

VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY
MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 15, 2013

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, A Michigan City was held on Monday, April 15, 2013 in the Council Chambers of the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m, by Chairman Bisballe.

Present: Council Member Bisballe, Chair
Council Member Kay Felt
Council Member Robert Gesell

Excused: Council Member Alex Ajlouni

Also Present: Mayor Ted Kedzierski
Mayor Pro-Tem Daniel Schulte
Council Member Robert Barrette Jr.
City Clerk Bruce Nichols
City Manager Mark Wollenweber
Public Works Director, Brett Smith
Finance Officer, Rhonda Ricketts
Public Safety Director, John Schulte

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 10, 2013

Deferred until the next Finance Committee meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Finance Officer, Rhonda Ricketts passed out a one page summary of the draft budget for FY 2013-14 (see attached). The General Fund is projected to be balanced at \$5.005 million. Chairman Bisballe indicated the purpose of this joint meeting was to get input into the budget as it is being prepared from all members of Council. He mentioned that there is an approximate \$100,000 in the current year that will be added to fund balance and that the overall tax rate will be reduced by 1.5 mills. The debt millage is being adjusted to make the required bond payments and the budget reflects no changes in staffing.

Council Member Barrette said that the whole street lighting infrastructure is very outdated and needs to be replaced. He suggested that including both street lighting and replacement of the underground wiring in the Honeywell program will be of help.

He also mentioned that the GP Shores Improvement Fund was purchasing 4 more lighting poles.

It was pointed out that in the existing budget there is sufficient funds to restore the tree trimming program.

Mayor Pro-Tem Schulte mentioned the need to replace the boards at the harbor and hoped we could convince all of the contractors to do the entire replacement at no cost to GP Shores. He also asked for a breakdown of the Council budget.

Mayor Kedzierski asked if the budget included sick time payout and it does.

Chairman Bisballe said that \$225,000 from the Water Fund has been allocated to administrative costs and that the software for the water system is also included.

The mayor asked about the bond refinancing and it is also planned for either June of 2013 or in the first part of the proposed budget in July.

Chairman Bisballe mentioned the decline in revenue due to eliminating the special millage levied in the current year for road repair and that Court revenues are estimated to be down in the current year and also in projecting for next year and that the insurance rebate is also projected at about ½ of what we received this year.

The marina fund was mentioned as having cash currently but in the several years would likely need a subsidy.

The Chair summarized that while the budget is tight that we are purchasing both a new police vehicle and DPW equipment.

Dispatch service was also discussed as being very expensive to bring back in house. It was thought that adding staff for 24 non emergency services would be possible only with an additional millage and that the proposed budget should reflect this option.

Audience member, and former Public Safety Director Mitchell suggested that some sort of staffing is necessary when the building is open.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OTHER BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

NEXT MEETING

To be determined

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Mark Wollenweber
City Manager