

**VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY
MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2021
(Amended)**

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, A Michigan City was held on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 via zoom. The meeting was called to order at 10:08 am, by Chairman Cavataio.

Present: Council Member Cavataio, Chair
Council Member Robert Barrette
Council Member Donn Schroder
Committee member Chuck Ruifrok

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Stephen Poloni
Finance Officer Candice Giles
DPW Director Mike Way
DPS Director Kenneth Werenski

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JUNE 15, 2021

Motion by Council Cavataio to approve, seconded by Committee Member Ruifrok Passed 2-0. Councilman Schroder was not a member of committee in June.

ITEM 5A: Water / Sewer Rate Discussion

Finance Director Giles presented an overview of the newly adopted Water/Sewer rates. She provided information as to how the rates were developed, which included: expenditures for water and sewer fees, system capital improvements, depreciation, assumptions of future increases, and employee costs.

Director Giles also discussed how the new bills would be broken down for residents to see, which was a goal of the City Council to have completed as soon as possible. She stated that she hoped to have that ready for the next billing cycle.

There was also discussion about the pros and cons of utilizing irrigation meters. It was generally agreed upon that the cost to initiate the meters would outweigh the gain for residents on their bills.

ITEM 5B: Infrastructure Update

City Manager Steve Poloni reported that the projects related to the proposed bond was moving forward. Smoke testing is nearly completed and should be finished this week. Mike Way reported that there were some significant findings of infiltration and that he would wait for the report from HRC to see how those issues would be rectified.

Steve also reported on the need to split the 16.3-million-dollar bond into two bonds due to the timetable of completing all three projects. There will be an update after the October meeting with the bond counsel and the engineers.

ITEM 5C: 20-21 Budget Discussion

The City Manager reported that he expects there to be a significant surplus from the 20-21 budget, due to some unexpected revenues in taxes and federal grants. He also stated that another major portion is due to delaying budgeted projects that will still need to be completed.

Chairman Cavataio brought up for discussion the possibility of taking a portion of the surplus to reimburse retirees who had a 20% deduction for healthcare taken out of their monthly pensions. After considerable discussion by all members of the committee and staff, it was decided that it was a possibility, however, a final decision would be made after the official audit was completed. Chairman Cavataio agreed with the recommendation of the committee to postpone a final decision until the audit has been completed.

ITEM 6. OTHER

None

ITEM 7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ITEM 8. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2021, at 10:00 am.

ITEM 9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:10am

Stephen Poloni, City Manager