Rhonda Ricketts
Public Safety Director, John Schulte

All items pertinent to this meeting are either attached or placed on file.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 1, 2012

Motion by Council Member Gesell, Seconded by Council Member Bisballe, to approve the minutes from the August 1, 2012 Finance Committee Meeting. Unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Under old business staff discussed the equipment needed to get automatic reads from the homes and facilities where the water meters are in pits or vaults. It is around \$33,000 and in the current water and sewer budget. A more detailed presentation from the vendor will be prepared for the next Finance Committee meeting so that a recommendation can be forwarded to City Council. We have used Neptune meters and are likely to recommend the same automatic reading system used by Sterling Heights, St. Clair Shores and GP Farms. Over half of the meters in use in GP Shores are ready for automatic reads and the Committee thought we might consider a surcharge next year to read those by the automatic process and in the third year do the rest of the City. Staff also discussed getting more information together for the Committee on meter equivalent units and having a specific recommendation on engineering services.

NEW BUSINESS

Under new business the Committee discussed getting an additional police vehicle this

budget year and it was the consensus to leave 2 police vehicles in the 2013-14 Budget and not purchase a second vehicle in the current year.

As part of Miscellaneous Repairs, staff mentioned some carpet or floor repairs and purchasing a replacement chair as well as spending around \$2,000 for better microphones in the Council Chambers. Since all are under the purchasing threshold the Committee suggested that staff just proceed as needed.

Under the section on Sewer Grants it was discussed that the proposal from AEW be used as their price for the S-2 grant application was \$2,000 provided they engineer the necessary sewer work if the grant was approved and the televising and cleaning identified repair areas would be done by them as well. As part of the review of engineering firm's it is likely that staff would recommend taking prices and considering a firm's particular expertise and that Council allow staff the flexibility to proceed in this way.

Under Other Business staff discussed assessing, our records and putting together a listing of our current tax tribunal cases and their budgetary impact. The Committee also discussed proceeding with the repaving of Lochmoor and a portion of Sunningdale and getting the project bid for construction next spring and summer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

NEXT MEETING

The next Finance Committee meeting is to be scheduled for 6:00 pm October 9, 2012.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Mark Wollenweber
City Manager