

**VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER** - A monthly meeting of the City Council of Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, a Michigan City was held on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 in the Council Chambers of the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building, 795 Lake Shore Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Kedzierski

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ROLL CALL** – Clerk Bruce Nichols

Present: Mayor Thaddeus Kedzierski, Council Members Robert H. Barrette, Tina Ellis, Robert E. Gesell, Doug Kucyk and Matthew Seely.

Absent: Bruce Bisballe (Excused on motion of Council Member Kucyk, seconded by Council Member Gesell, and carried unanimously 6-0)

Also present: City Clerk Bruce Nichols  
Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts  
City Attorney Brian Renaud  
Public Safety Director John Schulte  
Public Works Director Brett Smith  
City Manager Mark Wollenweber

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 20, 2018 REGULAR MEETING**

On Motion of Council Member Kucyk, seconded by Council Member Barrette, the minutes of the meeting held on February 20, 2018 were approved unanimously.

**5. RECEIVE AND FILE VARIOUS COMMITTEE & COMMISSION MINUTES**

On Motion of Council Member Kucyk, seconded by Council Member Barrette, the minutes of the meetings of the various committees and commissions were approved unanimously to be received and filed.

**6. PRESENTATION - PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR'S AWARD – PSO John Jebrael**

Public Safety Director John Schulte presented this year's Director's Award to PSO John Jebrael. With 28 years of service, senior PSO John Jebrael has attained detective certification, range master qualification and a distinguished record of public safety service. City Council joined with the Public Safety Director in commending PSO John Jebrael for his outstanding dedication and service to the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores.

## 7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Peter Macuga of 524 Shelden Road had comments regarding the cutting of live trees and demolition which was being conducted on the former Stackpole property. He also had comments regarding deed restriction litigation pending in Wayne County Circuit Court before Judge Gibson; and the pending Board of Zoning appeal also pending before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Craig Strong.

Resident Ben Best addressed the Council regarding the Deeplands Road project by voicing his opinion that the development of 18 lots on the site is inappropriate; and that the ongoing construction and demolition will pose unreasonable burdens for the neighborhood

Craig Becker had comments regarding existing deed restrictions and their applicability.

Chase Wakefield had concerns as to how long the Deeplands construction project will disrupt the neighborhood.

Resident Nick Bournias had concerns about debris, dirt, water runoff and other ongoing expenses associated with the maintenance of the drainage zone.

Resident Bob Hayes, James Maraldo, Eileen Katchatorian, and Ray Rahi, all had comments regarding the amount of construction traffic, damage to the road, over intense use of the former Stackpole property, and the need of City Council to assure the construction standards of the community are maintained.

Peter Macuga complained about the lack of enforcement of construction ordinances by the administration.

## 8. REPORTS BY CHAIRPERSONS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

- A. **Budget and Finance** – Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts reported a relatively normal payables except for a water main break, some tree trimming, and fiduciary expenses.

The monthly bills were presented and explained by Finance Officer Ricketts: and then reviewed and discussed by Council Members. On motion of Council Member Kucyk, seconded by Council Member Barrette, and carried unanimously (6-0) the bills were approved for immediate payment.

Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts also reported the Finance Committee has a meeting scheduled for April 12 to discuss the upcoming budget. 2017 property taxes have resulted in 31 delinquent parcels being turned over to Wayne County for collection. 99% of the property taxes were collected by the municipality.

- B. **Public Safety** – Chief John Schulte presented the *Village of Grosse Pointe Shores Department of Public Safety 2017 Annual Report*. The annual report is the official

record of the activities, events and training exercises related to law enforcement, fire related activity and emergency medical services for the year. Crimes against persons and property decreased from a total of 25 in 2016, to 15 in 2017. No auto theft was experienced in 2017. The Chief reported the Public Safety Department continues to provide high visibility in the community and aggressive investigation of all reported activity. Grosse Pointe Shores reported zero criminal activity in six of the eight *Part One* (serious crime) categories.

Council Member Seely had questions regarding public safety officers and their interaction with the residents, specifically regarding night time parking.

Council Member Ellis had questions regarding the crime of identity theft.

- C. Public Works** – Director Brett Smith reported the DPW has experienced more potholes because of the extreme temperature fluctuations. All of the streets in the city have been cleared by the street sweeper. Tree trimming is complete. Garden rubbish collection will commence soon. All lawn equipment is ready for the upcoming season. The harbor is to be opened on April 15th. On Saturday, April 28, hazardous waste will be collected in Harper Woods for the Grosse Pointe area.
- D. Parks Committee**- Chairman Joe Cipriano, reported on productive Park Committee meetings regarding park improvements, Little League Baseball field improvements, the municipal Park guard shack, and the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation.

Council Liaison Doug Kucyk reported on meeting with the *Eastside Football Club*.

- E. Harbor Committee**- Chairman John Seago reported the committee met on March 14th and reviewed various repairs and maintenance requirements, a cracked seawall cap issue, the need to have 50 pilings reset as a result of ice damage, electric meter installation on wells, and the fitment of moored vessels in their wells. 19 slips are still vacant and available this season.
- F. Infrastructure Report**- Council Member Bob Barrette reported *Rocket Fiber* ISP service is at least one year away. No action has been taken on the seawall, with the condition deteriorating as a result of the winter freeze-thaw cycle.
- G. Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation**- President Brett Marshall, reported on reviewing several Grosse Pointe ice skating rinks for ideas. A bocce ball area is being considered.
- H. Legal Report** – City Attorney Brian Renaud listing the following legal services as having been provided during the previous month:

FOIA request and response, consultation regarding a pension plan matter, an elevator contract, a municipal infraction matter, SOC/PAATS employment matter, Michaux Court closing, Wayne County Circuit Court matters regarding the Deeplands project, Southeast Michigan Sanitary Sewer District Sewage Disposal Agreement, and the city's involvement as a defendant in a boundary dispute on Lakeshore Drive.

The City Attorney also discussed the settlement process involved with the pending Wayne County Circuit Court matters.

- I. **Manager's Report** – City Manager Mark Wollenweber reported on meeting with a summer intern candidate from Michigan State University, reviewed the current year budget with Rhonda Ricketts and the Finance Committee, reviewed a proposal of installing lighting at the Oxford Road bus stop, processing of Great Lakes Restoration grants, and the upcoming May election for Macomb County.

Council Member Ellis asked questions regarding tree removal and replacement, and the length of construction of the Shelden Road residence.

**9. OLD BUSINESS – None**

**10. NEW BUSINESS –**

- A. Osius Park Update - Gatehouse Design, Presentation by Stucky Vitale-John Vitale

Architect John Vitale presented renderings of a proposed park gatehouse; and then responded to questions from Council.

On motion of Council Member Seely, with support by Council Member Barrette, Council approved the Park Entrance Gatehouse and Preliminary Entrance Drive designs as presented by architect Vitale and that the project be placed out for bids. The resolution passed 5-1-0, with Council Member Kucyk voting against the motion.

**11. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Richard Russell had comments regarding Peter Macuga's statements regarding construction on Shelden Road and a sewer repair.

Helen Bai had comments regarding the Easter Egg Hunt and activities. She also reported that on May 6th, the Arbor Day celebration is being expanded to celebrate our 15 years as being consecutively named *Tree City USA*.

Ray Rahi expressed his appreciation for the efforts of the committee, staff and residents.

**12. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

Councilman Seely had comments regarding the price of change and improvements in our community.

- 13. MAYOR'S COMMENTS** – Mayor Kedzierski had comments regarding the opening of the park, swim team, the upcoming town hall be held on May 12, real estate sales and the quality of life in Grosse Pointe Shores.

- 14. NOTE DATES OF FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS** (Tues, 4/17/18 & Tues, 5/15/18 -7pm)

**15. NOTE DATES OF FUTURE TOWN HALL MEETINGS** (Sat, 5/12/18 & Sat, 9/15/18-10am)

**16. ADJOURNMENT** - On motion of Council Member Kucyk, seconded by Council Member Ellis, carried unanimously (6-0) the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce R. Nichols  
City Clerk