

**VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY
MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2014**

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, A Michigan City was held on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 in the Council Chambers of the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am, by Chairman Bisballe.

Present: Council Member Bisballe, Chair
Council Member Kay Felt
Council Member Robert Gesell (excused)

Also Present: City Manager Mark Wollenweber
Finance Officer, Rhonda Ricketts
Brett Smith, Public Works Director
John Schulte, Public Safety Director
Chuck Ruifrok, Pension Board Member
Tom Krolczyk, Pension Board Member
John Waugh, MERS
Colleen Kuehnel, MERS

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 3, 2014

Motion by Council Member Felt, seconded by Council Member Bisballe to approve.
Passed 2-0

OLD BUSINESS

John Waugh and Colleen Kuehnel made a presentation on the Municipal Employees Retirement system, MERS and went through the material they had previously provided. They pointed out in response to a question that their fee for management is .00051 per \$1000 of funds under their management and includes all investment costs as well. They mentioned about 20% of funds are administered by MERS directly for a cost of roughly 5 basis points and the other 80% of funds are done by outside managers. They also handle the administration for retiree health care and can invest monies for employee defined contribution programs. They suggest that interested members review their CAFR(Comprehensive Annual Financial Report) which is online.

They also discussed their suggestions for the changes needed to our plans to make them compatible with the options under the MERS system. Suggestions included using the best 36 months of service.

NEW BUSINESS

The GPS Annual Audit will be presented at the November Council meeting and it was mentioned that the auditor was waiting for the Actuarial Valuation from the Pension Actuary.

Rhonda discussed the need to submit to the State a deficit elimination plan for the marina as the depreciation requirements show a deficit for this year. She discussed a draft that was prepared and will review it with the auditors. A motion was made by Council Member Felt and seconded by Council Member Bisballe to approve the plan and forward on to the State. Passed 2-0.

A motion to approve asking Mike Gormley of Hutchinson to review ways to refinance the marina debt and have the manager sign the required letter seeking his firm to act as underwriter was made by Council Member Felt and seconded by Council Member Bisballe. Passed 2-0.

The manager mentioned that the health care consultant annually reviews options for GPS under the retiree drug subsidy program for options and no change is planned at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

In response to a question the Chief mentioned that he is expecting the camera bids in later today and that the Department is working to activate a Nixel account so we can send notices to residents either to a cell phone or email account.

NEXT MEETING

It was suggested that the November meeting be held at 10:00am on Tuesday, November 11, 2014, as the Wednesday is a municipal court date.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:53 am.

Mark Wollenweber
City Manager