

**VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY
MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 29, 2014**

A special meeting of the Finance Committee joint with Council of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, A Michigan City was held on Tuesday, April 29, 2014 in the Council Chambers of the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm, by Chairman Bisballe.

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

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

All items pertinent to this meeting are either attached or placed on file. Handouts of the Proposed Budget for 2014-2015 were previously sent to both the Finance Committee and all members of City Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 9, 2014

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

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Bisballe summarized the Proposed Budget and reviewed the accomplishments in the current 2013-2014 Budget outlined on the handout and projects set up for next year (See attached). A discussion on what adjustments should be made to the water and sewer rates also took place and it was the consensus that a 12% adjustment based upon what both Detroit did on water and Wayne County on sewer. It was also noted that Detroit went to monthly bills a few years ago and now Wayne County was instituting monthly bills and that our wholesale sewer rate on a monthly basis is \$55,000. In response to a question we are still getting rid of some older excess equipment. The budget provides for levying the same millage as the current year and incorporates keeping the building open round the clock with clerical staff and using part of the extra almost 1mill to replace 2 public safety vehicles and a new DPW sidewalk and

leaf tractor as well as setting money aside for a new dump truck. A \$50,000 contingent fund was also discussed. Staff was asked to check on possible adjustments to our permits and fees as well as making sure the court fines are similar to the other Grosse Pointes.

NEW BUSINESS

It was suggested that staff put an article in the Shorelines Newsletter about the horse fountain. Staff said that they were arranging a new IT consultant that would save almost \$10,000 per year. The grant obtained by GP Woods for a combined lock up facility was discussed and it was the consensus to place the resolution that would allow GPS, GPF and GPW to further study the combined lock up and dispatch be placed on the Council agenda for the May 20, 2014 meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

NEXT MEETING

To be determined, likely to be in July after the close of the current fiscal year.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Mark Wollenweber
City Manager