

**MINUTES OF THE  
MEETING OF THE GROSSE POINTE SHORES CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2015 - 7:00 P.M.**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER** - A monthly meeting of the City Council of Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, a Michigan City was held on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 in the Council Chambers of the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building, 795 Lake Shore Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Mayor Kedzierski.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ROLL CALL** – Clerk Bruce Nichols

Present: Mayor Thaddeus Kedzierski, Alexander Ajlouni, M.D., Council Members Robert H. Barrette, Jr., Bruce Bisballe, Kay Felt, Robert E. Gesell

Absent: Daniel T. Schulte (Excused on motion of Barrette, support by Gesell, 5-0)

Also present: City Clerk Bruce R. Nichols  
City Manager Mark Wollenweber  
City Attorney Brian Renaud  
Public Safety Director John Schulte  
Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts  
Public Works Director Brett Smith

All correspondence and reports relating to this meeting are either attached or placed on file.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 17, 2015 REGULAR MEETING**

On Motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Barrette, the minutes of the February 17, 2015 regular meeting were approved by unanimous vote. (6-0).

**5. RECEIVE AND FILE VARIOUS COMMITTEE & COMMISSION MINUTES**

Motion by Council Member Gesell to accept and receive the minutes of various municipal committees, seconded by Council Member Felt, and the motion carried unanimously. (6-0)

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** - None

**7. PROCLAMATION** – Michael Marchiori was honored with a Proclamation from Council, presented by the Mayor recognizing his 4.15 GPA as a North High School Student, along with his National Honor Society Membership, 10 honors classes and numerous voluntary efforts to help others.

## 8. REPORTS BY CHAIRPERSONS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

### A. Budget and Finance – Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts

1. Approval of Bills - The monthly bills were presented by Finance Officer Ricketts, reviewed, discussed and unanimously approved for immediate payment on motion by Council Member Gesell seconded by Council Member Barrette. (6-0)
2. Review of Financial Statements - Finance Officer Ricketts presented the current financial statements, including balance sheet, with revenue and expenditures for review by Council. The budget is still intact, 99% of the taxes are collected, with only 20 parcels delinquent. A 5% DWSD increase on water is expected.
3. Finance Committee – Chairman Bisballe reported the Finance Committee is scheduled to meet on March 15, 2015 at 10 AM for deliberation regarding the budget, water rates and road upgrades. The public is invited to attend the meeting.

**B. Public Safety** – Chief John Schulte reported a quiet month of crime statistics. The Town Hall Meeting demonstration of the defibrillator met with great success. Chief Schulte proceeded to give his Annual Report on Public Safety for the year 2014. The glowing report indicated 18 public safety officers on duty. With the full-staffing of the department, great savings have been made in the area of overtime for officers. Of the eight most serious categories of offenses, the city only experienced five incidents within those categories for the entire year! Statistically, that places the city at one of the lowest crime rates in the nation. One half of the arrests in the city were for drunk driving (the highest in the Grosse Pointes). There were no structure fires in 2014. The public safety clerks have been very useful to all municipal departments. 6,613 vacant resident checks were conducted in 2014. The average response time for emergency calls was 2.9 minutes. Enforcement of the Cost Recovery Ordinance during 2014 recovered \$139,000 for damage to municipal property and PSO time.

**C. Public Works** – Director Brett Smith reported that Lake Shore Road is beginning to smooth out from the frost heave. Patching will be required. A new cold patch repair trailer has been working extremely well. The city purchased a used 3 yard dump truck with a badly corroded bed. With our skilled mechanical staff making a new bed, at a great savings to the city. The Grosse Pointe Shores hazardous waste pickup is scheduled for April 11<sup>th</sup>, with tires being accepted for disposal.

**D. Parks and Harbor** - Council Member Barrette reported that weather still delays the repair of the decking. National Coney Island will open the concession stand at Osius Park and will be available to provide food for group outings at the park.

**E. Legal Report** – City Attorney Brian Renaud reported the following legal activities being performed during the month: consultation with the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club concerning marina modifications, traffic ordinances, the Grosse Pointe Clinton Township Refuse Authority, a pet nuisance claim, a municipal service administration matter, a property line issue at the Ford House, a written opinion regarding fiduciary insurance premiums and employee health care opt-in provisions.

**F. Manager's Report** – City Manager Mark Wollenweber reported the Toro utility carts have arrived. The field modifications made by our Department of Public Works employees have been incorporated into all new Toro production models. A discussion ensued regarding a Proclamation regarding retiring Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Palmer Heenan. Mr. Wollenweber also discussed the water rate increases and commended Chief Schulte for prompt on-site management of all public safety matters. Construction permits for 759 Lake Shore Rd. are beginning to expire. 41 Colonial Rd. is still progressing slowly, however, with completion conceivable. 671 Lake Shore Rd. is finished.

**9. OLD BUSINESS – None**

**10. NEW BUSINESS -**

- A. 2015 Poverty Exemption Resolution - A proposed poverty exemption resolution was presented to Council, reviewed, discussed and unanimously approved on motion of Council Member Bisballe, supported by Council Member Gesell, and carried unanimously (6-0).
- B. Charitable Gaming Resolution-Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education Fundraiser - a proposed gaming resolution was presented to Council, reviewed, discussed and unanimously approved on motion of Council Member Bisballe, seconded by Council Member Barrette (6-0)

**11. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Doug Kucyk inquired about Direct TV satellite and the showing of Council meetings.

Helen Bai reported 17 new garden sponsors have signed up. Shredding day is scheduled for Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the household hazardous waste day at Osius Park.

George McMullen addressed the Council regarding the search for the Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent.

**12. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

Council Member Bisballe commended Chief Schulte and his department on the response and professionalism regarding the assistance of seniors in the community.

**13. MAYOR'S COMMENTS** – Mayor Kedzierski commented that swim team registration is upcoming and the mayor pointed out it is a great way to meet people in the community. The Town Hall Meeting that was held was very informative. The emergency use of the defibrillator was especially useful. The Mayor indicated that more stringent enforcement of nuisance ordinances is being reviewed. He again commended Chief Schulte on the 2014 Annual Public Safety Report. The mayor met with Wayne County Executive Warren Evans about the Lake Shore Rd. seawall. The maintenance of County roads was also discussed.

**14. NOTE DATES OF FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (Tues, 4/21/15 & 5/19/15 - 7:00pm)**

**15. ADJOURNMENT** - On motion by Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Ajlouni, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce R Nichols  
City Clerk