

VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY
MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
July 2, 2013

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, A Michigan City was held on Wednesday, July 2, 2013 in the Council Chambers of the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m, by Chairman Bisballe.

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

Also Present:

Council Member Robert Barrette Jr.
Public Safety Director John Schulte
City Manager Mark Wollenweber
Public Works Director, Brett Smith
Finance Officer, Rhonda Ricketts

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 8, 2013

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

OLD BUSINESS

Finance Officer, Rhonda Ricketts reviewed a sheet to better project future budget expenses. It was the consensus of the Finance Committee to use the following estimates for budget projections: 3% on property taxes, 1% on wages, check with Cornerstone for health care estimates, use the same estimates for heating and electrical even though the Honeywell program will result in savings, and project an increase in gasoline costs. As savings occur from the new heating and cooling equipment money could be set aside for budgeting roof repairs. Equipment needs were also discussed and 2 vehicles for Public Safety, 1 Taurus and 1 Explorer should be budgeted for 2014-2015. It was also indicated that in the FY that just started, we need to replace the in car camera systems and will be using DLEF monies and hope to get some insurance grants as well. For Public Works we discussed obtaining a bucket for a van or pickup and that due to the age of the dump trucks they will likely need to be considered for replacement in the next year or two. In the Sanitation budget we will

need to budget 2 additional carts for FY 2014-2015. Under Water and Sewer it was discussed that we need to proceed with open cut repairs on S. Deeplands and then line the entire sewer. Costs have been estimated in the \$120,000 range. Brett is to firm up prices for the July Council meeting if at all possible. The repair monies will come from the Water and Sewer Fund.

NEW BUSINESS

A request was made to ask the Finance Committee to consider an adjustment to the sewer side of a water bill for 77 Putnam Place where the resident passed away and a leak was discovered in the home's sprinkler system. Since the water used is a portion of the DWSD and Wayne County sewer charge the Committee recommended that no adjustment could be made.

The Public Safety Director discussed the Command Officer Negotiations and guidance was given to the administrative negotiation team as to changes in the contract. It expired 6-30-13 and a 3 year contract was discussed.

The Manager mentioned that GP Shores will be the host next year for the joint Michigan Week dinner for the GP Cities, Harper Woods, the School and Library Boards and will coordinate to work with the Ford House.

On the pension it was suggested that this be the main item for the September meeting and that no meeting be held in August. Finance Committee members will attend the next pension board meeting and discuss with that board the consultant fees, and the OPEB valuation.

The Committee discussed the city costs associated with the GPSIF project of developing a splash pad to be constructed next to the existing pool. This should be placed on the July Council meeting after it is formally approved by the Foundation next week. Brett Smith indicated that with low flow heads the estimated annual water usage will be 1/3 to 1/2 of the original estimate. The City will assist with the infrastructure improvements like the water and sewer lines and the fence to connect with the existing ones at the pool.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

NEXT MEETING

To be determined in September

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Mark Wollenweber
City Manager