

**VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY
MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2017**

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, A Michigan City was held on Thursday, May 11, 2017 in the Council Chambers of the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order at 10:04 am, by Chairman Bisballe.

Present: Council Member Bisballe, Chair
Council Mayor Pro-Tem Robert Gesell
Citizen Representative, Kay Felt
Council Member Doug Kucyk

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 10, 2017

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Gesell to approve, seconded by Committee Member Felt.
Passed 4-0.

ITEM 4 OLD BUSINESS

Rhonda went over the budget handout and reviewed both the projected year end numbers and how next year's budget revenue and expenses were calculated. It was the consensus of the Committee that charging the extra mill levied for the tennis court and park improvements would be necessary in order to develop enough funds for the expanded park project. The Committee also discussed potential fees and expenses for the inspections at the Ford House and how they would be included in the proposed budget. Staff has reviewed options on how to pay for the inspections as a not to exceed amount for each of the inspectors and Tom Krolczyk negotiated a fixed price for all inspections that is budgeted at \$20,000.

The Committee included the DPW request for elevator repairs at \$50,000. Rhonda reported that over \$75,000 was included in the Capital Improvement Fund. Rhonda also mentioned that she will have to allocate in the current budget funds for the closeout of the Vernier/Lake Shore Rd. intersection project. Staff agreed to follow up with AEW engineers and mentioned that the extra light still needed would also be an expense as well as billing the contractor's bonding company for liquidated damages. Staff also discussed the potential lot sale and was encouraged by the Committee to proceed. The Committee asked about the total % allocated to personnel and Rhonda had estimated it

at 60% and it is actually around 59%. She also reviewed with the Committee the other funds.

The Committee reviewed the entire water and sewer proposed budget and set the increase at 4.8% (actually 4.77%) based upon the projected increases from the GLWA and Wayne County on sewers. It was indicated in response to a question that just over 50% of the city has been converted to the new meter reading system. The Committee felt that once we get over 75%, staff will consider adjusting the fixed charges and also consider going from quarterly to bi-monthly billings. Chairman Bisballe also discussed the SAW grant along with the allocation of \$250,000 for street repairs. On the SAW grant it was indicated that the first phase was to advance the Lake Shore Rd. sewer cleaning that is being reimbursed by the grant and that the second phase is to clean and televise all of the remaining local streets and that the third phase would be to evaluate any needed repairs.

Chair and Council Member Bisballe mentioned the upcoming Town Hall this Saturday at 10am and asked staff to finalize the handout for both that meeting and for the Public Hearing on Tuesday.

ITEM 5 NEW BUSINESS

No new business

6. OTHER

None

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

NEXT MEETING

It was decided that the Committee would meet Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 10:00am.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:11 am.

Mark Wollenweber
City Manager