

**VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY
MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 18, 2015**

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, A Michigan City was held on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 in the Council Chambers of the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 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
Chuck Ruifrok, Pension Board Member
Public Works Director, Brett Smith
Public Safety Director, John Schulte

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 13, 2015

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

ITEM 4 OLD BUSINESS

None

ITEM 5A, NEW BUSINESS, WATER RATES

The Finance Officer went through a handout that was published in the newspaper showing the various communities' wholesale water rates. She pointed out that with the increase in the monthly charge and the slight decrease in the wholesale rate based upon our contracted usage, it is estimated to result in Grosse Pointe Shores paying approximately 6% more on the water side. We have not been notified by Wayne County about how much the sewage wholesale costs will increase. Members asked for an update on the remote meter project. Rhonda indicated that she has to get both vendors to sit down at the same time and work out the software coordination.

ITEM 5B, BUDGET DISCUSSION

Rhonda indicated she needed to reallocate a number of the administrative costs due to where some members of staff now work. In response to a question, she indicated that

we do not yet have Board of Review numbers. The certified cost of living amount is 1.6%. The members discussed a target number for possible wage adjustments to be included in labor negotiations. It was pointed out that there were only two persons eligible for retirement in next year's budget. Both the Public Safety Director and the Public Works Director discussed the capital budget needs for equipment. Other items mentioned for future years were the parking lots at the Park and DPW, City Hall window repairs and tennis court crack sealing. Staff was to look at repairing the cracks in the City Hall parking lot as part of the current budget. Increasing some of the building and other permit fees to keep up with the other Grosse Pointes was also mentioned.

In response to a question it was pointed out that our eligibility for the sewer SAW grants is not until 2016-17. Using Drinking Water Revolving Funds may be needed for improvements to the north part of the city. The intersection camera project can begin after the Vernier/Lake Shore Rd. intersection improvements are bid out. They are in the bid letting by MDOT for May.

OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

NEXT MEETING

It was decided that the next Finance Committee meeting would be held Monday, April 13, 2015 at 10:00am.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Mark Wollenweber
City Manager