

**VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY  
MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2018**

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, A Michigan City was held on Thursday, April 26, 2018 in the Council Chambers of the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order at 10:01 am, by Chairman Bisballe.

Present: Council Member Bisballe, Chair  
Council Member Tina Ellis  
Council Member Robert Gesell  
Committee Member Kay Felt

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 12, 2018

Motion by Committee Member Gesell to approve, seconded by Chairman Bisballe  
Passed 4-0.

ITEM 4 OLD BUSINES

Chairman Bisballe went over the new summary sheet and responded to a number of questions. Staff mentioned allocating \$5,000 for senior services including PAATS and that for the calendar year of 2017 they provided 731 rides to Shores residents. An update on negotiations was also provide. Member of the Finance Committee asked a number of questions about costs for retiree health and the benefits our retirees get as well as how they are funded.

The Chair also provided a summary of the meeting down in Wayne County on sewage disposal costs. It was pointed out that once the analysis of sewage data is complete some repairs will need to be addressed. It was also pointed out that retiree health care costs will continue to be studied, especially prescription drug costs. Rhonda went over the summary (see attached) and mentioned that we do not have as yet firm numbers from either Wayne County on sewers or from the Great Lakes Water Authority on the increase expected on water rates so that a 5% adjustment has been included in the proposed budget. In response to a question Rhonda talked about the year end fund balance as over \$1.4 million. For the last two years it was higher due to the special park millage which is in the proposed 2018-2019 budget being reduced by 1 mill.

Council Member Ellis suggested that a wish list of equipment or projects be included in the Newsletter and it was recommended that this be discussed with the entire City Council as a way of keeping residents informed and possibly getting residents to consider donating specific items. This would be coordinated with the GPSIF.

Brett went over a couple of items in water and sewer that need immediate attention and that are being worked on shortly. Chairman Bisballe handed out what was presented at the meeting with Wayne County showing that for various repairs and studies GP Shores has spent over \$587,000 over the last couple of years.

A brief discussion was held on the Rocket Fiber project and since City Council Member Barrette was not able to attend that it would be further discussed in May.

ITEM 5 NEW BUSINESS None

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ITEM 6 OTHER None

ITEM 7 PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ITEM 8 NEXT MEETING:

The next Finance Committee meeting will be scheduled in May, date to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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Mark Wollenweber  
City Manager