

**VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY
MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2018**

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, A Michigan City was held on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 in the Council Chambers of the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order at 10:01 am, by Chairman Bisballe.

Present: Council Member Bisballe, Chair
Council Member Tina Ellis
Council Member Robert Gesell
Committee Member Kay Felt

Also Present: City Manager Mark Wollenweber
Finance Officer, Rhonda Ricketts
Public Safety Director John Schulte
Chuck Ruifrok, Pension Board
Brian Mack, Intern

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 26, 2018

Motion by Committee Member Gesell to approve, seconded by Chairman Bisballe
Passed 4-0.

ITEM 4 OLD BUSINESS: None

ITEM 5 NEW BUSINESS

Staff went over the drawings provided by the City of Grosse Pointe Woods of the dispatch and lockup area they are creating with the State Grant for \$600,000. It was pointed out that we contributed to the bid documents and since the actual construction bids came in higher than estimated that Grosse pointe Shores agreed to contribute \$20,000 to the actual construction costs. Chief Schulte pointe out that the contract negotiated with GP Woods provides significant input from our city and that is not the case in the existing agreement with GP Farms. It was suggested that contact be made with the insurance carrier to see if the change would result in a reduction in insurance costs. Staff also answered questions as to cost indicating that the Woods had agreed to a first-year cost equivalent to what is being paid to the Farms and that it is a 3 year contract with a review of pricing after the first year. The Committee suggested that staff make sure there is not a cost creep. It was the general consensus of the Finance Committee that it was to the City advantage to make the move to outsource dispatch and lockup to GP Woods for improved operational control, the latest technological equipment

and equivalent costs. The Chief was asked to confirm that the new system would have E 911 capability as well as recognition of cell phones. Staff was also asked to check the current costs with GP Farms as members remembered that a reduction was negotiated when a Public Safety phone tree was put in place a few years ago.

On Item B the Finance Committee watched a presentation from the GPS Command Officers by Lt. Scott Rohr on their request for a DROP program as part of current contract negotiations. (See attached slides.) Staff indicated that all other items as part of the negotiations have been agree upon. After a number of questions and clarifications it was the general consensus that the program would save some monies for the city, would provide assistance to the Chief in training and scheduling promotions. The Committee asked that staff contact the Actuary to determine the effect if any on the pension system and place the item for discussion on the June Council meeting along with providing the slide presentation to all of Council.

Staff discussed the handouts which included the recent State Law on pension and retiree health care reporting, two email answers from the city's auditor on how to treat a land sale purchase and when a receivable would be set up for participation in the Rocket Fiber project.

In response to a question, staff gave an update on the meeting between engineers concerning the preparation of a memorandum of understanding on the sewer issues affecting the purchase of the North East Relief and Milk River Sewage Systems by the South Macomb Sanitary System. It was indicated that negotiations have proceeded between the city's engineers, HRC and those of Wayne County and the SEMSD with the next meeting to occur in the week of 6-11-18.

ITEM 6 OTHER None

ITEM 7 PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ITEM 8 NEXT MEETING:

The next Finance Committee meeting will be scheduled on 6-12-18 at 10 am in the Council Chambers

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am.

Mark Wollenweber
City Manager

