

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2008, IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 MACK AVENUE, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

PRESENT: Mayor Novitke
Council Members Bryant, Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Sucher,
Waldmeir

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Wollenweber
City Attorney Don Berschback
Recording Clerk Hathaway
City Engineer Lockwood
Director of Public Works Ahee

Mayor Novitke called the meeting to order at 9:06 p.m.

The only item on tonight's agenda was regarding the **Grosse Pointe Farms Water Study**. The Chair stated that two members need to be appointed to the Committee from Grosse Pointe Woods. Hearing no objections, the Mayor appointed Council Members Sucher and Dickinson. Cost and compliance are being reviewed by the Farms and Woods engineers. \$62,000.00 is anticipated to be the cost of Grosse Pointe Woods' share for the grant application and to run the pilot plant. A pilot program will need to be run for three quarters of a year (three-season cycles). The Chair stated it is imperative that Grosse Pointe Woods has a say in future water rates. Water reserve capacities were briefly discussed. The Drinking Water Revolving Fund Project Plan will cost approximately \$50,000+. Grosse Pointe Woods portion of the cost is anticipated to be approximately \$20,000.00. Of the four Grosse Pointes (excluding Grosse Pointe Park), Grosse Pointe Woods uses 39% consumption.

Upgrade and expansion costs are anticipated to cost approximately \$22,000,000, broken down as follows:

- \$4,000,000 in improvements to Grosse Pointe Farms plant;
- \$4,000,000 each for Grosse Pointe Woods and Grosse Pointe Shores for improvements including running line, which includes 1,000,000 gallon storage, and approximately three miles of main;
- \$10,000,000 allocation will be discussed by the Committee.

Additional information will be obtained from Detroit. The Chair requested staff and the City Engineer (AEW) to provide separate statements for external costs of this project, in addition to any other costs incurred for this study.

Discussion ensued regarding the need to make a commitment by May 1 in order to receive approximately 80% or more grant money, and to receive a low interest loan/revolving fund money.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Waldmeir, regarding Grosse Pointe Farms Water Study, that the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend to City Council to approve an amount not to exceed \$62,000.00 to develop the application for the Drinking Water Revolving Fund Grant and to set-up and run a pilot plant; and that City Council voice no objection to the Mayor appointing Council Members Sucher and Dickinson and the City Administrator to the Water Study Committee.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Novitke, Sucher, Waldmeir

No: None

Absent: None

The Water Study Committee was asked to identify the amortization on this project to determine when it is projected that Grosse Pointe Woods would be actually paying the same or less for water taking into account the repayment of all costs expended.

Motion by Waldmeir, seconded by Howle, that the meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole be adjourned at 10:05 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kay Hathaway
City Clerk