

**VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY
MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2018**

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, A Michigan City was held on Wednesday, February 21, 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
Resident Chuck Ruifrok
Resident Matthew Seely
Resident Ted Kedzierski
Anthony Viola, G P News

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NOVEMBER 20, 2017

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

ITEM 4 OLD BUSINESS

None

ITEM 5 NEW BUSINESS

Rhonda went over the handout of an emailed utility bill that is now possible. She also handed out a sheet on some additional road money. She mentioned there is a possible tax foreclosure and that about 30 households are delinquent on water bills.

- A. Mark went over the two remaining tax tribunal cases which are for the two new homes built on Vernier Road.
- B. Rhonda handed out the draft 2018-2019 budget and mentioned that taxable values are up 3.5% prior to Board of Review. She mentioned that she is working on year end numbers for the current year. The Committee suggested that the range for negotiations for be in the 2% to 2.5% range. Rhonda is projecting about an 8.5% increase in health care costs and a 2% increase in many of the other expense line items.

The Committee reviewed the Public Safety Department Capital requests which include replacing one Patrol vehicle at \$30,000 and complete replacement of the breathing apparatus for a combined cost of \$100,000.

Discussion then turned to DPW needs which include one pickup w/plow at \$43,000, a replacement water/sewer van (likely a Ford Transit) at \$40,000, a replacement generator for the north pump station at \$40,000 if prep work is done by DPW, \$10,000 for miscellaneous. replacement equipment and using funds currently budgeted for upgrade for the elevator at \$84,000. It was noted that bids are currently out for those upgrades and staff was asked to consider waiting on the elevator item. It was explained that we have also included \$20,000 for continuing the tree trimming program brought back by the current Council and how effective it has been during the last several storms.

Under discussion of roads, repairs for Blairmoor at \$40,000 and possible significant replacement funds needed for Belle Meade at \$215,000. The Chair explained the way major and local street funds along with water and sewer funds impact needed repairs and are coordinated. Brett provided a list of spot repairs for a number of local streets. An update was also provided on the repair needs found under the SAW Grant program including an estimated \$65,000 for Woodland Shore and Lakeshore Road. Oxford Road. was mentioned as an estimated \$1,000,000 and that triggered a discussion of a possible bond issue and not using State Revolving Fund monies as the GP Shores credit rating is AAA and better than that of the State.

Discussion then moved to Park Improvements and the Chair noted that funds are already budgeted for the tennis courts and Council approved additional funds for redoing the Park parking lot. Remaining items to consider are the gate widening, fixing the entrance and traffic signal, and the gate house. There were questions concerning staffing and cameras in the park as well as the need for the gate house. A MOTION was made by Committee Member Ellis and seconded by Committee Member Gesell to proceed with the gate house, the entrance way and wait on cameras as part of an overall approach to the park. APPROVED 4-0.

The Committee reviewed the proposed budget numbers for the marina and asked staff to project the needed increase in the water and sewer funds based upon projected increases from Wayne County and the Great Lakes Water Authority. The Committee agreed with the transfer of \$35,000 to the Pension Fund and allocating additional funds to the Retiree Health Care Fund as above the \$50,000 added to the Fund Balance.

ITEM 6 OTHER: None

ITEM 7 PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ITEM 8 NEXT MEETING:

It was noted that two meetings would be set for April to continue work on the proposed budget. Staff was asked to provide dates.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Mark Wollenweber
City Manager