

**VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY
MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021**

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, A Michigan City was held on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 virtually via ZOOM. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am, by Chairman Sandra Cavataio.

Present: Chairman Sandra Cavataio
Council Member Barrette
Committee Member Chuck Ruifrok
Council Member Kucyk

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager, Steve Poloni
Assistant City Manager, Tom Krolczyk
DPW Mike Way, DPS Ken Werenski

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

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Motion by Council Member Cavataio to approve, seconded by Barrette, unanimously approved.

ITEM 4 OLD BUSINESS:

ITEM 5 NEW BUSINESS:

- A. 2021/2022 Draft Budget Discussion- City Manager Poloni addressed the Commissioners regarding the draft budget explaining the progress. He stated there will be at least two more combined meetings with City Council, prior to approving the budget at the May Council Meeting. Poloni went through the draft budget line by line and explained to the committee members that to take on some of the bigger projects, the general fund would be over budget by approximately \$369,000. That deficit did not include the pool repair of \$75,000, Harbor Wall repairs \$28,000 and some other miscellaneous maintenance issues. The DPW and DPS PSO's are currently working short-handed, and the draft budget did not include the replacing of those personnel. Councilman Kucyk also stated that over-time costs have gone up as well. The DPS also has up to 5 officers who are eligible to retire as of July 1, 2021, which would also increase the sick day pay-

out. For next fiscal year Administrative budget salaries increased \$38,000, due to hiring a full-time manager and other staff replacements. Current year legal fees are up over 40%. Poloni stated that a lot of these numbers are projections and not actual. Poloni also reported that the City expected to receive two payments of \$137,500 for Covid relief. Currently the rules had not been issues as to how exactly those funds could be used. Issues concerning revenues from violations were addressed and Director Werenski stated that the dept. has always enforced expirations of license plates, insurance and suspended driver's license. Poloni also stated that in 2009 revenues were higher than they are currently and he also noted that this current budget had been adopted utilizing over 200,000 in fund balance and that nothing has been taken out of the surplus to balance the budget as of this time. Poloni also stated that the bottom line is that the budget is very close to being completed and that he would recommend an increase in taxes to complete the necessary projects or a reduction in service levels should be evaluated and considered.

ITEM 6 OTHER

ITEM 7 PUBLIC COMMENT

ITEM 8 NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Finance Meeting date is a Special Joint meeting with City Council scheduled for Wednesday, April 21, 2021, 6:30 p.m. via ZOOM.

Adjournment: Motion by Kucyk, seconded by Barrette, adjourned at 11:38 am.

Tom Krolczyk
Assistant City Manager