

**VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY**  
**MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**APRIL 9, 2014**

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, A Michigan City was held on Wednesday, April 9, 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:  
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.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Rhonda went over the budget handout and it was the consensus of the finance committee to keep the millage the same as in the current budget with keeping the desk clerks round the clock, creating funds for capital purchases as recommended in the BROOC report. Rhonda mentioned that we are still reviewing water and sewer rates. Two Public Safety Explorer type vehicles and for DPW funds would be set aside for a dump truck and DPW would purchase a larger sidewalk tractor with equipment for leaf season as well. Tree trimming is included in the budget and the Committee suggested that staff renew the trimming and removal contract with the existing vendor. Staff was asked to develop a list of things accomplished in the current budget like the extra police vehicle, the roof replacement at DPW, settlement of all the labor contracts, pump replacements, streets that were paved last season and the splash pad funded by the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation and the pool concession area. Water rates would be discussed next time. It was also mentioned that Rhonda had provided the data asked for by MERS and that discussions would continue after the budget is adopted.

## NEW BUSINESS

The Manager mentioned that former SCS Manager, Ben Hughes is working as a contractor to clean up and file paperwork for PAATS and other CDBG issues through GPS books and we will be repaid for his time from the programs.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gesell, supported by Councilmember Felt to recommend to Council that the fee for returned checks be increased to \$40. PASSED 3-0. It was suggested that staff review other fees as well.

The Committee recommended that a joint meeting with Council be held to review the proposed budget on 4-29-14 at 6:00pm as that is prior to the May Public Hearing on the 2014-2015 Proposed Budget.

## OTHER BUSINESS

None

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

## NEXT MEETING

Joint meeting with Council, Tuesday, April 29, 2014.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

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Mark Wollenweber  
City Manager