

**VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY
MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2014**

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, A Michigan City was held on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 in the Council Chambers of the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order at 6:14 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
George McMullen

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 14, 2014

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

OLD BUSINESS

Brett Smith provided an update on Honeywell that the project is nearly complete and that he and Rhonda are going over the numbers now. Most of the work has been done except for City Hall doors, some air conditioning work and minor work at the Cook Rd. Pump Station.

Regarding the water meter project; all of the 10 meters have been replaced in the pits but the electronic hookup is still being tested. It is expected that will be done in the next couple of weeks. In addition, we have 15 test meters in various locations throughout the city.

NEW BUSINESS

Staff provided a summary of negotiations with the Public Safety Command Officers and the Committee agreed that what was proposed for them would be also offered to the non-union and other union employees as well. This was discussed at the City Council meeting and staff was given guidance as to proceeding with settlement for the

Command Officers and providing the same adjustment for the rest of the employees. Rhonda went through the updated proposed budget handout for 2014-15. She provided the bond summary for the marina bonds and will attend the next Parks and Harbor Committee meeting. The Headlee increase for taxable values is 1.6%. An estimate of \$300,000 for 1 mill is being used based upon the Headlee increase and the new construction numbers. The Public Safety Director was asked to provide a summary of what the part time clerks do along with answering phones here on a round-the-clock basis. The Finance Committee felt that this information would be helpful in reviewing what was put in on a test basis in the current budget. Brett was asked about the status of interruptible power and the DTE rate reduction and that is also in process. Regarding the street projects; most of the final numbers are in and we may proceed with some of the left over funds to do the street repairs on Willow Tree. The committee was concerned that water and sewer prices may go up higher than anticipated if the suburbs have to purchase the DWSD system. It was pointed out that when Flint and Genesee County finish with their new plant and stop purchasing water from DWSD that rates would need to go up by around 6%. The committee discussed including in the budget the health care contribution. It was hoped that around \$25,000 for replacement carpeting and up to \$6,000 for a vending cart could be taken from the current budget. It was also mentioned that an additional person for the park would be in both budgets along with the staff needed to staff a hot dog cart on a part time basis, probably Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. It was pointed out that new revenue numbers following the mailing of the assessment notices will be included for the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

NEXT MEETING

To be determined in March, probably the day after the next Council Meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Mark Wollenweber
City Manager