

**VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY  
MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2019**

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, A Michigan City was held on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 in the first floor Council room 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 Robert Gesell  
Committee member Chuck Ruifrok

Absent: Council Member Tina Ellis, Excused  
Motion by Council Member Gesell, Seconded by Committee Member Ruifrok to excuse her as she called in and was not able to attend. PASSED 3-0.

Also Present: City Manager Mark Wollenweber  
Finance Officer Rhonda Ricketts  
DPW Director Brett Smith  
DPS Director John Schulte  
Health Care Consultant, Mark Manquen

All items pertinent to this meeting are either attached or placed on file. The City Manager did the roll call and three members of the Finance Committee along with staff and the consultant were present.

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

ITEM 5A:

As the City Health Care Consultant, Mark Manquen was present, Chairman Bisballe moved up his presentation. Three handouts were passed around. (See Attached) Mark Manquen went through the handouts and explained our existing Medicare Advantage program for those post 65 retirees on Medicare and the proposed change would be only changing from Navitus, the current prescription supplier Rx to Humana at an annual cost savings of over \$40,000. Under our coalition approach with the other GP cities we are

self-insured and with the program with Humana we will be under a completely insured program. We will continue to receive whichever of the Federal subsidy programs generates the most return to us. That calculation is done by Manquen/Vance each year for each coalition member city. This proposed change would affect 20 GP Shores retirees. The initial estimate was over \$47,000 but due to the passage of one of the retirees and the actual spend of the city on drugs. It was the consensus of the entire Finance Committee that this was a better program as the retiree deductibles were lower, a fully insured program and cut nearly in half of annual projected spend. It was pointed out that a minimum of 200 eligible retirees was needed to get this price reduction and that all of the GP cities were participating except GP Farms as based upon their current costs there was not as much of a savings for them. Retirees would be notified by letter sent from each of the cities and there would be a joint meeting for all of those affected to be hosted in GP Park. Mark Manquen agreed to also attend the next Council meeting to explain the program to the rest of Council.

The Chair then went back to the update on the BS&A software installation where Rhonda explained that two payrolls have now been done through the new software and that later in the week water bills would be sent out using the new software. She pointed out that there is a problem with some of the radio reads and that the entire city has not yet been converted to the radio reads. She also mentioned that she has not had time to break down the bill to break out the sewer portion but will address that after audit and the remaining old meters connected to the new system. In response to a question from the Committee she indicated that she is very well satisfied with the new system and now if she were incapacitated for a time that we could get help from another GP city as they are on the same BS&A system.

The City Manager mentioned that Laurie Duncan has officially retired and that the upstairs office is now short one full time person as she is using up her remaining vacation time.

#### ITEM 6. OTHER

None

#### ITEM 7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

#### ITEM 8. NEXT MEETING DATE

It was suggested that the next meeting would be scheduled following the November election at a date and time to be determined following it.

#### ITEM 9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:10am

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Mark Wollenweber  
City Manager