

**VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY
MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 20, 2013**

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, A Michigan City was held on Wednesday, March 20, 2013 in the Council Chambers of the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m, by Chairman Bisballe.

Present: Council Member Bisballe, Chair
Council Member Kay Felt

Excused: None

Also Present: City Manager Mark Wollenweber
Public Works Director, Brett Smith
Finance Officer, Rhonda Ricketts
Public Safety Director, John Schulte
George McMullen
Charles Ruifrok
Vito Cusenza

Motion by Council Member Felt, seconded by Council Member Bisballe to excuse Council Member Gesell. APPROVED 2-0

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 19, 2012

Motion by Council Member Felt, Seconded by Council Member Bisballe, to approve the minutes from the February 19, 2012 Finance Committee Meeting. Unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Finance Officer, Rhonda Ricketts passed out an updated draft 3 year budget. Suggestions were made by both staff and Finance Committee members to adjust the projections by cutting \$25,000 from Public Safety by purchasing one police vehicle instead of two; increasing costs allocated to water and sewer by an additional \$75,000 to \$225,000; not making the transfer to the health care trust worth \$280,000; considering changes to dental and retiree drugs worth an estimated \$20,000 each. Rhonda is reviewing the PSD wages and working out the Public Works deductions for both Brett and Harold having retired.

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An update on the Honeywell program was given indicating that Honeywell is in the process of bidding out the projected improvements and that they have had several meetings with staff to review the project scope and costs. This is targeted to go to Council for the April meeting if completed by then. The City Attorney has provided his input on the actual contract documents. The street lighting and underground wiring replacements are still being discussed as to being included in the overall project.

The Bond refinancing project is still scheduled for after June 1, 2013 unless market conditions start declining and if so it may proceed earlier.

Bids for the 2013 Road Rehabilitation Program are to be opened 4-8-13 at 3:00pm.

There was no report on the water meter replacement program.

NEW BUSINESS

The manager mentioned that pricing had been obtained by the IT consultant for the replacement server. It is just over \$11,000. Rhonda is checking to make sure our current software is compatible with the new equipment. The replacement server was previously discussed and included to be purchased in the current budget. Updated software for assessing and water billing was also determined to be necessary and staff will be proceeding with the upgrades sometime in the near future.

There was considerable discussion between Committee Members and staff over additional clerical staffing for Public Safety in order to have personnel in the building beyond normal business hours. A suggestion was made that the costs be identified and that Council could consider an additional millage for those costs that could come from the mill and ½ that was levied for the Lake Shore Road project and that was being eliminated for the 2013-14 Budget. Comments were solicited from the audience members in attendance.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Manager mentioned the upcoming Board of Review session and showed the neighborhood breakdown that Wayne County Equalization had prepared.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

NEXT MEETING

The next Finance Committee meeting is to be scheduled at 4:00 pm on Wednesday, April 10, 2013 to further discuss the proposed budget. A second joint meeting with all members of Council was recommended for Monday, April 15, 2013 at 7:00 pm also on

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the proposed budget.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Mark Wollenweber
City Manager