



**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS**  
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**NOTICE OF MEETING  
AND  
AGENDA**

**COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE**

Mayor Robert E. Novitke has called a meeting of the City Council, meeting as a Committee-of-the-Whole, for **Monday, July 18, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held in the Conference Room of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, and is accessible through the Municipal Court doors. In accordance with Public Act 267, the meeting is open to the public and the agenda items are as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Acceptance of Agenda
4. DTE Report
  - A. Letter 06/29/11 – Joe Cazeno, Jr. - DTE Regional Manager – Corporate & Gov't Affairs
5. New Business
6. Adjournment

Alfred Fincham  
City Administrator

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH PUBLIC ACT 267 (OPEN MEETINGS ACT)**  
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Date: June 29, 2011

To : Al Fincham - City Administrator , Grosse Pointe Woods  
Susan Como - Executive Assistant - Grosse Pointe Woods  
Betty Ahee - Public Relations Information Clerk

The Grosse Pointe Patch article indicated resident Mr. Tom DeBoever expressed his concern about power outages in Grosse Pointe Woods. Mr. DeBoever's address is: 1424 Aline Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

Upon receipt, the issue was forwarded to Ronald Gerken, Supervising Engineer, for a power quality investigation.

Mr. Gerken communicated the following findings to Mr. DeBoever, and the customer was appreciative of his call.

City Administrator Al Fincham and Susan Como also expressed their concern and needed the problem investigated.

**Outage Cause: (DC 1481 Vernier)**

Distribution Circuit 1481 Vernier experienced an outage on Thursday, June 9, 2011 that lasted in excess of 20 hours. This circuit serves **1,198 customers** located in the area bounded by Vernier, Mack, Blairmoor Ct. and Marter in the City of Grosse Pointe Woods. The cause of the outage has been recorded as lightning which caused a fault on the circuit resulting in the substation circuit breaker opening. Since a wire down on this circuit was also reported, a circuit patrol needed to be performed. The results of the patrol did not locate any wire down, and further investigation determined that lightning caused regulators on the circuit to fail. The overhead crews removed the defective equipment and the circuit was restored after approximately 20 hours. Determining the cause and location of the failed equipment resulted in the extended restoration time.

**Work to improve circuit operation:**

**2005-2006**

This circuit experienced 7 outages in 2005 and 2006. The following work was issued to improve circuit reliability. 1) Approximately 1,200' of small overhead primary was replaced with larger wire in the vicinity of the circuit cable pole at Anita and Mack. 2) In the vicinity of Hampton and Charlevoix new overhead primary and new transformers were installed to improve customer's voltage. 3) In the vicinity of Anita and Goethe, two transformers were installed to improve customer voltage.

**2007**

Pole top maintenance was performed in 2007 where patrols of the poles and equipment determine equipment that is at end of life and needs to be replaced.

**2008**

Tree trimming was completed in 2008.

2011

An engineering circuit patrol to determine work necessary to improve reliability has been completed. A request to install additional fuses and sectionalizers on the circuit will be issued with a completion date of fall, 2011. This work will reduce the number of times the entire circuit is out of service by isolating the outages to smaller areas of the circuit.

DTE Energy's Regional Manager Joseph Cazeno, Jr. met with Grosse Pointe Woods City Manager Al Fincham regarding the concern.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph Cazeno, Jr.", written in black ink.

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