

**VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY
MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2013**

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, A Michigan City was held on Wednesday, October 9, 2013 in the Council Chambers of the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm, by Chairman Bisballe.

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

Also Present:

City Manager Mark Wollenweber
Public Works Director, Brett Smith
Public Safety Director, John Schulte
Finance Officer, Rhonda Ricketts
Bruce Campbell, GP Shores Retirement Board
Chuck Ruifrok, GP Shores Retirement Board

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 27, 2013

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

OLD BUSINESS

It was suggested by Chuck Ruifrok to look at investment results for the last 1,3,5,10 years and ask MERS for a general package of information and then this joint study group can develop more specific questions to ask MERS. They would like to know what specific services MERS includes. Chairperson Bisballe suggested that fees from the management side as well as the investment side would be reviewed as part of the overall study. Rhonda indicated that she was doing the yearly report to the employees on the pension and that it saves \$750 by her doing it.

NEW BUSINESS

An update was provided on Honeywell's progress to date and Rhonda reviewed the financing issued for the project that was handed out. She pointed out that \$760,575 has been issued so far. Members of the Committee felt that special recognition should be given to Councilmember Barrette for his extensive supervision of the street light portion of the project. The timetable for the roof repair at DPW was discussed and Brett Smith

spoke about the schedule and how it was being included in the project as a change order and mostly paid for from additional savings or credits from Honeywell. The manager updated the Finance Committee that savings were now more favorable on the potential bond refunding project and it was the consensus of the Committee to proceed with it as it was already authorized by City Council. He also mentioned that on the Council agenda for next week was authorization to proceed with filing a SAW grant for a review of our sewer system. The Committee felt that it was good to proceed with the grant application. The Committee felt that a list of accomplishments with bullet points would be a good thing to develop for the community. Such things like the Honeywell project, the 2 year budget, the street light replacement, the DPW roof replacement, the phone replacement program, hiring and training of the new clerks to keep the building open were mentioned as accomplishments.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee discussed the Blue Ribbon Operations Committee and that Grosse Pointe Shores not be known as the “low cost community.” The turnover in Public Safety officers was discussed and it was the consensus of the Committee that we strongly consider placing two potential officers in the January Police Academy.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

NEXT MEETING

To be determined in late November or early December.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Mark Wollenweber
City Manager