

**VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY
MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 15, 2015**

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, A Michigan City was held on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 in the Council Chambers of the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order at 10:25 am, by Chairman Bisballe.

Present: Council Member Bisballe, Chair
Council Member Robert Gesell
Council member Kay Felt

Absent: None

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

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

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Motion by Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Felt to approve.
Passed 3-0.

ITEM 4 OLD BUSINESS

None

ITEM 5A, NEW BUSINESS, BUDGET DISCUSSION

The Finance Officer went through the current budget and has estimated a year end balance of about \$70,000. It was suggested by the manager that \$50,000 be allocated as carry over to help balance the 2015-16 FY proposed budget. After some discussion it was the consensus of the Finance Committee to reduce from the proposed \$280,000 to \$130,000 to allocate to retiree health. It was noted that in the current year \$100,000 was allocated for retiree health. It was also mentioned that the changes in the retirement system assumptions is adding about \$100,000 in additional costs to the proposed budget based upon actions of the Pension Board.

Staff discussed salary adjustments included in the budget for negotiations and the Committee agreed upon an amount. Changes in how workers compensation is supplemented were also discussed for possible changes.

It was pointed out that the sewer rates from Wayne County are not yet available and that

the proposed combined water and sewer rates for the public will be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting.

As the debt millage does not come off until 10-20 it does not affect the proposed FY 2015-16 budget. Staff was asked to review the previously discussed road repairs and other capital items and see what can be included in the new budget. Keeping the current rate in the following two years may allow the city to catch up on needed road, building and equipment items. It was suggested that the City look at State Historic grants to help with the window replacements. In the near future both of the big dump trucks will need to be replaced. The manager mentioned that DPW is looking at getting a used dump truck as Farmington Hills replaces their trucks after 10 years. Brett Smith is going to look at the next one they are looking to trade in.

It was the consensus of the Committee to propose the same tax rate as the current rate.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

NEXT MEETING

It was decided that the next Finance Committee meeting would be held Monday, April 28, 2015 at 10:00am.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am.

Mark Wollenweber
City Manager